

## Upcoming Gospel Meetings: and Area Wide Sings

\*The Harrisville church of Christ

\*Salem church of Christ

\*North End church of Christ

\*Washington Street church of Christ

(more details on the back bulletin)

\*Area Wide Sing at Pike church of Christ

(more details posted on the back bulletin)

Dewey Ave.

church of Christ

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## Sermon Notes:



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## Seed Preservation

*By Dale Parsley*

“Back in 1905, a book called ‘The Apples of New York’ was published by the New York State Department of Agriculture. It featured *hundreds* of apple varieties of all shapes, colors, and sizes, including Thomas Jefferson’s personal favorite, the Esopus Spitzenburg... The book is significant because most of the apples listed in it have all but disappeared in the past century... In fact, we used to have *thousands* of apple varieties, but most of those have largely vanished due to industrial agriculture. Now, many varieties are only found tucked away in agricultural research centers and preservationist orchards... Back in the day, farmers would save seeds from year to year and share them with friends and neighbors. **But nowadays, most seed production is controlled by big companies — and those companies patent their seeds**, prohibiting things like seed saving or sharing.” (Kelley) Out of concern to preserve some of these plants, events such as seed swaps are occurring across the country.

Just as some are concerned and devoted to the preservation of some forgotten types of apples, there is also a similar concern for the church. Where will this congregation be in 50-100 years? What will happen to the smaller churches out in the county? Will the church in Pleasants County be completely lost and irrecoverable sometime in the future? The answer to this last question is absolutely not! In Luke 8, Jesus teaches the parable (i.e. an earthly story with a spiritual teaching) of the sower. The picture of the parable is of a first century Jewish farmer who has a pouch of seeds that he slings in all different directions. The seed falls on different kinds of soil. Depending on the type of soil on which the seed falls, determines whether or not it will produce a healthy harvest. The point of the parable is that it represents the variety of responses that people have towards the preaching of the gospel/ God’s Word. Something not to overlook in this parable is a power lesson about God’s Word, because it is the seed in the parable (see Luke 8:11); and as long as you have this seed, in conjunction with the right soil (a pure heart), the church will always exist and if it ever becomes temporarily extinct or lost, it is not impossible for it to reappear or be found

Because God promised that His seed will always exist in this life, His church therefore can always exist too. “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

### **References:**

Megan Kelley, [www.upworthy.com/100-years-ago-people-were-eating-things-that-most-of-us-will-never-taste-so-what-happened?c=ufb7](http://www.upworthy.com/100-years-ago-people-were-eating-things-that-most-of-us-will-never-taste-so-what-happened?c=ufb7)

NEWS & NOTES

**Prayer Meeting:** Tonight at 6:00pm.

**September 20:** Lap Quilters will meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship room.

**September 24:** Fishing Tournament/ Cookout for all ages held at The Perkins residence (700 Greene St, Newport, OH). Dinner starts at 4:30pm and fishing from 5:30-7:00 followed by an award presentation. If possible bring your own pole and bait. Sign Up Sheet in the back to bring a side dish.

**September 25:** Birthday/Anniversary Potluck Dinner after evening service.

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\*Any updates or information for the bulletin please contact Terri Parks @ 304-684-1141 or email at terrinazelrod@hotmail.com

**The Great Debate 2016  
Tuesday, September 27th  
Mershon Auditorium  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, OH**



The Debate:

Dr. Alexander Rosenberg, an atheist who is Professor of Philosophy at Duke University, will affirm, "Since I know that there is vast human and animal suffering, I know that a benevolent, omnipotent God does not exist."

Defending the existence of God is Dr. Ralph Gilmore, a Christian Theist who is Professor of Bible and Philosophy at Freed-Hardman University. Dr. Gilmore will affirm, "The use of suffering as a moral criticism against God implies the absolute moral law of God; therefore, God exists."

Seating is reserved. The tickets to the debate are free. Transportation will leave the Camden Avenue Church of Christ parking lot at 3:00 PM, on September 27th. Transportation is free, however you will be responsible for your own meal. To reserve a seat at the debate and on the bus, contact Dana Slingloff at (304) 428-0504 by September 20th.

UPDATES



\*Evelyn Hall is home.

\*Colleen Kiester has fallen again.

\*Ed Wilson is out of the hospital but continues to battle cellulitis.

\* Jessie Williamson will have surgery this month.



**Remember those on our prayer list:** Scott Judge, Sue Holland, Evelyn Hall, Marie Newland, Kathy Lancaster, Colleen Kiester,, The Butcher Family, Geraldine Stewart, Barbara Eddy, Jessie Williamson, Fran Kettren, Richard Parson, Frank Powell, Luella Law, Gail Mote, Gene West, Terry Hubner, Kenny Lancaster, Bill Duer, Pat Duer, David Nunn & Madeline McFadden. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling and military.

**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday:**

*Morning:*

Bible Class: 9:30

Worship: 10:30

*Evening:*

Prayer Meeting: 6:00

Worship: 6:30

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study: 7:00

**THOSE SERVING September 11th:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Dave Lancaster

**Song Leader:** Craig Dutton

**Ushers:** Elmer Burns, Glenn Stewart

**Communion:** Gerald Burns, Wirt Cook, Darren Parks, Thomas Kessinger, Bill Dutton, Richard Lee Davis

**Reading and Prayer:** Clint Perkins

**Closing Prayer:** Connor Lancaster

**Door Greeters:** Brian Mercer Family, Wirt Cook Family

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Melvin Truax

**Prayer:** Lew Wilson

**Closing Prayer:** Joe Elrod

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** Craig Dutton

**Prayer:** Dave Parks

**Closing Prayer:** Brian Mercer

**THOSE SERVING September 18th:**

*Morning Worship:*

**Announcements:** Clay Perkins

**Song Leader:** Darren Parks

**Ushers:** Jesse Barnhart, Bill Dutton

**Communion:** Hal Powell, Melvin Truax, Cole Butcher, Stephen Hays, Rodney Ramsey, Ethan Davis

**Reading and Prayer:** Eric Croasmun

**Closing Prayer:** Tom Becker

**Door Greeters:**

*Evening Worship:*

**Communion:** Lew Wilson

**Prayer:** John Rockhold

**Closing Prayer:** Craig Dutton

*Wednesday:*

**Song leader:** Darren Parks

**Prayer:** Camaron Lancaster

**Closing Prayer:** Dan Kessinger

**Radio and TV Programs**

**Good News of Peace:** Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM

**Gospel Broadcasting Network:** Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

**In Search of the Lord's Way:** 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg

