

<b><u>Times of Services</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>
9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	7:00 p.m. Bible Study
<b><u>Other Study and Worship Opportunities</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Pines/Cady Hills Bible Study -Sun. &amp; Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.</b></li> <li>• <b>Young Bible Scholars --To be announced.</b></li> <li>• <b>Lady's Bible Classes at YMCA – To be announced.</b></li> <li>• <b>Don't forget homebound members can view the Sunday Bible Class live (9:00 a.m.) and Sunday Sermon (about 10:20 a.m.) on Facebook on the public East Columbus church of Christ Facebook page or view afterwards streaming anytime.</b></li> <li>• <b>Our Gospel Meeting -September 26-October 1</b></li> </ul>	
<b><u>News and Notes</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Home Bound Members:</b> Mike Butler, Willena Woods.</li> <li>• <b>Prayer Requests:</b> Doug and Pat Wheeler, Steve Coburn, and Mike Butler</li> <li>• <b>Others to Remember:</b> Wade McCrary, Jim Ratcliff, Jerry Paschall, Elbert Logan, Mike &amp; Marion Butler, Lee Gallop. Willena Woods is in Windsor Place (visits available by appointment only).</li> <li>• <b>Sick:</b> Pat Wheeler is receiving treatments for pancreatic cancer. Steve Coburn is suffering from severe hip and leg pain and COPD. Wade McCrary is recovering from a shoulder injury. Mike Butler is very ill. MaryAnn Brizgaloff fell and broke her arm. In addition, she has COVID.</li> <li>• <b>Moving Away –</b> We will miss Vayronda Page, Xavian and Christian as well as MaryAnn Brizgaloff who have moved to Arkansas. We wish them well in their new home.</li> </ul>	
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## Our Gospel Meeting Sept. 26-Oct. 1

Our Fall Gospel Meeting begins Sunday **September 26** and continues through **Friday, October 1**. Meeting times will be at 9:00 and 10:00 Sunday morning. Service times Monday through Friday will be 7:00 each evening.

Keith Stonehart, who preaches at Fultondale church of Christ in the Birmingham, Alabama area will be speaking at this series of gospel meetings. You may have heard Keith who preached here at East Columbus one Sunday last year in the fall.

I am sure Keith is doing his job of preparing for our meeting. Let's do our part by praying for the meeting and inviting others to come and study God's Word with us.

# Feelings and the Holy Spirit

Does the Holy Spirit produce feelings inside of us that guide us in some special way by giving us new information and the knowledge that we are right?

If so, what passage teaches it? I have to tell you, I'm a bit concerned over how I hear some talking. I'll paraphrase the types of statements I've heard over the years. "I just feel that the Holy Spirit has led me here." "I just feel deep inside that God told me to do this." "I just feel this is right, and it must be the Holy Spirit giving me this assurance."

How exactly do you know this? Am I suggesting that God cannot do this? No, I'm not about to put God in a box. What I am suggesting is that when we claim such feelings to be produced by the Holy Spirit, we are making claims that cannot be substantiated by God's revelation, which, by the way, is the product of the Holy Spirit. He won't contradict Himself.

All that such claims will do is create confusion. How so? Have you talked with any of your Mormon friends lately? They know they are right because the Holy Spirit makes them feel it. Have you spoken with any of your [P]entecostal friends? How does the Holy Spirit make them feel based on their claims? The list can go on, so please tell me, what is the difference? If we feel justified in claiming some special leading by the Spirit, and we base this upon special feelings that we have,

then why can't they do the same? Televangelists do it every week, making outrageous claims in the name of what the Holy Spirit led them to do and say. Have we reached a point where we are willing to grant this as viable, especially in the absence of any clear biblical teaching to that effect?

Am I saying that the Holy Spirit is irrelevant today? Of course not (see, for example, Rom. 8:26-27). What I am saying is that when we make claims about what the Holy Spirit is doing without biblical support, or talk about how He is leading us through our feelings, we are claiming more than Scripture claims.

Feelings just aren't that reliable, and we aren't saved based on those feelings. Yes, feelings flow from the salvation; I am not saying feelings are unimportant. But the salvation is still grounded in God's revelation. Peace that passes understanding only comes after we've turned all of our cares over to Him.

But He's not giving us new information with our feelings. Feelings will trick us and betray us. Claiming special feelings as if God is giving us new info just does not comport with Scripture.

Think about it. Let's be careful about what we are claiming on behalf of God. The devil has very clever ways of pulling the wool over our eyes, and feelings are always susceptible. Stay grounded in revealed truth.

**Doy Moyer, 1-20-15**