

CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 14th, 21st, & 28th - PICKLEBALL** (16+) 6-8 p.m. in our gym, join us for an evening of good fellowship, fun and great exercise.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 13th & 27th BRIDGES FOR LIFE PRAYER FOR CHURCH & MISSIONS** meet at the church at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 19th - WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING-** 9:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast will be served - an Offering will be taken - Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 23rd - FOOD PANTRY** - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 25th HEALING CLASS** - 9:30 a.m. - Pastor Bill teaches this class, and they meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 26th - HOMELESS PITTSBURGH MISSIONS** - meet at church 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ **SEPTEMBER 26th - PRAYER CONFERENCE** - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon (lunch will be served at Noon). Donna Nesmith-Smith is the host - Warren and Maria Dennis will be the guest speakers. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall. A Free will Offering will be taken.
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- ❖ **OCTOBER 3rd, 2026 - CONNECT GROUP BON FIRE** - 6:00 p.m. Here at the Church. Hot dogs, s'mores, chili and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- ❖ **OCTOBER 4th, 2026 - WATER BAPTISM** - During the morning service. If you are interested in following the footsteps of Jesus and want to be Water Baptized, please sign the sheet in the Narthex.
- ❖ **OCTOBER 10th, 2026 - THE STULL'S WILL BE HERE FOR A CONCERT** - 6:00 p.m. Ken Stull is a Minister as well as a Christian Country Artist, he will Minister and then perform with his sister. A Love offering will be taken and all money will go to the Food Pantry.
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- ❖ **FREE SMOKE ALARMS FOR YOUR HOME:** Installation on Saturday, September 26, 2026 - You must call 724-480-3170 to schedule a free installation appointment.
- ❖ **BUSINESS FLYER:** We are putting together a flyer with names and businesses from our church! If you are interested in being on this flyer, please submit your name and what you do and place it in the offering bucket.
- ❖ **URGENT NEED:** Monetary Donations needed for a 9-year-old girl, Amalia, from Peru who needs to go to Italy for Leukemia treatments.

CALLING THINGS THAT ARE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

INTRO: ROM. 4:16-21

Calling things that are not as though they were is a biblical principle that's misunderstood. It crosses over from the sense realm to the spiritual realm. The principle does not deny what exists, it exalts what God says above what exists. **2 COR.4:16-18.**

WHAT IT'S NOT:

It's not calling things that are as though they were not. If you're sick, you don't say "I'm not sick". That's denying reality. What we say is "I was prayed for, and by His stripes, I call myself healed."

ABRAHAM AND SARAH:

God changed Abram to Abraham meaning "father of many nations". God changed Sarai (princess) to Sarah, to mark a shift in her spiritual identity. This change signified her new covenant role as a matriarch and mother of nations. When they called each other by name, they were actually calling things that are not as though they were.

EXAMPLES:

- **2 KGS. 6:14-17** – Elisha focused on the unseen and called things that are not as though they were.
- **2 KGS. 4:18-20, 25-26** - "It is well" she refused to let what existed have the final say.
- **IS. 46:9-10** – God who calls the end from the beginning called Abraham the father of many nations before it was a physical reality. He doesn't wait for it to happen before he calls it done. Once He speaks His Word, it's done.
- **JOEL 3:10** – The weak were not instructed to say "I am not weak", they were told to say "I am strong".

SHIELD OF FAITH: EPH. 6:16

Satan's fiery darts are thoughts designed to get us to speak contrary to God's Word. We quench those darts by casting them down and saying what God says about us or our circumstances.

- **2 COR. 4:13** – God wants us to speak what is written.
- **HEB. 13:5-6** – What we say must be rooted in what God said.
- **PS. 113:9** - Physical evidence calls me barren, but I call myself a joyful mother of children.
EX. 23:25-26.

CONCLUSION: This principle isn't magical. It's biblically based on knowledge that goes beyond the sense realm into the spiritual realm. **JAMES 3:6 AMPC** (Gr. Sets in motion the cycle of natural events). Satan wants us to speak against God's Word and set in motion the cycle of events that lead to destruction. Speaking God's Word quenches his destructive plan.