

Welcome



Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, April 30, 2017

Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Jim McGuire
Song Leader	Dwayne Thompson
Scripture Reader	Don Bayes
Opening Prayer	Bill Thomas
Sermon	Andrew Beasley
Lord's Table Leader	Tim Frye
Server	Derrick Landefeld
Server	Darin Landefeld
Server	Cooper Thompson
Closing Prayer	Paul Turner

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Church of Christ**
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Times of Meeting:
Sunday
Bible Classes 9:45 AM
Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:00 PM
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Today's Sermons
A.M.
"Our God, He is Able..."
Scripture Reading AM
Daniel 3:13-18
P.M.
"Even God Can Be Hurt"
Scripture Reading PM
Jeremiah 2:31-32

You are invited back to all our services!!

Predestination and I

The term predestination has developed a certain stigma over the years in the Lord's church and, to a certain extent, for good reason. Calvinistic doctrine, and the idea that certain people are chosen to spend eternity in heaven and everyone else has been chosen to spend eternity in damnation, has jaded many to the idea of predestination at all. After all, if our final destination is predetermined, what free will do we really have? If there is nothing that we can do to change the path that we are on, then how can we possibly be held accountable for our actions? How can God be considered moral and righteous, when in reality He has selected those who will be saved and those who will not be saved regardless of what they do in their lives?

Undoubtedly the Calvinistic doctrine of the perseverance of the saints, and of irresistible grace, is false just as it is false that God has chosen beforehand those souls who will be saved and those who will not be. In that aspect, predestination is an absolute falsehood. But let us not fool ourselves, predestination is a reality. To the church in Corinth, Paul declared that "we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Cor. 5:10). Every man and woman is predestined to stand before Christ Jesus on judgment day. It is going to happen and there is no escaping that fact. However, Paul continues on to say that in standing before the judgment seat of Christ will "receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." Further clarification of what will be received can be found in the Book of Revelation where John writes that "the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

All men and women are predestined to stand before the judgment seat of Christ just as all men and women are predestined to spend eternity in one of two places, heaven or hell. The path we take to get to the judgment seat and to our final resting place in either heaven or hell is entirely of our choosing. We have the free will to choose whether we will be obedient to God and His will. When we sin and fall short of the glory of God it is not because God has predestined us to do so, it is because we are weak creatures who allow ourselves to become drawn away by our own desires and enticed. To try and lay blame for our own shortcomings and sins at the feet of God is nothing short of foolishness.

Mercifully, we have a great High Priest who has been in all points tempted, who understands our plight and our struggle on a daily basis. He intercedes on our behalf, having gone to the cross and shed His precious blood for our sins that we might be washed clean of our sins, sanctified in His holy name. Yet, again, whether we do so is entirely up to us. If we choose to be baptized for the remission of our sins it is not because God has predestined us to do so. It is because we have been convinced and convicted by the power of the Gospel and of the saving work of Jesus Christ. Let us be thankful for the free will we have to choose between the two final, predestined choices God has provided for us and let us pray we each make the right choice.

-Andrew Beasley

Happy Birthday

May 3

Caliegh Nippert

May 5

Miranda Nippert

Upcoming Events

Gospel Meeting at Richfork church of Christ with Sam Bartrug

April 30-May 5

Ladies Day at Beallsville church of Christ with Marsha Robinson

May 9

Carol Frye address:

James Cancer Center

Room 1536

460 West 10th Ave.

Columbus, OH 43210

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 4/23	56
P.M. Sun. 4/23	24
Wed. 4/26	18
Offering: \$1233.00	

In Need of Prayer

Pam Winland-receiving chemo treatments again
Carol Frye-at James Cancer Center, leukemia diagnosis
Jennie Shaw- recovering from cancerous thyroid removal
Millie Haney-Shirley McCaslin's sister, cancer
Bob Prickett-Diane Cline's father, OVMC
Pat Gibson-cancer
Linda Wesie-Friend of Connie Thompson, dealing with various health issues
Joyce Stimpert-Misty Landefeld's aunt, cancer has returned, receiving round 2 of chemo.
David Phillips-The Arbors, progressing Parkinson's

Stephen January-Nicole McGuire's brother, recovering at his residence.
Pat McGuire - US Navy.
Please update Beth L. about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.

**Reminder, we are putting together a care package for the Frye's. Some things are: puzzle books, rolled quarters, restaurant gift cards-See full list in foyer
 VBS material is the library to look over and vote.

Please note the last person out of the church building please turn off all the lights. Thank you!