

Welcome



Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, May 7, 2017

Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Don Bayes
Song Leader	Roger Starr
Scripture Reader	Tom Frye
Opening Prayer	Don Thompson
Sermon	Andrew Beasley
Lord's Table Leader	Pete Eikleberry
Server	Tom Frye
Server	Charlie Tomlin
Server	Jason Workman
Closing Prayer	John Shaw

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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.
"How Can I Know That God
Exists?"
Scripture Reading AM
Romans 1:20
P.M.
"That Which Cannot be
Quenched"
Scripture Reading PM
Song of Solomon 8:7

You are invited back to all our services!!

Son or Slave?

For nearly a century after the United States of America was established as a nation independent of English rule, slavery was an integral part of the economic function of American society. Many believe that the primary issue that led to the outbreak of the Civil War, or the War between the States, was that of slavery. The idea of a person being forced to work, or to serve, against their will is a concept that, in modern society, causes us to cringe. We understand the inherent devaluing of human life that is associated with slavery, especially slavery in this country. Yet, in spite of our distaste for the notion of slavery, we often fail to recognize that we, ourselves, are slaves to a plethora of materialistic and worldly things. We have our cell phones, our laptop computers, the internet, automobiles that are capable of driving themselves and a wide variety of other high tech gadgets that rule this society.

Worse than our reliance on these pieces of technology is the widespread outbreak of slavery to sin. The Bible tells us that a man cannot serve to masters, and that a choice must be made between serving God and serving mammon. Deeper than that choice is the choice that we must make in choosing to serve righteous God, who loves us, cares for us and gave His only begotten son for us, or to serve Satan, who desires us to suffer for all of eternity in torment and agony with him. We have a luxury unlike any other slave this world has ever seen in that we get to choose who our master will be. We get to choose who will govern our thoughts, who will dictate our actions and who will have control over our lives. Satan has worldly, temporary pleasures of the flesh that he can offer to us to control our lives. If we choose to serve him, we choose the broad path that many others in this world will choose. It is well travelled and worn, but its end is destruction.

However, if we choose to serve God, who created the world and everything within it, then in this temporary life we choose a path that few will choose. It is not nearly as well travelled. It is difficult and strewn with obstacles, trials and tribulations that we will endure but in doing so we will be strengthened to press on to the goal. Furthermore, in choosing to serve God we do not remain slaves. By dying to sin, by burying that old man of sin in the watery grave of baptism and emerging from that grave resurrected into the newness of life, we put off slavery and become sons of God. Luke provides us with an account of the prodigal son and the joy that the father felt when his child, whom he had believed to be lost forever, returned to him. A feast had been prepared for him. A place of honor awaited him. All the blessings of being a son were provided for him.

-Andrew Beasley

Happy Birthday

May 10

Janis Alleman

May 14

Kaden Powers

Happy Anniversary

May 14

Randy & Laset Powers

Upcoming Events

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. 4/30	64
P.M. Sun. 4/30	28
Wed. 5/3	18
Offering: \$1380.00	

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, snacks, lip balm, magazines, journals, hard candies-See full list in foyer*
**Secret Sister sign up is going on now, see sheet in back.*

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