

# Welcome



*Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, May 21, 2017*

**Those who will be serving in our worship today:**

<b>Announcements</b>	Bill Thomas
<b>Song Leader</b>	Roger Starr
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Jason Workman
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jim McGuire
<b>Sermon</b>	Andrew Beasley
<b>Lord's Table Leader</b>	Don Bayes
<b>Server</b>	Tom Frye
<b>Server</b>	Charlie Tomlin
<b>Server</b>	Cooper Thompson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Derrick Landefeld

**Laings  
Church of Christ**  
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State Route 255  
Laings, Ohio 43752  
**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.**  
"The Autobiographical  
Christ"

## **Scripture Reading AM**

Revelation 1:12-18

**P.M.**  
"A Guide To Life"

## **Scripture Reading PM**

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

*You are invited back to all our services!!*

**The God of Patience**

At some point in all of our lives we've been told that patience is a virtue. It's something that all of us wish we had more of but that we often struggle with. Given the society we live in, where information is at our fingertips and there are apps where essentially any material thing we might desire can be delivered to us within a matter of minutes, patience is an area of weakness for many men and women. Thankfully, God does not have those same short comings. God's patience with mankind is evident throughout the entirety of the Bible, especially in his dealings with the Israelites in the Old Testament. All one must do to be certain of that fact is to read the book of Judges and see how many times the Israelites fell away, and how many times God was willing to accept them back into the shelter of His wings when they repented of their wrong doing.

That patience is ever present in the New Testament as well. Paul refers to the Father as the God of Patience and Comfort in Romans 15:5. Peter confirms Paul's assertion in his own writings when he states that "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." How much more patient can God be with mankind than He already is? Not only did He give His only begotten Son to be sacrificed on the cross and suffer a brutal and agonizing death, but He provides us with every single moment of our lives to get ourselves into a right relationship with Him. He permits us every moment to take advantage of the incomparable gift of His Son's death on the cross, in spite of the fact that we are constantly and consistently falling short of His glory by disobeying His commands.

We should be abundantly thankful that our God has such abounding patience with us, for if He did not we would all certainly face an eternity in hell. However, beyond merely being patient with us for our own benefit, God is surely patient with us so that we might be patient with those around us. It is the same principle that concerns the comfort which God provides us with. He does not do so merely to ease our burdens, but He comforts us that we might be able to give the same comfort to others when they come to us in need. There is no doubt that being a Christian in this world can be difficult, trying and frustrating but that should come as no surprise. Consider the life of Jesus Christ, who performed many miracles to confirm his deity and yet there were still so many who rejected Him. Why should we be surprised that there are those who will reject us when we try to teach them about His immeasurable love for us? It is in those difficult moments that we must remember our God is the God of patience and comfort. We must remember not to give up on the world, to be patient with them instead, in the same manner as God has not given up on us, but has remained patient and longsuffering with us so that we may come to repentance.

What a blessing it truly for God to not only endure our constant failings, but to also make us more capable of demonstrating His love for mankind by using those short comings to His advantage! What a blessing it truly is to have the God of patience and comfort on our side at all times. Let us never forget that as we strive to reach lost souls and bring them back to Him.

- Andrew Beasley

***Member Address Update:***

Charlie & Mary Ann Tomlin  
120 Jones Ct.  
Woodsfield, OH 43793  
Phone: 740-213-2094

**Happy Birthday**

**May 23**

*Barb Rinard*

**May 30**

*Roger Starr*

**Happy Anniversary**

**May 24**

*Tim & Carol Frye*

**Carol Frye address:**

James Cancer Center  
Room 1536  
460 West 10th Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43210

**For the Record:**

A.M. Sun. 5/14	54
P.M. Sun. 5/14	34
Wed. 5/17	16
Offering: \$1132.00	

***In Need of Prayer***

**Mother of Greg Taylor**-brain tumor, surgery 5/23 at Mt. Carmel East  
**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*

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