

# Welcome

*Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, June 11, 2017*



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

<b>Announcements</b>	Don Thompson
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dwayne Thompson
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Don Bayes
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jason Workman
<b>Sermon</b>	Andrew Beasley
<b>Lord's Table Leader</b>	Charlie Tomlin
<b>Server</b>	Derrick Landefeld
<b>Server</b>	Darin Landefeld
<b>Server</b>	Cooper Thompson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Paul Turner

**Laings  
Church of Christ**  
P.O. Box 24  
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.**

"In Christ: The Faithful  
Colossians"

**Scripture Reading AM**

Colossians 1:3-8

**P.M.**

"The Warnings of History"

**Scripture Reading PM**

Jude 3-7

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

**Playing the Hypocrite in the Church**

There is little in this world that is more frustrating than being corrected by someone who is doing the exact same thing, or making the same mistake, as you are doing. One of the most destructive habits the body of the Lord's church can have is to condemn others for sins when we, ourselves, are falling victim to the very same temptations and sins. How can we expect anyone to be willing to listen what we have to say concerning the Gospel if we appear to believe we are better than they are while continuing to sin and fall short of the glory of God just as they do?

Paul, in his epistle to the church in Galatia, addresses this very issues when he says to Peter "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of the Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?" (Gal. 2:14). What right did Peter, and the others who were with him, have to compel the Gentiles to live according to Jewish tradition and law when he himself was living as the Gentiles did? He was not adhering to Jewish law any longer but in compelling the Gentiles to do so, he was proving himself to be hypocritical in nature and worthy of rebuke by Paul. Imagine the damage that was done, and could have continued to be done, had Paul not stepped in to rebuke Peter and correct him for the error in his ways?

When we are put in a position to judge others, and to compel them to behave a certain way, we must remember the words that Christ spoke in the Sermon on the Mount when He said "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what measurement you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?" (Matt. 7:1-3). The ridiculousness in the imagery that Christ uses is evident and yet so often we fail to see that that is exactly how we appear to the world when we preach the importance of obedience to God's word and then fail to do so ourselves. Yes, we should be taking the Gospel to the world. Yes, we should be trying to save lost souls. Yes, we should be explaining the consequences of refusing to repent of lifestyles and choices that are sinful and contrary to the will of God. But how can we expect a person who consumes alcoholic beverages to listen to us if we are participating in the same activities ourselves? Why would someone choose to stop using vulgar language, or being deceitful, or watching lude television programs if we aren't doing the same?

By playing the hypocrite in the church we are rendering the power of the Gospel useless. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 Jn. 1:8). We cannot treat the world as if they are stupid, or foolish. If we are not living up to the standards set by the Bible, the world is not oblivious to it. They can see our flaws. Their ability to do so should be one of our greatest strengths. It should provide us with an avenue to connect with the lost to show them just how desperately we all need the gospel. That can only happen if we, the church, recognize that we are sinners just as they are, that we need the gospel just as much as they do. Instead of playing the hypocrite in the church, let us play the pillars of the church, who display the grace of God for the world to see.

-Andrew Beasley

**Happy Birthday**

**June 19**

*Dylan Landefeld*

**June 27**

*Brody Stewart*

**Happy Anniversary**

**June 23**

*Pete & Wilda Eikleberry*

**Carol Frye address:**

James Cancer Center

Room 1536

460 West 10th Ave.

Columbus, OH 43210

**Mark your calendars for VBS!**

**July 9-12**

*Please plan to bring cookies.*

**For the Record:**

A.M. Sun. 6/4	50
P.M. Sun. 6/4	23
Wed. 6/7	18
Offering: \$1290.00	

**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**- thyroid cancer removed, receiving radiation  
**Millie Haney**-Shirley McCaslin's sister, cancer  
**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

**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.*

- We are gathering items needed for church camp donations until June 18. Some items needed: Large cans of peaches/vegetables, pancake mix, pancake syrup, cookies, cups, plates; see full list in foyer.*

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