

Welcome

Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, July 16, 2017



Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Bill Thomas
Song Leader	Dwayne Thompson
Scripture Reader	Pete Eikleberry
Opening Prayer	Jim McGuire
Sermon	Andrew Beasley
Lord's Table Leader	Jason Workman
Server	Tom Frye
Server	Charlie Tomlin
Server	Cooper Thompson
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 & 7:30 PM
Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:30 PM

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Today's Sermons

A.M.
"The Bible Does Not
Change"

Scripture Reading AM
Galatians 1:6-9

P.M.
"How The World Was
Made"

Scripture Reading PM
Genesis 1:1-3

You are invited back to all our services!!

History Stands

In recent times it has become easy to allow our disappointment with the direction of this once great nation to discourage us. What was once thought of as morally reprehensible and unfathomable has become commonplace in our everyday society. That disheartening fact does not stop at the doors of our congregations, but sadly has crept into many once sound assemblies. But we cannot allow ourselves to become disheartened, and dismayed; and, even more importantly, we cannot allow ourselves to become apathetic. God, in commissioning Joshua, commanded him to be strong and courageous because the Lord was with him (Josh. 1:9). Many of the prophets faced great difficulty and great emotional distress at the state of their people and of the world around them, expressing their heartbreak just as Jeremiah did in his writings.

Much like it always has, history stands as a wonderful tool for us to learn from and to use to guide our own choices. Confucius once said that one should study the past if he desired to define the future. That was where the Hebrew people so frequently failed. They didn't study their past. They didn't use the history of their people, and all of the memorials that had been established as reminders to them, to be their guide. Instead, as happened time and time again, generations arose that did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel (Jg. 2:6). It is easy to look back on the covenant people of the Old Testament and wonder how they could have so blatantly and frequently forgotten the blessings and cursings that God promised and predicted through Moses in Deuteronomy 28.

Yet, history stands for us just as it did for them. Years from now will Christians look back at our generation and wonder how we missed the exhortation and commandments of the New Testament? Will they wonder how we could have been so much like those ancient Hebrew people when we have the entirety of God's revealed and inspired will in our hands and easily accessible at any moment in time? There is abundant evidence for us to know, and recognize quickly, what happens when God's people become apathetic and the consequences that accompany such an attitude.

Furthermore, recent history stands and causes us to know that hardworking Christians can and do have an impact on the world. Today, God's people have the work of the restorers that provides us with a wonderful example of the effect that men and women who desire to obey God and keep his commandments can have. Just because it appears that the majority of the world has turned from God does not give us an excuse to sit back and do nothing. History stands as evidence of the impact that we can have, as others have had, on the world.

Will we be like that generation who did not know God or the things that He had done for His people?

Or will we choose to put on the full armor of God and fight to stem the tide and momentum that the forces of evil have gained?

History stands and shows us the end of either decision, but the choice remains ours.

Happy Birthday

July 16

John Shaw

July 17

Marsha Keevert

July 19

Reid McGuire

Ladies Tea

July 21st

6 P.M.

Please RSVP with Glenda Thomas

Mark your calendars for a Friday Night Sing

August 4th

Hosted by the Barnesville church of Christ

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 7/9	62
P.M. Sun. 7/9	77
Wed. 7/9	75
Offering: \$1285.00	

In Need of Prayer

Mother of Greg Taylor-brain tumor, surgery 5/23 at Mt. Carmel East
Carol Frye-home, recovering from treatments
Millie Haney-Shirley McCaslin's sister, cancer
Linda Wesie-Friend of Connie Thompson, dealing with various health issues
Marsha Keevert- wheeling hospital, surgery on broken ankle
Gunner Hughes-Friend of Misty Landefeld, 5 years old, having a mass removed from his intestines Monday morning.
Pat McGuire - US Navy.
Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.

F.Y.I.

Chris Ault- poor condition, recovering from stroke and a heart attack
Phyllis Ault- home, recovering from a heart attack
Don't forget our Gospel Meeting with David Kenney coming up on October 1st through 5th!

- We are still collecting cancelled postage stamps, container is in the library or hand to Jean C.

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