

Welcome



Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, September 10, 2017

Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Don Thompson
Song Leader	Roger Starr
Scripture Reader	Don Bayes
Opening Prayer	Pete Eikleberry
Sermon	Andrew Beasley
Lord's Table Leader	Bill Thomas
Server	Cooper Thompson
Server	Tom Frye
Server	Charlie Tomlin
Closing Prayer	Paul Turner

**Laings
Church of Christ**
P.O. Box 24
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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.
"Mary's Perfume"

Scripture Reading AM

Mark 14:1-9

P.M.
"Oh To Be Like The
Thessalonians"

Scripture Reading PM

1st Thessalonians 1:2-4

You are invited back to all our services!!

The Purpose of Life...

Life is a precious gift from God. It is God who “forms the spirit of man within him” (Zechariah 12:1), and it is to God that our spirits return after death (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Consequently, it would seem that men ought to use their lives to please God. But rather than striving to “seek the Lord” (Acts 17:27), men often expend their energies in other ventures.

Some, for example, act as if their purpose in life is to gain physical wealth. And to that end they focus all of their efforts. Those who struggle in this area should be reminded of several basic Biblical truths: 1) “One’s life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses” (Luke 12:15); 2) Christians ought to “lay up for [themselves] treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:20); and 3) “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10). Life’s purpose is not to amass earthly wealth.

Others act as if their purpose in life is to maintain their physical health. While it should be granted that our bodies are important to God (1 Corinthians 6:19), and that “bodily exercise profits a little” (1 Timothy 4:8), it must be remembered that at the longest, our lives are but brief (James 4:14). For this reason, we must make sure that we do not become so consumed with caring for our bodies that we lose focus upon God.

Still others act as if the purpose of life is to experience pleasure. This, too, misses the point of our existence. Our purpose is to “Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is man’s all” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

—**Chad Ramsey**

Author of *Reasons to Believe* and *In God’s Image*
Minister, Gloster Street Church of Christ in Tupelo, Miss.

Happy Birthday

September 14th

Denise Thompson

Gospel Meeting

September 10-September 13

Hosted by the Camden Avenue church of Christ.

Speaker: Phil Sanders

Gospel Meeting

September 10- September 15

Hosted by the Brownsville church of Christ

Speaker: Paul Smithson

Gospel Meeting

September 18– 21

Hosted by the Goudy church of Christ

Speaker: Various

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 9/3	51
P.M. Sun. 9/3	29
Wed. 9/6	17
Offering: \$1051.00	

In Need of Prayer

Carol Frye-James Cancer Center, transplant recovery
Millie Haney-Shirley McCaslin’s sister, cancer
Marsha Keevert- care center, broken ankle and fractured kneecap
Lloyd Henthorn-home, gallbladder and UTI issues.
Pat McGuire - US Navy.
Chad Loudon- Nephew of Beth Landefeld, bruised brain and brain bleed
Sheri Porter - Friend of Megan Powell, brain tumor and bleeding
Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.

F.Y.I.

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!