

Welcome



Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, September 17, 2017

Those who will be serving in our worship today:

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

**Laings
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.
"Hope in a Hopeless World"

Scripture Reading AM
Ephesians 2:1-7

P.M.
"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

Scripture Reading PM
2nd Timothy 4:6-8

You are invited back to all our services!!

Cleaning House

What a thrilling sight it must of been! What holy wrath, vengeance, and zeal He displayed. Jesus strode into the temple. There in the Court of the Gentiles lay an open market. The market was filled with men exchanging foreign currency for Galilean shekels for Jewish pilgrims to pay the Temple tribute and other men selling animals for sacrifice. Jesus made a whip of small cords, and, in righteous indignation, drove before Him the market mob. Out of the temple He chased the men, sheep and oxen, He poured out the money of the changers and toppled the tables. As Jesus cleansed the sacred place of worship, He cried out, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise!"

What stirred up the righteous zeal of the Lord? Some have suggested Jesus was moved to action because those in the temple were greedy crooks. However, Jesus could have seen greedy money changers and crooked merchants on virtually any street corner in Jerusalem. This cannot be the reason Jesus took such drastic action. Jesus did not drive the moneychangers and merchants from the temple for doing business but for doing business in the temple. There was a proper place for business and a proper place for worshipping God. Merchandising was proper in the market but profane in the temple! Jesus declared that the temple was His Father's house (Jn. 2:16; Lk. 19:46). For this reason He cleaned house!

Sad to say, there are many religious people who have never learned the lesson of Jesus cleaning His Father's house. Today, in many places, church buildings are cluttered with the tables and merchandise of the world as the politicians, businessmen and entertainers ply their goods. Just as there was nothing wrong with the merchants engaging in business in the day of Christ, there is nothing wrong with politics, business, entertainment, recreation or social activities today. But the church is not the proper organization to provide and support such activities. The spiritual temple of the Lord is to "offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God."

Jesus set forth the mission of His church: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you" The mission of the church is far to important, far to urgent, far to holy to profane with the distractions of this world (Matt. 28:19-20).

What if Jesus returned today with a scourge of cords in His hand? What holy wrath, what vengeance, what compelling zeal would move Him. Into the midst of the churches He would stride, turning over the wares of the social merchants, driving out the volleyballs, the guitars, the punch bowls and crockpots. In righteous indignation Jesus would clean house and cry out, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise!"

Happy Birthday

September 17th

Helen Weiss

Happy Anniversary

September 17th

Bill & Glenda Thomas

Don & Jeanette Thompson

Gospel Meeting

September 17- September 21

Hosted by the Bates Hill church of Christ

Speaker: Scott McFarland

Gospel Meeting

September 18- 21

Hosted by the Goudy church of Christ

Speaker: Various

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 9/10	59
P.M. Sun. 9/10	34
Wed. 9/13	22
Offering: \$1152.00	

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
Pat McGuire - US Navy.
Sheri Porter - Friend of Megan Powell, brain tumor and bleeding
David Landefeld - home, fluid around heart and lungs.
Carol Praught - OVMC
Landon Beasley - Andrew's son, surgery October 2nd.
Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.

F.Y.I.

- CCA (Covenant Christian Academy) is having a Spaghetti Dinner on September 24th from 11am to 2pm at the Woodfield church of Christ fellowship building. Cost is donation only and take out will be available.
- Please don't forget that we are still collecting cancelled postage stamps. The container is in the library, or they can be given directly to Jean Copeland.
- Don't forget that our Gospel Meeting with David Kenney is coming up on October 1st through the 5th.

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