

# Welcome

*Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, October 1, 2017*



Those who will be serving in our worship today:

<b>Announcements</b>	Andrew Beasley
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dwayne Thompson
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Tom Frye
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Bill Thomas
<b>Sermon</b>	David Kenney
<b>Lord's Table Leader</b>	Pete Eikleberry
<b>Server</b>	Derrick Landefeld
<b>Server</b>	Coleman Tomlin
<b>Server</b>	Darin Landefeld
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jason Workman

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

**Scripture Reading AM**

TBD

**P.M.**  
"The Tolling of the Bell"

**Scripture Reading PM**

TBD

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

## The Cloning of the Shepherd

I just finished reading a fine article by a brother about the dangers of cloning and the sin involved if it is ever done for the wrong reasons. But part of his article made me think of one way in which we have a great need for clones in the church. In the article he said, "Especially pertinent is the question of human cloning. Newsweek asked the question, 'Today the sheep - tomorrow the shepherd?'" Yes, clone the Shepherd!

Too many in the church are cloned from other sheep or those in the world. We want to **LOOK** like everybody else, **DRESS** like everybody else, **SPEND** like everybody else, **BE** like everybody else. When others change, we change. We do everything we can to fit in with the Smith's and keep up with the Jones'. We are simply cloning ourselves after sheep.

There are examples of those in the Bible who had a choice between being cloned after the sheep or the Shepherd. In 1 Sam. 15 Saul had a choice to make: utterly destroy the Amalekites as the Lord instructed (vs. 3), or spare the best as the people desired (vs. 21). We know his choice (vss. 9, 24). He was cloned after the sheep. We also know the result (26).

The rulers in Jn. 12:42 faced much the same decision. They heard the word of the Shepherd proclaimed and believed it. But would they be cloned after Him? At the present they were cloned after the Pharisees. They decided to stay as they were, "for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (vs. 43).

It is time to clone the Shepherd! The apostles were His clones. In Acts 5 they are being persecuted for following Him, but in vs. 29 they boldly say, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Oh, for more people with that attitude today!

Paul makes it clear after whom he is cloned. In Gal. 1:10 he says, "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." Notice that Paul admits at one point in his life he was cloned after men ("if I STILL pleased men"). But in Acts 9 the Shepherd comes into Paul's life, and he becomes a changed man. In 1 Cor. 11:1 we see the cloning of Paul to be like the Shepherd when he says, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."

Can we speak like Paul to others? Are we imitating the Savior to that degree? Have we cloned the sheep or the Shepherd? Clone the Shepherd!

### Happy Birthday

**October 1st**

*Morgan Thompson*

### **Friday Night Singing**

**October 6th  
7 p.m.**

*Hosted by the Barlow Vincent church of Christ*

### **Ladies Day**

**October 14th  
9:30 a.m.**

*Hosted by the Alkire Road church of Christ  
Speaker: Luann Rogers*

### **Ladies day**

**October 28th  
9 a.m.**

*Hosted by the Woodfield church of Christ  
Speaker: Ruth Wareheim*

### **For the Record:**

A.M. Sun. 9/24	61
P.M. Sun. 9/24	35
Wed. 9/27	20
Offering: \$1225.00	

### ***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, comes home Saturday.  
**Pat McGuire** - US Navy.  
**David Landefeld** - home, fluid around heart and lungs.  
**Carol Prout** - OSU, complications from previous problems  
**Landon Beasley** - Andrew's son, surgery October 2nd.  
**Charlie Tomlin** - home, drain for infection  
*Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.*

### ***F.Y.I.***

- We welcome David Kenney, minister at the Wadsworth church of Christ, to Laings for our Gospel Meeting this week. David is a very well studied, knowledgeable man and we are lucky to have him with us to bring us messages from God's Word.
- Continue to remember our brothers and sisters who were victims of the terrible attack last Sunday in Antioch, Tennessee.
- We are still collecting cancelled stamps. Please see Jean Coplan or place them in the container in the library.

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