

Welcome

Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, December 23rd, 2018



Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Tim Frye
Song Leader	Brian Tomlin
Scripture Reader	Tom Frye
Opening Prayer	Don Thompson
Sermon	Jason Workman
Lord's Table Leader	Jim McGuire
Server	Derrick Landefeld
Server	Cooper Thompson
Server	Darin Landefeld
Closing Prayer	Roger Starr

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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 & 6:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

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Today's Sermons

A.M.

“TBD”

Scripture Reading AM

TBD

P.M.

TBD

Scripture Reading PM

TBD

You are invited back to all our services!!

Christianity Is Exclusive [by W. Terry Varner]

The world does not like the biblical concept that Christianity is *exclusive*. In fact, some Christians do not like it either. It is argued that such a concept is intolerant and unacceptable to both God and man. Those who hold that Christianity is exclusive are considered prejudiced, narrow-minded, and by some arrogant. The tolerant argue the need to accept those from other faiths "as they are." Any attempt to convert those from other faiths [Islam, Hinduism, etc.] to Christ and Christianity is strongly criticized. However, you cannot separate Christ and Christianity. "Should Christians accept those in the world religions as equal to and/or perhaps superior to Christianity? Is it true that adherents to the world religions are simply serving the same God as the Christian?" We ask is Christianity improved if it borrows teachings from the various world religions? We believe Christianity cannot be improved upon, but works for man as God intends. The above efforts of tolerance creates problems of great proportion **if** we believe the teachings of the Bible which affirm that it, and it alone, is God's word to man. Consider some of the problems created **if** we believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Christianity offers the only Savior among men. Over the years I have argued that the time was coming when John 14:6 would become pivotal in religious discussion. In light of the tolerance of the world religions, the time has come. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father except by Me" (John 14:6). Ferret from the text the clarity with which Jesus speaks. "The way," "the truth," and "the life" are singular indicating there is **only** one way, one truth, and one life, and this is **only** in Jesus. Christianity is the **only** way to God. There is "no salvation in any other . . . no other name . . . among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Jesus is the only Savior of men. Christianity and Jesus are **exclusive**. No arrogance involved, just truth!

Christianity offers the only hope among men. Some world religions existed prior to Christianity; however, they do not offer men. Paul writes, "That at that time **you were without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope, and without God in the world**" (Eph. 2:14, emp. added). Paul wrote these words to those in Ephesus where various religions existed and were practiced. Surely these adherents were sincere, devout, and considered themselves pleasing to their "god," but not the God of whom Paul was writing. Paul said Christ and Christianity are exclusive. No arrogance involved, just truth!

Christianity insists on an unique unity. "There is one body, and one Spirit. . . one hope . . . one Lord . . . one faith . . . one baptism . . . one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6). The spirit of tolerance may insist on the uniqueness of no specific religion; however, the Holy Spirit challenges such teaching. World religions offer a plurality of gods, faiths, lords, etc. Christ and Christianity insists on an unique unity. No arrogance involved, just truth!

We cannot believe Jesus is the Son of God and His teachings, Christianity, and at the same time believe that world religions are equal or superior to Christ and Christianity.

Birthdays This Week

December 25th

Jean Coplan

Ohio Winter Lectures

Saturday January 26th

1pm - 3pm

Hosted by the Fishinger and Kenny church of Christ.

Business Meeting Notes

If you would like to have a copy of the notes from the most recent mens business meeting, please see Andrew and he will make a copy of them for you. Thank you.

Out of Town

I will be leaving for Florida on Thursday (Dec. 20) and Lord willing will be home Friday, Dec. 28th. I still will be available by phone or text.

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 12/16	46
P.M. Sun. 12/16	32
Wed. 12/19	NR
Offering: \$1135.00	

In Need of Prayer

Millie Haney- cancer, daughter of Lloyd Henthorn
Pat McGuire - US Navy.
Charlie Tomlin - underwent surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on Thursday.
Larry Eikleberry - home, 2nd round of chemo complete, waiting for further results and instructions from his physician.
Marsha Keevert - home, recovering from bone fusion surgery
Bill Thomas - has been unwell and short of breath.
Carol Frye - received an infusion to combat the virus that she is dealing with.
Connie Thompson's Mom - feeling unwell recently but doing some better, will be seeing a neurologist in January.

F.Y.I.

Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.

- 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!