

# Welcome



*Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, January 6th, 2019*

**Those who will be serving in our worship today:**

<b>Announcements</b>	Bill Thomas
<b>Song Leader</b>	Brian Tomlin
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Tim Frye
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Pete Eikleberry
<b>Sermon</b>	Andrew Beasley
<b>Lord's Table Leader</b>	Don Thompson
<b>Server</b>	Jason Workman
<b>Server</b>	Tom Frye
<b>Server</b>	Cooper Thompson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	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.

"Run The Race"

### **Scripture Reading AM**

Hebrews 12:1-2

### P.M.

"To Be Determined"

### **Scripture Reading PM**

2nd Corinthians 5:10

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

### Cafeteria Religion

At the close of the twentieth century, theologians in Germany began discussing “theologie im zeitalter der cafeteria-religion,” theology in the age of cafeteria-religion. (See, for example, the essay by that name in Theologische Literaturzeitung 121 (1996), 415-30)

Cafeteria religion results from believers abandoning a standard authority. They, instead, pick and choose mismatched elements from a variety of faiths. The results can be strange indeed.

Describing the situation in Germany, Ingolf U. Dalferth wrote in the April 2000 issue of *Theology Today*:

*“Every seventh person believes in magic and witchcraft, every third person considers the future predictable, and if Der Spiegel is right, then there are more seers and fortunetellers offering their services than all Protestant and Catholic clergy put together. One thing is indisputable: Religion has not lost its fascination, but the church has lost its power of attraction.”*

*Newsweek*, in its November 28, 1994 cover story “The Search for the Sacred,” highlights the same patchwork spirituality taking root in America.

Lacking a clear pattern to follow, people wander like sheep without a shepherd. Without the restraining influence of Scripture, religion gets weirder and weirder.

When the Israelites rejected God at the base of Sinai, they worshiped the Golden Calf and embraced immorality. We see the same trend today. When people stop looking to Scripture they fill the void in their lives with religion on their own terms.

In the Lord’s church, the current cultural drift away from authority in religion should lead us to hold all the more tightly to the safety and clarity of God’s word.

Believing that God knows best, we will seek to follow the Lord’s pattern rather than merely indulging our fickle appetites.

- Greg Tidwell

### Birthdays This Week

**January 8th**

Tim Frye

### Potluck & Early Service

**Today!**

*Don't forget! Following our morning worship we will meet down at the Laings community center and share a meal with one another, and spend time in fellowship. Following that meal we will have an early afternoon service. All are invited!*

### Mens Business Meeting

**Next Sunday!**

*Immediately following evening worship*

### Worship @ Westwood

*We invite you to join us for worship at Westwood Place at 3PM on all but the 4th Sunday of the month.*

### **For the Record:**

A.M. Sun. 12/30	61
P.M. Sun. 12/30	35
Wed. 1/2	NR
Offering: \$1131.00	

### *In Need of Prayer*

**Pat McGuire** - US Navy.  
**Charlie Tomlin** - cancer, recovering from surgery recently.  
**Larry Eikleberry** - waiting for test results from his doctor.  
**Marsha Keevert** - home, recovering from bone fusion surgery  
**Bill Thomas** - has been unwell and short of breath, was able to worship with us last Sunday!  
**Carol Frye** - received an infusion to combat the virus that she is dealing with, weekly appointments with doctor in Columbus.  
**Connie Thompson's Mom** - feeling unwell recently but doing some better, will be seeing a neurologist in this month  
**Landon Schultheis** - Lea Frye's nephew, underwent open heart surgery on Friday at Childrens Hospital in Columbus

### *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.
- Thank you to Don Bayes who takes the time every month to put together the schedule for worship! We appreciate the time and effort you put into doing this for us!
- Happy New Year! It is my prayer that each of us resolves to devote ourselves more fully to Christ and His service this year.

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