

Welcome

Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, March 8th, 2020



Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Bill Thomas
Song Leader	Brian Tomlin
Scripture Reader	Cooper Thompson
Opening Prayer	Andrew Beasley
Sermon	Andrew Beasley
Lord's Table Leader	Don Bayes
Server	Cooper Thompson
Server	Jason Workman
Server	Tom Frye
Closing Prayer	Jason Workman

**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 6:00 PM

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Today's Sermons

A.M.
"You Are Enough"

Scripture Reading AM

John 3:16-17

P.M.
"CYC Presentation"

Scripture Reading PM

NA

You are invited back to all our services!!

Where Is The Bible? (by W. Terry Varner)

Many public buildings have a “Lost and Found” department. Church bulletins often list a number of items that have been found because they have been left or lost by their owners. One item often lost is the BIBLE. Literally, someone forgets and leaves their BIBLE. After some time, a call is placed to the church office asking if their Bible has been found. It is hard to imagine someone losing their Bible and taking days, weeks, and at times months before realizing it is missing. Have you considered the *result of losing the Bible?*

God’s Word Was Lost In The Old Testament. During the Divided Kingdom, also know the Southern Kingdom or Judah, a king named Hezekiah destroyed the places of idol worship and returned Judah to a period of faithfulness (2 Kings 21:3). Hezekiah’s son, Manasseh became king at twelve years of age and reigned fifty-five years (2 Kings 21:1). During the days of Manasseh’s rule, he rebuilt the places of idol worship and reinstated idolatry (2 Kings 21:3-8). He caused more evil in Judah “than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel” (2 Kings 21:9). Manasseh died and his son Amon became king (2 Kings 21:18). Serving for only two years, Amon forsook God, practiced evil, and was assassinated by his own servants (2 Kings 21:23).

Josiah, Amon’s son, became king at the age of eight and reigned thirty-one years (2 Kings 22:1). Josiah is described as doing “what was right in the sight of the LORD” (2 Kings 22:2). The Temple was in the process of being repaired. Josiah sent Shapan, a scribe, to give Hilkiah, the high priest, money to “repair the damages of the house [Temple]” (2 Kings 22:3-7).

When repairing the damage, the carpenters found, of all things, “the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD” (2 Kings 22:8). Our modern-day counterparts are not the first to lose their Bible in the house of the Lord, the Jews had lost the Old Testament in all places—the Temple! It had been lost for a period of time as the Jews were ignorant of what it taught. When Shapan read the Book, king Josiah was terrified (2 Kings 22:11-17) and called for immediate change in Judah. He gathered all the elders together at Jerusalem and “read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD” (2 Kings 23:20).

God’s Word Is Often Lost In Our Time. As the Scriptures were lost prior to Josiah’s time, the Bible has been lost in many churches in our time. We are not speaking of misplacing the Bible, but of misinterpreting, misusing the Bible, and casting doubt upon the credibility of the Bible resulting in an actual spiritual famine! It is as God spoke by the prophet Amos, “Behold, the days are coming . . . That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD” (Amos 8:11). While most sermons are from twenty (20) minutes to forty-five (45) minutes and with many words spoken, many sermons contain no word from the Lord! Demand the man in your pulpit awaken and preach the Word!

A silent Bible prevails in many churches today! The Bible is read little, studied little, preached little, and practiced little! For many the Bible is a closed book. It has been lost as in Josiah’s time. Members are ignorant of the Bible. Members are not obeying the Bible. Often, members do not want the Bible taught. Are you like the Jews of Manasseh and Amon’s time—the Bible means nothing? The Bible could be lost and you care less. Or, are you like Josiah—you desire to read, study, and obey God’s word? We pray the latter.

Birthdays This Week

March 10th

Frankie McCaslin

March 12th

Jared Thompson

March 13th

Mary Ann Tomlin

Anniversaries This Week

March 10th

Anthony & Denise Thompson

Gospel Meeting

March 15th - March 20th

Hosted by Hillview Terrace church of Christ in Moundsville.

Mens Business Meeting

There will be a Mens Business Meeting following evening worship tonight.

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 3/1	40
P.M. Sun. 3/1	NR
Wed. 3/4	NR
Offering: \$876.00	

In Need of Prayer

Pat McGuire-US Navy
Charlie Tomlin– more testing to be done in regard to the blockage in his neck.
Pat Smith - milk hauler for the Workmans, advanced stages of cancer.
Roger Starr - surgery scheduled for March 23rd.
Glenda Thomas - recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Kay Powell - recovering from back surgery.
Larry Eikleberry - has been unwell recently.
James Greenlee - Jamee Stewarts father, had successful surgery Monday to repair an aortic aneurysm.

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 postage stamps, container is in the library or hand to Jean C.*
- The memorial service for Preston Crawford is this afternoon at 1pm at the St. Clairsville church of Christ with a meal immediately following. Because of this we have decided to postpone the potluck until April and encourage everyone to travel to St. Clairsville to support Preston’s family as they grieve the loss of a loved one.*

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