

# Welcome

*Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, March 15th, 2020*



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

<b>Announcements</b>	Don Bayes
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dwayne Thompson
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Derrick Landefeld
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Don Thompson
<b>Sermon</b>	Andrew Beasley
<b>Lord's Table Leader</b>	Jim McGuire
<b>Server</b>	Cooper Thompson
<b>Server</b>	Jason Workman
<b>Server</b>	Tom Frye
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Paul Turner

**Laings  
Church of Christ**  
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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 6:00 PM

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## Today's Sermons

**A.M.**  
"The Importance Of  
Brotherly Love"

## **Scripture Reading AM**

John 13:35

**P.M.**  
NA

## **Scripture Reading PM**

NA

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

**The Hub of the Bible? (by W. Terry Varner)**

Years ago, my friend, the late James D. Bales wrote a book titled, *The Hub of the Bible*. It was a book entirely on Acts 2. The subject discusses the biblical doctrine of conversion. If men understand Acts 2, they will understand much of the remaining message of the Bible.

The setting. "When the day of Pentecost had fully come" (Acts 2:1). Pentecost was a Jewish feast occurring 50 days following the Feast of the Passover. All Jewish males were required by the Law of Moses to be in attendance (cf. Lev. 23:15-24). The purpose of the Feast of Pentecost was a time of thanksgiving for the bountiful crops at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was celebrated by offering the first-fruits of the wheat harvest.

The names for Pentecost vary: (1) *Feast of Weeks* (cf. Ex. 34:22) because it followed the cycle of seven full weeks. (2) *Feast of Harvest* (cf. Ex. 23:16) because it was time for wheat harvest. (3) *Feast of First Fruits* (cf. Ex. 23:16; Num. 28:26) because it celebrated the "first fruits" of the wheat harvest. (4) *Pentecost* (cf. Lev. 23:15ff; Acts 2:1) because it was the fiftieth day from the beginning of the Passover. The subject. The subject of Pentecost is the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter begins in Acts 2:22-36 to set forth the work of Jesus.

*His life.* Jesus was approved of God by the many miracles He did among them. The miracles demonstrated the mighty power of God. Jesus was approved of God, He "was attested by God . . . [their] midst" by miracles" (Acts 2:22). Peter charges them with knowing this fact, "as you yourselves also know."

*His death.* He was "delivered by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God . . . [and] crucified" (Acts 2:23); i.e. the Old Testament predicted His death (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 53; Ps. 22). The Jews are charged with slaying Jesus.

*His resurrection.* The life of Christ occupies one verse (2:22). The death of Christ occupies one verse (2:23), but the resurrection occupies nine verses (24-32). His resurrection was the work of God, "whom God raised up . . . because it was not possible that He should be held by it [death] (Acts 2:23). Surely there was prediction of His death, burial, and resurrection, but now Peter states His resurrection as a fact. In proving His resurrection, Peter appeals to Psalm 16:8-11 and shows that the Psalmist is not referring to David (2:29), but Christ (2:30-32). Acts 2:31 establishes the prophecy to be fulfilled in Christ, whoever that may be; whereas Acts 2:32 asserts that this Jesus fulfills the prophetic condition of the Messiah.

*His ascension and coronation.* Acts 2:33-36 argues the ascension and coronation of Jesus. God exalted Jesus by His ascension which could not apply to David, as he remains "with us to this day" (2:29). A contrast exists between God's action in exalting Jesus and the action of the Jews and Romans who put Him to death. Peter, as with a trumpet, summons "all the house of Israel [to] know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified both Lord and Christ" (2:36).

*The scheme.* Acts 2:37-42 shows the purpose is the redemption of man. The message pierced their hearts "they were cut to the heart" (2:37). They asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (2:37) They were conscious of their guilt sin, of their responsibility—it was their personal sin. They were conscious that they were powerless—"what shall we do?" (2:37). They had a conviction that produced an alarm. Peter's answer is given in Acts 2:38-40. They were to repent and be baptized for remission of sins and receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). About 3,000 responded by obeying and be added to the church (2:41, 47). They continued in the apostles' teaching (2:42). Have you responded to the gospel call?

**Amended Service Schedule**

*Due to concerns over the coronavirus, and after careful consideration, we have decided to cancel all but our Sunday morning worship assembly for the time being. This may be a few weeks, it could be longer, depending on how the situation develops. Also, we ask that if you are experiencing, or are in contact with anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 that you remain at home. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to adjust during this unique time.*

**Facebook Group**

*Be sure to follow the Laings church of Christ facebook group. News is regularly updated there.*

**For the Record:**

A.M. Sun. 3/8	38
P.M. Sun. 3/8	NR
Wed. 3/11	NR
Offering: \$972.00	

**In Need of Prayer**

**F.Y.I.**

**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, recovering from surgery.

*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.*
- A few with close ties to Laings have passed away this past week. Richard Habig, Donna May Coplan and Kay Kinney all passed from this world. Visitation and Memorial services for Mr. Habig and Ms Coplan were held recently. A service for Kay Kinney will (most likely) be held at West Union in the near future.*

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