

Welcome

Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, April 24th, 2022



Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Andrew Beasley
Song Leader	Dwayne Thompson
Scripture Reader	Andrew Beasley
Opening Prayer	Bill Thomas
Sermon	Andrew Beasley
Lord's Table Leader	Jim McGuire
Server	Derrick Landefeld
Server	Tom Frye
Server	Cooper Thompson
Closing Prayer	Tim Frye

**Laings
Church of Christ**
P.O. Box 24
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Times of Meeting:
Sunday
Bible Classes
10:30 AM
Worship Services
11:00 AM
Wednesday
Cancelled due to COVID

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Today's Sermons

A.M.
"Famous Amos"

Scripture Reading AM

Amos 7:10-17

P.M.
Postponed

Scripture Reading PM

NA

You are invited back to all our services!!

False Balance (by Jack McNeil)

Solomon advises us to be just in our business dealings with other people. Most business transactions relied upon the barter system. For instance, if someone had a bag of salt they wanted to trade for some leather, then both parties would agree on a certain weight of salt in exchange for a certain amount of leather.

The fairness of the trade would depend, in some part, upon the accuracy of the scale, which was merely a balance bar with a known weight on one side and a space on the other for the thing weighed. Using a lighter than advertised counterweight, a dishonest trader could then take advantage of the gullible.

This practice is an abomination to the Lord. The word abomination, according to the Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Dictionary means, “1) a disgusting thing; in a ritual sense or in an ethical sense...” An abomination is something that makes God “sick” at His “stomach.” Dishonesty in business or in any other realm of our lives makes God disgusted with us!

On the other hand, when we are honest and do right by our fellow man, God takes delight and pleasure in it! The word “delight” here is the opposite of abomination. God looks favorably upon morally upright and godly business ethics.

Christians are to be “wise as serpents...” – there is nothing wrong with sharp business acumen, but this also must be counterbalanced by being “as harmless as doves...” (Mat 10:16) We should go out of our way, if necessary, to be just and fair in all our dealings with other people. It may be a temptation to “fudge” the numbers a bit, to take advantage of another, but we must refrain from all forms of dishonesty.

Amended Service Schedule

We certainly want to take a moment to welcome everyone to our services. We are thankful that the Coronavirus vaccine is becoming more and more readily available. Because of this we have decided to resume our Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 10:30 am, and worship will begin approximately at 11 am. For the time being Sunday and Wednesday evening services remain cancelled. In the coming months we will evaluate how to best proceed with those services.

Facebook Group

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

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 4/17	56
P.M. Sun. 4/17	NR
Wed. 4/20	NR
Offering: \$1231.00	

<i>In Need of Prayer</i>	<i>In Need of Prayer/F.Y.I.</i>
<p>Pat McGuire-US Navy Paul Turner - pancreatic cancer, not doing well. Jim McGuire - knee problems, please continue to pray Tim Frye - recovering from surgery, will likely be in his brace for a few more weeks. Faith Bicknell - surgery rescheduled for May Kurt Thomas - cancer has been found on his lung, undergoing further treatment Sydney - friend of Lesley Workman, had her baby earlier this week. Will be in the NICU for some time going forward. People of the Ukraine/Russia - Please keep these nations and their citizens in your prayers, and that peace might prevail.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Coplan continues to collect postage stamps if you would like to keep any you receive. You may tear them off of an envelope but make sure you leave 1/8th of an inch (at least) around the stamp. • Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Saturday Gospel Meeting a success. We appreciate you very much! • We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ava Frye (4/28). <i>Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.</i>

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