

Welcome

Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, May 1st, 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.
"The Uniqueness of the
Church"

Scripture Reading AM

Matthew 16:18

P.M.
Postponed

Scripture Reading PM

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You are invited back to all our services!!

Seeing Souls, Not Just People (by Dan Jenkins)

I remember as a young missionary the words of another missionary in New Zealand. We were discussing how to better find individuals to teach and how to lead them to Christ. It was hard to find those interested in the Bible in New Zealand as we tried to do our work. He then said something I will never forget. "Dan, are you still seeing souls?" The world is lost and every person you meet is a soul, but sometimes we fail to see those souls. Christ died for the lost, and our responsibility is to take the gospel to the lost. There is a vast difference between seeing people and seeing souls.

Unlike us, Jesus always saw souls. The classic illustration is Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman at the well. She was amazed that a Jew would even speak to her. She asked Jesus why he would even ask her to give him a drink from the well. Her reason? "The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9).

Jesus was so different from the rabbis of His day. One description of them is found in Robertson's Daily Bible Study. He says, "A rabbi might not even speak to his own wife or daughter in public. There were even Pharisees who were called 'the bruised and bleeding Pharisees' because they shut their eyes when they saw a woman on the street and so walked into walls and houses!" Jesus was not like them. His apostles were so amazed that Jesus was talking to a woman of Samaria but did not ask Him about His actions (John 4:29).

Jesus saw souls, and He saw the soul of the woman of Samaria. The apostles saw her leave to return to the city, not knowing what she did when she came into the city. She told those there to come to the well suggesting that she had found the Messiah. The text then described how those in the city believed her and were coming to the well to investigate for themselves.

Do you know what Jesus said to the apostles as all of this was happening? "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35). The apostles could have seen those coming from the city, and all they saw were Samaritans, a people with whom the apostles had no dealings. Do you know what Jesus saw? He saw souls! When they arrived at the city, they too found the treasures of Jesus. He saw the souls and spent two full days teaching them.

What about us? Do we see the souls of rude servers in a restaurant? Do we see the souls of those around us as we wait in a doctor's office? Do we see the souls, or do we only think of how bad we are being treated? The next time it happens, "Lift up your eyes to the harvest." It will change how you deal with others.

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. 4/24	40
P.M. Sun. 4/24	NR
Wed. 4/27	NR
Offering: \$1190.00	

In Need of Prayer

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.

In Need of Prayer/F.Y.I.

- 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.
- Congratulations to Brian and Faith Tomlin on their wedding yesterday afternoon! We celebrate with you both.
- Andrew will be out of town for the next two Sundays (5/8 and 5/15) but can be reached by phone, text message or facebook.
Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.

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