

Welcome

Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, June 5th, 2022



Those who will be serving in our worship today:

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

**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.
"If You Choose Marriage..."

Scripture Reading AM

Matthew 19:1-10

P.M.
Postponed

Scripture Reading PM

NA

You are invited back to all our services!!

Guide, Guard and Direct Our Paths (by Dan Jenkins)

It is remarkable how often we use the same phrases as we pray. There is nothing wrong with repetition, as long as it is not vain repetition (Matt. 6:7). Over the years I have heard others pray that the preacher might “have a happy recollection of the things he has studied.” I heard it for years but was unable to know what a *happy* recollection was. I sometimes wondered if the person praying those words knew what he was saying. Another phrase I heard as a youth (it often preceded the words about asking all this in the name of Jesus) was that God would “guide, guard and direct our paths.” It is very possible that those who said these words thought God would whisper in their ears or give them “holy hunches” about whether to turn left or right at the next intersection.

We do need to rely on God to direct our paths but not in the way many think. One passage which helped me to understand how God “guides, guards and directs us” is found in the book of Proverbs. It appears that Solomon literally has his children in mind as he writes this book. The phrase “my son” is found 21 times in this book. It is found 15 times in the first seven chapters. The wise king is trying to impart wisdom to his son.

In chapter six, he tells his son to remember his father’s commandments and his mother’s law. He uses the words “lead” and “keep to” in the way many once prayed using the words “guide, guard and direct.” “When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you...for the commandment is a lamp and the law a light” (Prov. 6:22-23).

Think of how these words about listening to the father apply to us listening to our Father. We ask our Father to guide, guard and direct us, and His commandments become a lamp and a law to direct our paths.

Now note one other admonition Solomon gave his son regarding his teachings. “Bind them continually upon your heart; tie them around your neck.” The father’s words can never guide, guard and direct the son if the son does not remember. Wherever the son went, he took his father’s words with him to lead him in the right way.

Isn’t this a beautiful picture of how God can guide us and lead us in the paths of righteousness. “The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple...the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes” (Psa. 19:7-8). So, as you ask God to help you walk close to Him, realize that when we bind His words on our hearts and tie them around our neck these very words become a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Letting Him guide, guard and direct demands Bible study.

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. 5/29	53
P.M. Sun. 5/29	NR
Wed. 6/1	NR
Offering: \$1245.00	

In Need of Prayer

Pat McGuire-US Navy
Paul Turner’s Family - Paul passed away recently. Please continue to keep Judy and family in your prayers.
Kurt Thomas - cancer has been found on his lung, undergoing further treatment.
Robyn McGuire - recently broke her foot, is in a boot and recovering.
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.
- This week we want to remember the birthday of Carter Frye (6/6) and wish him the happiest of birthdays.
- There will be a Men’s Business Meeting immediately following morning worship today.
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!