

Welcome

Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, January 1st, 2023



Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Andrew Beasley	Laings Church of Christ P.O. Box 24 State Route 255 Laings, Ohio 43752 Times of Meeting: Sunday Bible Classes 10:30 AM Worship Services 11:00 AM & 6 PM Wednesday Currently Postponed
Song Leader	Brian Tomlin	
Scripture Reader	Andrew Beasley	
Opening Prayer	Pete Eikleberry	
Sermon	Fred Goddard	
Lord's Table Leader	Jason Workman	
Server	Cooper Thompson	
Server	Tom Frye	
Server	Kenny White	
Closing Prayer	Derrick Landefeld	

THOSE TO CONTACT:

Contact Person: Dwayne Thompson	Ph. 740-391-2678	Today's Sermons <u>A.M.</u> "TBD" Scripture Reading AM TBD <u>P.M.</u> "TBD" Scripture Reading PM TBD
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You are invited back to all our services!!

See You Later (by Andrew Beasley)

Today is a challenging day for me, knowing that this will be my last Sunday here in the pulpit at Laings at the very least for the foreseeable future. I wish that I could express myself more eloquently, and put into words how much you all have meant to me over the course of the past five and a half years. You all took a chance on a young preacher, fresh out of preaching school with no real experience working with a congregation, and put up with the bumps that have come along the way as I learned what it really meant to be involved in full time ministerial work.

As is natural, I suppose, I have spent much of the past two and a half months since announcing my resignation reflecting on the things that I wish I had done better in our time together. I think that is where my thank you begins. Thank you for tolerating my flaws and shortcomings, and being patient with me even when I fell short of the mark at times. Know that if I have ever failed you in any way, or left you feeling like I did not serve you in one circumstance or another as well as I could have, that I am sincerely sorry for that.

At the same time, however, I find myself reflecting on the many good memories that we have shared together. I think about how much some of our young people have grown up, and what wonderful young men and women they have become and are on their way to becoming. I remember how we endured the difficulties, challenges and heartbreaks of the Covid-19 pandemic and how we were among the first congregations to open our doors and get back to worshipping together even if things were abbreviated or done a little differently than beforehand.

I am reminded of some of the final words of Paul to the elder's in Ephesus as he was getting ready to return to Jerusalem. In Acts 20:35 Paul reminds them Christ had stated that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The group would pray together, and Luke tells us that there was much weeping by everyone in part because they would not see each other again. While I won't speak for any of you, I can attest to the fact that the whole of you have given me abundantly beyond what I feel I deserve. I have cherished every moment here at Laings. And whether we ever see each other again here or if that time does not come until Jesus returns, I know that this is not goodbye but simply see you later. I love you all very much. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for everything.

Birthdays This Week

January 4th

Megan Frye

Anniversaries This Week

January 1st

Gary & Janis Alleman (in honor)

Upcoming Speakers

January 1st

Fred Goddard

Final Sunday

Andrew's final Sunday here at Laings will be on January 1st, 2023

Facebook Group

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

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 12/25	42
P.M. Sun. 12/25	NR
Wed. 12/28	NR
Offering: \$1075.00	

In Need of Prayer

In Need of Prayer/F.Y.I.

Pat McGuire-US Navy
Robyn McGuire - recovering from foot surgery, going through therapy.
Larry Eikleberry - recovering from being hospitalized.
The Thomas Family - grieving the loss of Bill
Dawn Bicknell - fighting cancer, needs to be put on an experimental drug list soon. Without this treatment she has been given six months to live.
Bob Decker - Faith Tomlin's son in law, broken back.
Brian Stewart - recovering from surgery to repair his torn patellar tendon

Diana White - Kenny's grandmother, hospitalized and not doing well.
Jean Coplan - fell the weekend before Christmas, needs prayers for improved spirits.

- Jean Coplan continues to collect postage stamps if you would like to save any you receive.
- Sunday Evening Services has been cancelled today.
- Please remember the signup sheets on the foyer news-board.
- Don't forget to fill out a feedback form after hearing the guest speakers that come to try out for the opening here.

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