

TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Tiena Smith
MIDDLE: Norman Alexander
NORTH: Jasmine Arvin

Alternate Scripture Reader: Kevin Wash

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Dave Parson
OPENING PRAYER: Bud Ray
LESSON: Gary Meeker
CLOSING PRAYER: Danny Smith

WEDNESDAY EVENING-MAY 25

SONG LEADER: Dave Parson
DEVOTIONAL: Jay Allison
CLOSING PRAYER: Bill Etchison

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- MAY 29, 2011

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Lorna Gooding
MIDDLE: Mark Gooding
NORTH: Miles Gooding

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Dave Parson

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Kevin Wash
P.M. Jay Allison

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Jay Allison
2ND PRAYER: Robert Allison

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Jim Watters
ALTERNATE: Norman Alexander

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Joe Wolf
A.M. CLOSING: Dave Parson
P.M. OPENING: Ed Boles
P.M. CLOSING: Ray Smith

MAY ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Sean Alexander Henry Batin Austin Hawkins
Ron Johnson Charles Lollar Bob Zachary

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Sara & Marjorie Hollingsworth

COMMUNION: Sara & Marjorie Hollingsworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Norman Alexander

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS:

Ages 3-5: Judy Lippman & Charlotte Meeker
Grades K-4: Richard Shelton

Goals & Achievements

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Sunday Bible Class	88
Sunday A.M. Worship	155
Sunday P.M. Worship	67
Wednesday P.M. Bible Class	107

Last Week's Gifts & Offerings

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3,559.19	\$4,123.25	+\$564.06

Benevolent Gifts & Offerings

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3,000.00	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Norman Alexander 356-4483
Robert Allison, Sr. 534-3569
Barry King 778-4624
Gary Meeker 778-2868

PREACHING MINISTER

Gary Meeker 778-2868

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox 643-5152

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton 356-4473
FACILITIES, Ray Smith 649-7279
FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith 642-4819
HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges 649-5143
MISSIONS, Jay Allison 649-5607
SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner 642-6991
SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding 724-9428
WORSHIP, Jim Morris 534-4448

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ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship:
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening
Worship:
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other times by appointment

Office Hours:
M-F, 9a-2p

A PRISON EXPERIENCE

The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.-Genesis 39:2

JOSEPH attained a place of prominence in Egypt by a difficult road of loneliness and injustice. His brothers, hating him intensely, sold him into slavery, and he was taken to Egypt. Separated from family and friends, he must have been lonely and homesick. But "the Lord was with Joseph."

Through a series of events over which he had no control, he was imprisoned. Joseph's imprisonment was a training period for God's future plan for him.

He learned patience while in prison. Authority given him over the prisoners developed his leadership ability. This was preparation for him later when he directed food distribution during a severe famine.

Joseph may have questioned why his brothers mistreated him; why he was sold into slavery; why he was imprisoned on a charge of which he was innocent. Yet he didn't let his prison experience embitter him. Although he didn't understand it, nor could he see what the future held, he was aware of God's presence with him in prison.

Today you may be in prison. Perhaps you are misunderstood by your family. Or you may be far away from home, and lonely. Whatever your prison experience, humanly speaking, there may be no way out, no immediate solution. What is your reaction? Are you rebellious? Are you questioning God?

God knows the lessons we need to learn, lessons of patience, submission, and self-denial. Our faith may need strengthening. We may be so concerned that God remove us from prison that we miss the lessons he has for us in prison.

Our prison term may seem long, but the God who was with Joseph when he was taken into Egypt, and the God who was with him when he was in prison, is the God who is with us today.



Welcome

Cheerfully, we welcome all who have come! May God put joy in our hearts and wisdom in our minds and strength to do God's will. Come! Let us praise the Creator of us all.

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time.

Please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

This morning there is a Bible class available during the sermon for children from age 3 and up thru the 4th grade. Children will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper Observance.

To our members: Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week.

Thank you.
~The Elders

The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes

Questions and Bible Answers

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Jim Watters

Song Service led by: Jim Morris

103– *He Has Made Me Glad*

Prayer: Jay Allison

238– *You Are the Song That I Sing*

Offering

221– *Jesus, Names Above All Names*

222– *There's Something About That Name*

176– *Lamb of God*

The Lord's Supper

1st Prayer– Mark Gooding

2nd Prayer—Joe Wolf

1014– *Jesus Loves Me*
(Children dismissed to classes)

250– *The Great Redeemer*

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 7:13-27*

Donovan Archer

Lesson: Gary Meeker

417– *Where He Leads I'll Follow*

Announcements: Norman Alexander

699– *I'll Be a Friend to Jesus*

Prayer: Ryan Cox

Congratulations graduates!

Vickie Smith graduated from Ivy Tech on May 6th with an Associates Degree in Nursing.

James Mercer will be graduating from the Army's boot camp on May 26th in Ft. Jackson, N.C.

David Archer will be graduating from Daleville High School on June 3rd. Currently he works at Marsh, does some farming, landscaping and snow removal. He plans to attend Ivy Tech and study Emergency Services. An open house in his honor will be on June 5th, 2-5pm, at his home.

Colin Zachary will be graduating from Pendleton Heights High School on June 5th. He currently works at Subway. An open house in his honor will be on June 4th, 1-5pm, in the Community Room of the Independent Federal Credit Union (38th & Scatterfield Rd.)

Nick Allison will also graduate from Pendleton Heights High School.

He currently works at Target.

He, too, plans to attend Ivy Tech.

An open house in his honor will be on June 11th, 12:30-4:30pm, at his home.

We will make special recognition of these graduates and their accomplishments at our June Birthday/Anniversary pitch-in on June 19th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Happy Birthday to:

Lois Gaw.....TODAY!	Ray Pigg.....TODAY!
Larry Brown.....May 25	April Mattox.....May 27

Happy Anniversary to:

Bud & Betty Dietrich.....May 23	Charles & Mary Buckner.....May 28
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TODAY

Elders/Deacons/Preachers: There will be a meeting at 4:00 pm. The Elders greatly encourage your attendance.

COMING SOON!

June 11-12

Marriage Seminar

The West Side Church of Christ is hosting a marriage seminar with speaker B.J. Clarke. Saturday the 11th, B.J. will be speaking to the men and his wife, Tish, will speak to the women about 'How to Build a Rock Solid Marriage'. On Sunday the 12th, B.J. will be speaking on 'How to Build a Rock Solid Home'. More information is posted on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.

June 24-25

Men's Fishing Trip

Boats are full! \$Money for this trip is due to Gary Meeker by June 12.

Sunday Morning Sermon: Exhortations To Enter The Kingdom

Gary Meeker

Text: Matthew 7:13-27—13) "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14) "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it. 15) "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16) "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17) "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18) "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19) "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20) "So then, you will know them by their fruits. 21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22) "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23) "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' 24) "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25) "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26) "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27) "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall." -NASB

I. A Review Of The Kingdom

A. The term "Kingdom of Heaven"

B. Therefore, we know...

II. The Exhortation To Enter

A. The entrance into the Kingdom is narrow

B. The "way" of the Kingdom is difficult

III. Beware Of False Prophets

A. Who can lead us astray

B. How can we identify them?

IV. The Need To Be "Doers"

A. Only by "doing" can we enter

B. Only by "acting upon" Jesus words can we stand firm

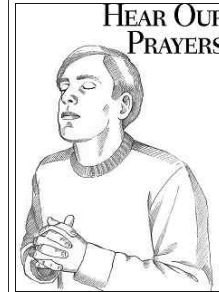
I. The Need To Give Thanks

- A. Ingratitude displeases God
- B. We are to have an attitude of gratitude
- C. Thankfulness is key

II. How To Be Thankful In Everything

- A. Remember that all things work for good...
- B. Express thanks in every prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ron Johnson will soon be seeing a heart transplant specialist.
Mary Lou Brock asks for prayers for her friend, **Carmen Watkins**, whose 14 yr. old son, **John**, was shot in the eye with a pellet gun; and for her friend, **Clauleen**, who is need of a liver transplant.

Tiena Smith will be having surgery. She also asks for prayer for her father, **William Bair**, who will be having gall bladder surgery on Friday; and for **Amanda Hayes** who had part of her tongue removed last Thursday due to cancer.

Ryan Cox asks for prayers for his cousin, **Meredith**, who gave birth to triplets last Friday via C-section.

Ron Garrett's niece, **Tanya Hullman**, is battling cancer and is in a coma.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne Bryan, Vic & Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Tiena Smith, Luther Hodges, Marie Davis, Bob Stalnaker, Jean Kinser, Cona Mae Winkle, Lura Richardson

OUR HOMEBOUND: Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Norma Musick, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout, Mandy Ray, Jean Kendall, Rosemary Beals, Jean Kinser

OUR NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Manor Care: Jewell Braden

Fall Creek Retirement Village: Mattye Gum

Meadowbrook Rehab Center: Laura Oliver

Rawlins House: Betty Wunder, Garnet McKinney

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins, Robbie Dickerson

Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield: Mary Janes

Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown: Gladys Boles, Betty Hathcoat

MISSION WORKERS: Jody Apple (TN), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy)

Greg Jones has expressed his desire to work with the Lord's church here at Columbus Ave! Please add his information to your directory:

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