

# *Columbus Avenue Church of Christ*

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## ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

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

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

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other times by appointment

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## THE GIANT WITH A SWORD AND THE PEBBLE FROM THE LORD

By: Ryan Cox

I believe the best way to illustrate in one statement, the epic battle between David and Goliath, would be to say, "It was a BIG FLOP." The history of this famous bout can be found beginning at 1 Samuel 17. From the eyes of mankind, this must have been the most lopsided battle in the history of the world, a Shepard boy accepting the challenge of the great giant warrior of the Philistines. However, when we look at it from the standpoint of God, when we remove our clouded vision, that only sees the physical stature of the situation; then we can see that the battle truly was lopsided. It was no coincidence that David literally, flattened, (1 Samuel 17:49) the giant and took his greatest pride, his over sized head. "So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled" (1 Samuel 17:50, 51). I'm not sure what is more pathetic; the over confidence of Goliath in his spear, his sword, his armor, and his big words, or the lack of confidence of the Philistines, cowardly running away from a Shepard boy who had just cut the pride from their army.

There are a couple of things we can learn briefly from the battle of David and Goliath. First, no matter how lopsided the battle may appear, the Lord God Almighty always stands on the winning side, as do those who stand with Him. Second, in what shall we place our faith? Goliath hid behind taunting words, rude and irreverent manners, and physical prowess. These are many of the same things that people hide behind today. But history continues to repeat itself; those who place their faith in the Lord shall be victorious. Last, we need to allow God to work thru us. The Lord needed only one brave soul to man the battle field and the battle was over before a single drop of sweat or blood hit the ground. God can do wonderful and amazing things, when we present ourselves as vessels for His will.



**Welcome**

With true enthusiasm we greet all who have come to worship. Peter wrote, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer...” (I Peter 3:12). Therefore, with sincerity and single-mindedness, let us praise our Lord. Welcome!

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place in in the offering tray and please remember to silence all cell phones and pagers during worship.

**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

**Goals & Achievements**

**Attendance**

<b><u>Assembly</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	97
Sunday A.M. Worship	170
Sunday P.M. Worship	113
Wednesday Bible Class	100

**Gifts & Offerings**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
\$3, 889.31	\$3372.37
	(-\$516.94)

**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**Greeting the Assembly:** Jin Watters

**Song Service led by:** Jim Harrison

**528–** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

**464–** *Because He Lives*

**Prayer:** Ed Boles

**376–** *He Paid a Debt*

**Contribution**

**349–** *Ten Thousand Angels*

**The Lord’s Supper**

1st Prayer– B.R. Hathcoat

2nd Prayer– Dale Wiles

**523–** *I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me*  
(Children 3 years—4th grade dismissed to classes)

**712–** *Jesus Is Coming Soon*

**Scripture Reading:** Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; 6:7-9  
Miles Gooding

**Congregation:** Psalms 118:24

*“This is the day the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

**852–** *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

**Announcements**

**867–** *To Canaan’s Land I’m on My Way*

**Prayer:** Ryan Cox

**Sunday Morning Sermon:**

The Preacher's Observations

part 2

Text: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7; 6:7-9

I. Counsel Concerning Worship

A. Why proper worship is important

B. How to worship God

II. Comfort Regarding Oppression

A. Oppression does occur

B. The Preacher says do not marvel

III. Caution Regarding Riches

A. Riches are vanity

B. The Preacher's observations concerning riches

**Tonight's worship service is our monthly sermon in song.  
We will continue our study on "Is Your Heart Right with God" next week.**

**Is Thy Heart Right with God?**

1. Have thine affections been nailed to the cross?  
Is thy heart right with God?  
Dost thou count all things for Jesus but loss?  
Is thy heart right with God?
  
2. Hast thou dominion o'er self and o'er sin?  
Is thy heart right with God?  
Over all evil without and within?  
Is thy heart right with God?
  
3. Are all thy pow'rs under Jesus' control?  
Is thy heart right with God?  
Does He each moment abide in thy soul?  
Is thy heart right with God?

Chorus: Is thy heart right with God,  
washed in the crimson flood,  
cleansed and made holy,  
humble and lowly,  
right in the sight of God?

## Is Thy Heart Right with God?

*"Suffer Him with a perfect heart...for the Lord searcheth all hearts" (1 Chr. 28.9).*

A hymn which asks if we have a perfect heart before Him who searches all hearts is "Is Thy Heart Right With God?" The text was written and the tune was composed both by Elisha Albright Hoffman (1839-1929). A native of Orwigsburg, PA, he was a minister with the Evangelical Church and spent most of his life in his native state, although he lived his last days in Benton Harbor, MI, and Chicago, IL. Although never formally trained in music, he contributed more than 2000 gospel songs to various publications. Also he served with the Evangelical Association Publishing House in Cleveland, OH, for eleven years, and later with Hope Publishing Co. beginning in 1894. For many of his songs, Hoffman produced both words and music. Undoubtedly, his most famous hymn is "I Must Tell Jesus." Others include "Are You Washed in the Blood," "What a Wonderful Savior" which has appeared in some of our songbooks, and "Is Your All on the Altar?" which has not. "Is Thy Heart Right With God" was first published in 1899 with five stanzas. The omitted stanza's are:

*"Is there no more condemnation for sin? Is thy heart right with God?  
Does Jesus rule in the temple within? Is thy heart right with God?"*

*"Art thou now walking in heaven's pure light? Is thy heart right with God?  
Is thy soul wearing the garment of white? Is thy heart right with God?"*

Whenever we sin, our hearts are not right in the sight of God (Acts 8.21-22). Therefore, as we strive to prepare ourselves for "heaven's pure light," we need to be examining ourselves and answering that all-important question, "Is Thy Heart Right With God?"

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### The Watering Hole

*Gospel Minutes*– "Let Us Run the Race"  
*Church Growth Magazine*– Catch the Age Wave





**We Bow Our Heads in Prayer:**

**Rosemary Littrell** requests prayers for her neighbor, **Bill Twiggs**, who had knee replacement surgery last Wednesday.

**Jim Watters** requests prayers for **Phyllis Watters** who had surgery on her tongue last Thursday.

**David Marcum** is at home now.

**Richard Shelton's** mother, **Pernie Shelton**, is in Community Hospital, room 379.

**Mark Gooding** requests prayers for his mother, **Carol Dugger**, who will be having back surgery at Ball Memorial this Wednesday.

**With Sympathy:** **Tiphani & Trenton Lodge's** grandmother, **Lynn Irvin**, passed away last Friday morning. At the time of publishing the bulletin, funeral arrangements were not finalized. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**Congratulations!:** To Mr. & Mrs. Mattox! April Meeker and Justin Mattox were married yesterday. We pray for God's presence and continued care as they begin their lives together.

**FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING CONCERNS:** Bill Beck, Bessie Coppock, Mattye Gum, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Laura Oliver, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Thelma Smith, Nina McIntyre, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:**

**Community Northview:** Margie Tompkins

**Manor Care:** Selbert & Jewell Braden

**Rawlins House, Pendleton:** Betty Wunder

**Meadowbrook Rehab Center:** Hubert Oliver, Anna Norris, LaTheda Hathcoat

**Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield:** Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson

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

**Keystone Woods:** Charlie Callendar

**Summitville Convalescent Center:** Lola Conner

**Community Parkview, Elwood:** Albert Burton

**OUR MISSION WORKERS:**

Jody & Evelyn Apple (Pennsylvania), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Selbert Braden**.....Oct. 22

**Laura Oliver**.....95th.....Oct. 25

**Happy Anniversary to:**

**Bob & Mary Zachary**.....50th....Today!

**Phil & Lois Meeker**.....35th....Oct. 20

**Don & Debbie Archer**.....Oct. 22

**Dates to Remember...**

**Oct. 21-** Ladies Lunch

**Oct. 25-** Open House

**Nov. 1-** Fall Festival

**Nov. 7-8-** Ladies Retreat

**Nov. 9-** EDP Budget Meeting



**Teacher Needed**

We are in immediate need of a teacher for the Wednesday night 4 yr. old-kindergarten class. If you can help, please let Richard Shelton know.

**Hunger Pains**

Please check the needed pantry items posted in the auditorium window “panes” and help us stock our shelves. Our goal is to have this accomplished by the end of the month.

**Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in**

We will be celebrating those in our church family who have a birthday &/or anniversary in October with a Mexican-themed pitch-in TONIGHT after the evening song service. During this time we will also be celebrating the upcoming wedding of Abel Contreras who is getting married in Mexico in December! If you would like to contribute towards a money tree wedding gift, please see Richard and Diane Shelton TODAY!

**Ladies Lunch**

If you would like to attend the monthly lunch at Ponderosa this Tuesday at 11:30 am., please sign up TODAY on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board.

**Open House**

Please join us in celebrating the marriage of Justin and April Mattox at a Dinner Reception on October 25, 2008 anytime between 5 and 8 pm at the Columbus Ave. Church of Christ.

**Fall Festival**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual Fall Festival at the Shelton's Saturday, November 1 at 5:00 pm. You won't want to miss out on all the fun! There will be a big pot of chili, please bring along a covered dish or dessert and your lawn chairs. Enjoy a hayride or warm yourself by the bonfire!

**Ladies Retreat**

The annual Ladies Retreat is set for Friday, November 7 at 6:30 pm thru Saturday, November 8 at 3:00 pm at the Lee's Inn. If you have any questions, please see Becky King or Sue Morris.

**EDP Budget Meeting**

There will be a meeting for all Elders, Deacons and Preachers on Sunday, November 9th at 4:30 pm to discuss the 2009 budget.

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Ryan Cox

**MIDDLE:** Bill Etchison

**NORTH:** Shirley Etchison

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Josh Johnson

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Dianne Parson

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Ryan Cox

**LESSON:** *Sermon in Song*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Jim Watters

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Jim Morris

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2008**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Angy Hughes

**MIDDLE:** James Hughes

**NORTH:** Caleb & Jared Hughes

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Bob Moorman

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Jim Morris            **P.M.** Jay Allison

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Ray Smith

**2ND PRAYER:** Ron Garrett

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Donovan Archer

**ALTERNATE:** Jared Hughes

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Dave Parson

**A.M. CLOSING:** James Hughes

**P.M. OPENING:** Gary Johnson

**P.M. CLOSING:** Jim Harrison

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Angy Hughes

*There are no strangers;  
just friends we haven't met yet!*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING-- OCTOBER 22, 2008**

**SONG LEADER:** TBD

**DEVOTIONAL:** Ryan Cox

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Jay Allison

**OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS**

**ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:**

Bob Moorman            Gary Johnson

Matt Johnson            Philip Johnson

Ron Johnson            Ben Wade

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** Verla Wright

**COMMUNION:** John & Chris Hollingsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Gary Meeker

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER**

**Ages 3-5:** Debbie Archer & Boys

**Grades K-4:** Richard Shelton

**SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK**

Norman Alexander            378-6420

Robert Allison, Sr.            534-3569

Barry King            778-4624

Gary Meeker            778-2868

**PREACHING MINISTER**

Gary Meeker            778-2868

**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER**

Ryan Cox            (765) 717-1858

**SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH**

BENEVOLENCE, Dale Wiles            644-5387

COMMUNICATIONS, James Hughes            (317) 747-9158

EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton            378-3945

FACILITIES, Ray Smith            649-7279

FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson            378-7179

FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith            642-4819

HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges            649-5143

INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison            642-8668

MISSIONS, Jay Allison            649-5607

SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner            642-6991

SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding            724-9428

WORSHIP, Jim Morris            534-4448