

Columbus Avenue Church of Christ

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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

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THE RIPPLE EFFECT

By Ryan Cox

When I was young I always enjoyed the water; whether it was a pool, a lake, a river, a creek, or just a mud puddle, I was in it. One thing I remember brought great fascination to me, even though I did not have a name for it. “The ripple effect,” was caused by tossing something into the water. From that point, little waves would move in every direction without seemingly any end point, at least as long as there was water. When a larger object was tossed in the water, the waves became bigger. This was a pattern that I began to notice, and so my goal was to role the biggest rock that I could into the water. Sometimes the waves became so large that you could almost ride them. From this I began to learn, though I didn’t know it, about how the effects of a little splash or disruption can reach so far.

There is a biblical account that reminds me of the “Ripple Effect” and how far reaching sin can be. Some sin and the decisions made by people we have never meet, can account for generations of consequences and anguish. The children of Israel and the Northern Kingdom learned this the hard way over a period of about 250 years and it ended with their destruction. 1 Kings 12:1-33 recounts for us the sin of Jeroboam. Around 977 B.C. Israel split because of the harsh taxes invoked by Rehoboam upon the Northern tribes. Jeroboam became king of the Northern tribes and out of fear that the hearts of the people would be turned again to Jerusalem (vs. 27), he erected two golden calves, appointed his own priests, and established new feast days. This was in direct contradiction to God’s commands to not worship “Idols.” The effects of this sin followed the children of Israel for many generations. For every king was said to have, “walked in the ways of Jeroboam.” What we can learn from this is the great consequences both good and bad that everything we say, do, and support can have on others. It is only by doing God’s will that we know for sure which direction our ripple effect is carrying us and those we influence.



Welcome

This very hour, this very minute, we have the wonderful opportunity to come before the Lord with rejoicing. In a spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come. Let us lift up our hearts to the Lord.

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.

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

<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Sunday Bible Class	92
Sunday A.M. Worship	183
Sunday P.M. Worship	97
Wednesday Bible Class	107

Gifts & Offerings

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$3, 889.31	\$4290.00 (+\$400.69)

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Dave Parson

Song Service led by: Jim Morris

103– *He Has Made Me Glad*

83– *God Is So Good*

64– *I Worship You, Almighty God*

Prayer: Richard Shelton

694– *Servant Song*

Contribution

321– *What Is He Worth To Your Soul?*

The Lord’s Supper

1st Prayer– Bill Etchison

2nd Prayer– Richard Shelton

1014– *Jesus Loves Me*

(Children 3 years—4th grade dismissed to classes)

514– *Redeemed*

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 8:10-13

Caleb Hughes

Congregation: Psalms 118:24

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

Lesson: Gary Meeker

916– *What A Day That Will Be*

Announcements

853– *When We All Get To Heaven*

Prayer: Joe Wolf

Sunday Morning Sermon: Wisdom To Endure Life's Vanities Part 1

Text: Ecclesiastes 8:10-13

I. Enduring The Governments Of Men

- A. Submit to authorities for God's sake
- B. Anticipate wicked rulers
- C. Expect to be perplexed
- D. Enjoy life

II. Enduring The Inevitability Of Death

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The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes
*You and the Church
*“So Great a Salvation”



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*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise,
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*I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
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*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
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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

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Dates to Remember...

NOVEMBER



Today– Baby Shower

Today– Birthday/
Anniversary Pitch-in


Nov. 18– Ladies Lunch

Nov. 21– Youth Devotional

Nov. 27– Thanksgiving
Church Offices Closed

THIS WEEK


Ladies Lunch



All the women of the congregation are encouraged to meet each other for lunch at the Ponderosa Steakhouse at 11:30 am on Tuesday, November 18. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board.

Calling All Youth!

Join us for tacos and a devo at 7:00 pm this Friday at the Gooding's. Please let Ryan know if you will need transportation.




Happy Birthday to:

Bob Fraser.....Nov. 17


Carla Wable.....Nov. 21

Charlotte Meeker.....55th!.....Nov. 22



COMING UP

Holiday Dinner



Columbus Avenue's Annual Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at 5:00 pm. Meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts. If you would like to make monetary donations towards gifts, please see Gary & Darla Johnson.

TODAY


Baby Shower



There will be a shower here at the church building TODAY from 3:00-5:30 pm for Ryan & Summer Cox who are expecting a baby boy in December.

Volunteers Needed

Sign up sheets for Communion and Care of Baptismal Clothes in 2009 are posted on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board. We are also in need of Teachers for Children's Bible Hour, ages 3-5. Please sign up if you can help.



TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Dave Parson

MIDDLE: Bob Moorman

NORTH: Dianne Parson

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Gary Johnson

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Denise Hawkins

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Ryan Cox

LESSON: *Singing*

OPENING PRAYER: Gary Johnson

CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Harrison

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2008

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Darla Johnson

MIDDLE: Philip Johnson

NORTH: Gary Johnson

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Jim Watters

SONG LEADERS:

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

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Ryan Cox

2ND PRAYER: Ed Boles

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Barry King

ALTERNATE: Bob Moorman

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Robert Allison, Sr.

A.M. CLOSING: Dale Wiles

P.M. OPENING: Norman Alexander

P.M. CLOSING: Dan Smith

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Susan Zachary

*Sometimes the Lord calms the storm; sometimes
He lets the storm rage and calms His child.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING— NOVEMBER 19, 2008

SONG LEADER: Miles Gooding

DEVOTIONAL: Mark Gooding

CLOSING PRAYER: Mark Gooding

NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

David Archer Nick Allison

Josh Johnson Colin Zachary

Joe Wolf Charles Lollar

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Becky King

COMMUNION: Lorna Gooding

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Norman Alexander

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER

Ages 3-5: Kathi Yeryar & Betty Dietrich

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

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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