

# 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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## God Gives Me Strength

For thousands of years a popular club has been offering memberships throughout the world. It's a prolific club. It's the "I Can't" club.

Under the bylaws, club members are required to make "I can't" statements with conviction: "I can't help but hate after what he's done to me." "I can't quit this sin." "I can't forgive again!" Because of the fervor of these statements, it sounds as if each is an unchangeable, universal law.

Everyone is subject to one law of science, the law of gravity— the force that pulls every object to the center of the earth. In a similar way, members of the "I Can't" club are prisoners to the downward pull of defeat— they are not only ground-bound but sin-bound.

Do you feel bound to a certain sin? Does quitting the "I Can't" club seem impossible? The Father refuses to let "can't" be the universal password of his children. At your salvation he gave you the spirit of God so that you would have the *strength* of God. He made it possible for you to overcome any sin. How? By replacing one law with another:

***The law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).***

Let's think about the law of gravity again. Can you imagine a 190-ton mass of metal rising against gravity's pull? Impossible? It can't be done! Oh, yes it can.....by using a "higher law." When you, in faith, give yourself over to the principle of aerodynamics, you can enter an airplane with full confidence that it will fly you from one city to another. You are no longer ground-bound.

Similarly, when you, in faith, give yourself over to the Spirit's control, the "I can't" statements will no longer bind you. When God fills your spirit with His Spirit and infuses you with his strength, you are no longer captive to any temptation. Every *can't* becomes a *can*.

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**Welcome**

Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.

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**

<b><u>Assembly</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	101
Sunday A.M. Worship	177
Sunday P.M. Worship	117
Wednesday Bible Class	106

**Gifts & Offerings**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
\$3, 889.31	\$3358.00
	(-\$531.31)

**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**Greeting the Assembly:** Jim Watters

**Song Service led by:** Jim Harrison

**23–** *Our God, He Is Alive*

**394–** *Walk with Me*

**Prayer:** Robert Allison, Sr.

**376–** *He Paid a Debt*

**Contribution**

**354–** *I Gave My Life for Thee*

**The Lord’s Supper**

1st Prayer– Ryan Cox

2nd Prayer– Ed Boles

**969–** *Don’t You Want to Go to That Land*  
(Children 3 years—4th grade dismissed to classes)

**985–** *When Morning Comes*

**Scripture Reading:** Ecclesiastes 10:1-4, 11:1-2  
Barry King

**Congregation:** Psalms 118:24

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

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

**940–** *Only a Step*

**Announcements**

**1005–** *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

**Prayer:** Dale Wiles

Text: Ecclesiastes 10:1-4, 11:1-2

10:1) As dead flies give perfume a bad smell, so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor. 2) The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of a fool to the left. 3) Even as he walks along the road, the fool lacks sense and shows everyone how stupid he is. 4) If a ruler's anger rises against you, do not leave your post; calmness can lay great errors to rest. 11:1) Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again. 2) Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

## I. The Harm Of Folly

A. Folly deplored

B. Folly manifested in government

C. Be careful little mouth what you say

## II. The Value Of Benevolence

A. An exhortation to benevolence

B. More reasons to be benevolent

**Sunday Evening Sermon:** I Have Set The Lord Always Before Me

Text: Psalms 16:8

I. Set The Lord Before You Through God's Creation

A. Let nature help you grow close to God

B. Others used natural settings

II. Set The Lord Before You Through God's Revelation

A. God's Word provides the full revelation of God

B. Others depended on the Word

III. Set The Lord Before Through Prayer

A. A close relationship requires two way communication

B. Others have found help through prayer

IV. Set The Lord Before You Through Fellowship

A. Fellowship creates strength

B. The early church found strength

C. Our assemblies can be a foretaste of God's presence



**With Prayers and Thanksgiving:**

**Ron Johnson** is home now.

**Mark Gooding's** mother, **Carol Dugger**, has been moved to a continuing care. She will be there for 2-3 weeks.

**Thank You:** **Lola Conner** wishes to thank all the ladies of the church for the Cheer Basket. She said; "You didn't have to do it, but I'm glad you did!"

**Bob & Betty Hathcoat** also express their appreciation with a big "Thank You, Thank You!"

**FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING CONCERNS:**

Bill Beck, Bessie Coppock, Mattye Gum, Ron Johnson, John & 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, Lois Montgomery

**OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:**

**Community Northview:** Margie Tompkins

**Keystone Woods:** Charlie Callendar

**Manor Care:** Selbert & Jewell Braden

**Summitville Convalescent Center:** Lola Conner

**Rawlins House, Pendleton:** Betty Wunder

**Community Parkview, Elwood:** Albert Burton

**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

**OUR MISSION WORKERS:**

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



**The Watering Hole**

*Gospel Minutes*

Questions and Bible Answers



**Involvement Sheets**

Haven't filled out and turned in an Involvement Sheet yet? Please do so today!

**5th Sunday Evening Worship Service**

Next Sunday evening's worship will be lead by our younger people!  
Your attendance encourages them and everyone else. Be here!



**Volunteers Needed**

Sign up sheets for Communion and Care of Baptismal Clothes in 2009 are posted on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board. Please sign up if you can help.

**The following Deacons need to check their mailboxes!**

Jim Harrison      James Hughes  
Richard Shelton    Gary Johnson



**Happy Birthday to:**

Susan Zachary.....TODAY!  
Tiena Smith.....TODAY!  
Bobby Allison.....Nov. 27  
Jordyn Wade.....Nov. 27  
Clyde Dulworth.....Nov. 28  
Jennifer O'Bryant.....Nov. 29



**Happy Anniversary to:**

Don & Beth Cline.....TODAY!

**Dates to Remember...**

**NOVEMBER**



Nov. 27- Thanksgiving  
*Church Offices Closed*

Dec. 4-Secret Sister  
Ornament Exchange



Dec. 6-Holiday Dinner

Dec. 7- Nursing Home Devotional

Dec. 13- Youth Devotional

Dec. 14- SNAC

Dec. 16- Ladies Lunch

Dec. 21- Anniversary/Birthday Pitch-in

Dec. 25- Christmas  
*Church Offices Closed*

**Secret Sisters**

The Secret Sisters will be gathering at Montana Mike's for dinner at 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 4th. Afterwards we will come to the church building for games and a \$5 ornament exchange. At this time, you may also bring a holiday gift for your secret sister! See Lorna if you have questions.



### Holiday Dinner

Columbus Avenue's Annual Holiday Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 6. Meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts. If you have a child age 9 or under that will be attending, please sign them up on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board. If you would like to make monetary donations towards gifts, please see Gary & Darla Johnson. Also, there will be "Reindeer Games" for kids in grades K-6 in the lower level classrooms. To help them out, we need 3-4 couples or individuals who would also like to have some "reindeer fun" with the young people. Please see Jim Harrison a.s.a.p. if you can help.



*Thank You, Lord*

*At this time, Lord, I want to come to you without problems but to simply say Thank you:*

*For your forgiveness when I fail.*

*For the sheer joy of sleep when I'm terribly tired.*

*For the silent strength of humility when pride overtakes me.*

*For the justice of your laws when men are cruel.*

*For the remedies for sickness when I am ill.*

*For the simplicity of orderliness when I face confusion.*

*For the assurance that you have made a place especially for me when I feel inadequate among my peers.*

*For the joy of helping others when I see people in need.*

*For the earthly evidences of your will when I'm trying to find out what life is all about.*

*For the reality of your world when I stray too far into fantasy.*

*For the rightness of reasonableness when I panic too quickly.*

*For the fun that refreshes when everything gets too serious.*

*For the renewal in moments of silence when I'm dizzy from being busy in a hectic world.*

*Thank you, Lord, for all these things. But most of all, thank you for your abiding presence that makes every day I live a day of thanks.*

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Darla Johnson

**MIDDLE:** Philip Johnson

**NORTH:** Gary Johnson

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Bob Moorman

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Susan Zachary

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Jay Allison

**LESSON:** Gary Meeker

**OPENING PRAYER:** Norman Alexander

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Dan Smith

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2008**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** James Hughes

**MIDDLE:** Caleb & Jared Hughes

**NORTH:** Angy Hughes

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Ryan Cox

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Jay Allison      **P.M.** Ed Kinser

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Jim Harrison

**2ND PRAYER:** B.R. Hathcoat

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Clint Huffman

**ALTERNATE:** Mark Gooding

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Ryan Cox

**A.M. CLOSING:** Jim Morris

**P.M. OPENING:** Jay Allison

**P.M. CLOSING:** Gary Meeker

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Darla Johnson

*Little by little, time goes by.  
Short if you laugh, long if you sigh.*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING— NOVEMBER 26, 2008**

**SONG LEADER:** Gary Meeker

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jay Allison

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Clint Huffman

**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**

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