

# *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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## In A Great Way

There used to be a miniature railway in England that was said to be the smallest in the world. It actually ran. You could travel on it, although you were bigger than the engine. The drawback was that soon you were cramped and tired in the little carriages that bumped along the tiny track, and that the train did not go far.

So it is with our lives, if we allow ourselves to become dwarfed by the little frets, little slights, little prejudices, and little vanities that seem to crop up almost before we realize they are present. When we think only of ourselves we become smaller and smaller.

We have a great God. Ours is a great world. We have a great mission. It takes thinking in a big way. We must overcome petty feelings with generosity of heart. While life consists largely of little things—routine tasks, seemingly unimportant small duties, annoying details that seem always to be in our road, we can do them in a big way.

This seems hard to achieve. But if we remember that our resources are in God, we know that sufficient power is in Him. He lifts us above the humdrum routine of everyday living. In God there are resources to help us to live in a great world in a great way.

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**Welcome**

The Church of Christ welcomes you. Here we strive to follow Jesus as He is seen in the New Testament. We pray, study, sing and commune together to grow closer to God and each other.

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	91
Sunday A.M. Worship	164
Sunday P.M. Worship	101
Wednesday Bible Class	114

**Gifts & Offerings**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
\$3, 889.31	\$2,458.00
	(-\$1,431.31)

**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**Greeting the Assembly:** Gary Johnson

**Song Service led by:** Jim Morris

**(Insert)–** *Oft We Come Together*

**221–** *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

**222–** *There’s Something About That Name*

**Prayer:** Ed Boles

**307–** *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*

**Contribution**

**356–** *I Believe in Jesus*

**The Lord’s Supper**

1st Prayer– Norman Alexander

2nd Prayer– Dale Wiles

**1014–** *Jesus Loves Me*

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

**412–** *Jesus, Hold My Hand*

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:1,2

Jim Harrison

**Congregation:** Psalms 118:24

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

**Lesson:** Ryan Cox

**414–** *Anywhere with Jesus*

**Announcements:** Ryan Cox

**417–** *Where He Leads I’ll Follow*

**Prayer:** Bill Etchison

**Sunday Morning Sermon:                    RUNNING UP HILL**

Text: Romans 12:1,2

THESIS: The Lord has always warned His people about the evil things of this world.

INTRODUCTION:

1. God's people are faced everyday with the corrupting influence of an evil environment
2. Ex. 23:2 - ***Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:***

DISCUSSION:

I. THE SITUATION OF MAN - Eph. 2:1-3

- A. Man by nature is a social being.
- B. There are advantages to dwelling together - a man is able to enjoy the fruits and advantages of his own labor and others as well.
- C. Many dangers accompany this advantage
- D. Custom fashion and example often wield a more powerful influence on people than reason, reflection, and good judgment.
- E. So many practices are so common and irresistible that they have lost their sinful appearance - John 5:18,19 -
- F. We are being faced with and "In your face approach"

II. GOD'S FAITHFUL MEN FACED DIRE TIMES:

- A. It is dangerous to follow the multitude because the multitude is almost always on the wrong side.
- B. Noah - Gen. 6
- C. Elijah - 1 Kings 19
- D. Christ - was rejected by His contemporaries.

CONCLUSION:

1. Will we be conformed or transformed.
2. Can we learn from the examples of Godly men and women who went before us.

## **Sunday Evening Sermon: WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN?**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. What is beyond the door of death?
2. Man can learn more from the scriptures pertaining to man's origin, mission, and destiny in five minutes of study than the wisest of men have been able to learn in thousands of years outside of the wisdom of the Bible.

### **I. WHAT IS MAN?**

- A. Before we can determine what we will be, we must determine what we are (Ps. 8 - Heb. 2).
- B. The scriptures ask and answer this question (Job. 32:8 - Dan. 7:15 - Zech. 12:1)
- C. We are concerned today with answering the question of the destination and condition of the spirit after it is separated from the body.

### **II. WHERE THE SPIRIT DOES NOT GO:**

- A. It does not go into the grave, this should be a great comfort to us.
- B. Notice the assurance "We know" 2 Cor. 5:1 -
- C. Does the Bible speak of it's locality? Acts 2 - Luke 23:43 - 2 Cor. 4:17.

### **III. WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN:**

- A. Death is the separation of the spirit from its earthly body (house
- B. Illustration: - When you move from a home, you do not leave all the memories of that home in that home, but you take them with you, these are characteristics of the spirit (1 Cor. 2:10).
- C. We will have a body - mortal to immortal - 1 Cor. 15

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. It is in wonder and hope of this glorious immortality that we labor and patiently wait here
2. The material things of this world will be minuscule in sight of this prized possession.



**Before The Father's Throne:**

**Bob Fraser** had surgery last Thursday.

**Lois Montgomery** is in St. Vincent's Hospital. She is not able to receive flowers or visitors at this time.

**The Hughes' family** requests prayers for their neighbors, **the Beane family**, whose 2 year old son, **Oliver**, had a tumor removed and no longer has the ability to walk or move his arms and legs. He has to relearn how to feed himself, walk, etc. They are new to the area having moved here from California this past summer. They have a long road of physical therapy, etc. to help him recover.

**Bobby Allison** experienced problems with blood pressure, blood sugar and heart last week. He was to be released from the hospital yesterday.

**Becky Wade's** father is struggling with a dangerously low heart rate. Doctors are hoping to correct it with medication.

**Lura Richardson** continues to recover from pneumonia.

**Luther Hodges** was at Ball Memorial Hospital last week receiving Dialysis. He was expected to be home by today.

**Charlotte Meeker** has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer. She was to see an Oncologist last Thursday.

**Verla Wright's** daughter, **Darcy Jordan**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Cards of encouragement can be sent to: *4433 Hale St., The Colony, TX 75056*

**Tiena Smith** will be having shoulder surgery soon. She see's the surgeon tomorrow to schedule the surgery. She also requests prayers for the family of her friend, **Norm Robinson**, who passed away last week.

Please continue to pray for **Betty Meeker** and **Mary Anne Watters** as their health continues to improve.

**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)

**Dates to Remember...**



**Today**– Nursing Home Devotional

**Dec. 14**– SNAC

**Dec. 16**– Ladies Lunch

**Dec. 21**– Anniversary/Birthday Pitch-in

**Dec. 25**– Christmas  
*Church Offices Closed*

**Happy Birthday to:**

Bonnie Modlin.....	Dec. 8
Mary Anne Watters.....	Dec. 9
Elijah Wolf.....	Dec. 10
Bob Zachary...70th!.....	Dec. 13



**Nursing Home Devotional**

Please make plans to join us at the Community North Care Center today at 3:00 p.m. as we worship and fellowship with the residents there.



**Speaker:** Bob Moorman  
**Song Leader:** Robert Allison, Sr.

**Cookbooks for Sale**

Independent Federal Credit Union has created a cookbook that sells for \$5 with 100% of the proceeds going to needy families for Christmas.

If you are interested in seeing or purchasing one, please see Susan Zachary. They make great stocking stuffers!



**Ladies Lunch**

The next monthly lunch at the Ponderosa Steak House will be Tuesday, December 16 at 11:30 a.m.

To reserve a seat at the table, please sign up on the Fellowship & Involvement bulletin board.



**Anniversary/Birthday Pitch-in**

Sunday, December 21st immediately following the evening worship service.  
Theme: Chili yum!



**Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)- 2009**

*Jesus is the Light, Life, Word.  
The Gospel of John*



If you are in grades 3-12 it is time to let Ryan know what events you will be participating in at LTC 2009! Mark your calendars for April 10-12. Ryan also needs adults to help judge convention events. If you can help, please let him know. Here are a couple more dates to remember:

- January 19: All T-Shirt Design contest entries must be postmarked by this date.
- February 9: Pre-Convention Events and Scholarships are due.
- March 30: Challenge Events due.

### Visitation

Totals for November were:

Nursing Home/Homebound: 12/24= 50%  
Widows: 12/20= 60%  
In-Town Visitors: 5/8= 63%

TOTAL:  
29/52= 56%

Event Card Totals for November:

Visits: 130  
Transportation: 55  
Encouragement: 115  
Benevolence: 29  
Special Needs: 14  
Calls: 101  
Other: 8

TOTAL:  
452

Reminder:

*The Visitation Team will not meet during the winter months.*

### New Address

**Vanessa Case & family**  
4697 St. Rd. 32 E., #3  
Chesterfield, IN 46017

### The Watering Hole

*Gospel Minutes*  
Why People Do  
Not Obey God



### **A Gift List Anyone Can Afford**

The gift of listening, even when we are busy and don't want to be bothered.  
The gift of a handshake, a pat on the back, or a hug.  
The gift of a note or a letter long put off.  
The gift of laughter, a cartoon or quip, a riddle or a joke.  
The gift of a game with a person who needs a partner.  
The gift of a favor at the least expected time.  
The gift of cheerfulness to those around you.  
The gift of privacy for the others who need it.  
The gift of your friendship.  
The gift of a compliment.  
The gift of a smile.  
The gift of a prayer on their behalf.



**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Florine Smith

**MIDDLE:** Ray Smith

**NORTH:** Jim Morris

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Joe Wolf

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Jerri Dee Betts

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Jay Allison

**OPENING PRAYER:** Robert Allison, Sr.

**LESSON:** Ryan Cox

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Mark Gooding

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2008**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Dale Wiles

**MIDDLE:** Sue Morris

**NORTH:** Teresa Johnson

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Joe Wolf

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Jim Morris      **P.M.** Jim Harrison

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Dave Parson

**2ND PRAYER:** James Hughes

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Jim Watters

**ALTERNATE:** Austin Hawkins

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Bob Moorman

**A.M. CLOSING:** Dale Wiles

**P.M. OPENING:** Dan Smith

**P.M. CLOSING:** James Hughes

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Carla Wable

*You must live with people to know their problems,  
and live with God in order to solve them.*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING-- DECEMBER 3, 2008**

**SONG LEADER:** Gary Meeker

**DEVOTIONAL:** Ed Boles

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ryan Cox

**DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS**

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

Mark Gooding

Mike Wade

Miles Gooding

Ben Wade

B.R. Hathcoat

Jim Kendall

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** Chris Hollingsworth

**COMMUNION:** Tiena Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ryan Cox

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER**

**Ages 3-5:** Denise Hawkins & Sheba Batin

**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