

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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GRANNY'S GLASSES

A little boy said to his playmate, "When I get older, I want to wear glasses just like Granny's because she can see so much more than most people. She can see good in a person when everyone else sees bad. She can see what a fellow meant to do even if he didn't do it. I asked her one day how she could see so good and she said it was the way she learned to look at things when she got older. When I get older I want a pair of glasses just like Granny's so I can see good, too."

Evidently, Barnabas, about whom we read in the book of Acts, had a pair of Granny's glasses. When the apostle Paul did not want to take John Mark on their second missionary journey because he had turned back the first time, Barnabas came to his defense. He could see good in young Mark that Paul failed to see. Barnabas took Mark, and he turned out well. How different our world would be if we all wore a pair of Granny's glasses! If I would look for the good in you, and you would look for the good in me, our lives would be so much more pleasant. At times we're like the buzzard that likes to dwell upon what's rotten and ugly when we should be like the hummingbird that looks for what's sweet and beautiful. I dare you to try on a pair of Granny's glasses!

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Welcome

We welcome everyone to Columbus Ave. Church of Christ, where we strive to please God always. We pray the actions we take and the attitudes we possess will glorify God, as we search the scriptures to “*find out what pleases the Lord.*” Ephesians 5:10. We invite you to join us in our search to know God fully and to find what pleases Him. Let us know if we can help you in your search.

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

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 & under and Bible classes offered for ages 3-4th grade during the lesson.

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

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Jim Harrison
Song Service led by: Jim Morris

Prayer: Norman Alexander

103– *He Has Made Me Glad*

89– *Be Exalted, O God*

Contribution

366– *By Christ Redeemed*

The Lord’s Supper

1st Prayer– Gary Meeker

2nd Prayer– Dan Smith

286– *Wonderful Story of Love*
(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

354– *I Gave My Life for Thee*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-5
Mike Wade

Congregation: Psalms 118:24
*“This is the day the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

931– *Wake Up, O Sleeper*

Announcements: Ryan Cox

826– *Father, We Thank Thee*

Prayer: Joe Wolf

Sunday Morning Sermon:

Back To The Basics

Text: Revelation 2:1-5 **1)** *“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: 2) I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3) You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. 4) Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. 5) Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.*

I. Energize Your Faith

- A. Defining faith
- B. Importance of faith
- C. Energizing your faith

II. Fortify Your Hope

- A. Defining hope
- B. Importance of hope
- C. Fortifying your hope

III. Activate Your Love

- A. Defining love
- B. Importance of love
- C. Activating your love

IV. Enhance Your Joy

- A. Defining joy
- B. Importance of joy
- C. Enhancing your joy

V. Enjoy Your Peace

- A. Defining peace
- B. Importance of peace
- C. Enjoying your peace



Before The Father's Throne:

Ed Boles suffered a heart attack last Monday and had surgery last Tuesday morning. Surgery went well and he is home now.

Ethan Carpenter had knee surgery last Tuesday. He is at home recovering.

Lowell Haverstick had hip replacement surgery last Monday and was to be transferred to Community Hospital, Anderson over the weekend.

Mary Anne Watters had skin cancer removed from her hand last Monday and had her spleen removed last Friday.

Wendell Parson has pneumonia. He is at St. John's, room 316.

Woody Woodcox has not been feeling well.

Rebecca (Yeryar) Sanders is experiencing difficulties with her pregnancy and will remain at the IU Med Center until delivery in room 2748, 550 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Verla Wright's daughter, **Darcy Jordan**, biopsy results showed all cancer has been removed and she requires no further treatment!

Charlotte Meeker has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer and will have surgery on Jan. 5.

Tiena Smith will be having shoulder surgery on January 12.

Wedding Bells:

We celebrate with the **Meeker's** over the engagement of **Tom Meeker** and **Rachel Robbins!** A wedding date has not yet been set. Please keep Tom & Rachel in your prayers as they make plans to share their life together!

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, John & Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mary Anne Watters

OUR HOMEBOUND: Bessie Coppock, Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Robbie Dickerson, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Chalus Masters

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins

Primrose: 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 Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

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Dates to Remember...



Today– Anniversary/
Birthday Pitch-in

Dec. 25– Christmas
Church Offices Closed

Happy Birthday to:

- Karen Harrison.....Dec. 22
- Kaila Batin.....Dec. 23
- Mary Buckner.....Dec. 24
- Jim Watters.....Dec. 25
- Denise Hawkins.....Dec. 26

Happy Anniversary to:

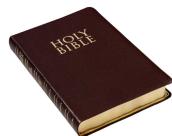
- B.R. & LaTheda Hathcoat.....Dec. 25
- Vic & Della Stalcup.....60th!.....Dec. 25
- Dan & Vickie Smith.....Dec. 27

Anniversary/Birthday Pitch-in



Tonight immediately following our evening worship in song will be our chili supper! Bring your best (or favorite) pot!

Buy a Bible



Shults-Lewis has asked for our help in purchasing Bibles for children. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards this great cause, please see one of the Elders.

Leadership Training for Christ

(LTC)- 2009

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



Kids in grades 3-12 need to let Ryan know what events you will be participating in. Here are some important 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.

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 last-minute stocking stuffers!



The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes
The Prayers of Jesus



TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Charles Buckner

MIDDLE: Mary Buckner

NORTH: B.R. Hathcoat

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Miles Gooding

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Marjorie Hollingsworth

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Ryan Cox

OPENING PRAYER: Ray Smith

LESSON: *Singing*

CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Morris

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- DECEMBER 28, 2008

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Gary Zachary

MIDDLE: Susan Zachary

NORTH: Colin Zachary

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Ryan Cox

SONG LEADERS:

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

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Barry King

2ND PRAYER: Charles Buckner

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Dan Smith

ALTERNATE: Donovan Archer

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Jim Watters

A.M. CLOSING: Mike Wade

P.M. OPENING: Gary Johnson

P.M. CLOSING: Richard Shelton

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Katie Wade

WEDNESDAY EVENING-- DECEMBER 24, 2008

SONG LEADER: Jay Allison

DEVOTIONAL: Jim Harrison

CLOSING PRAYER: Ed Boles

Goals & Achievements

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Sunday Bible Class	87
Sunday A.M. Worship	176
Sunday P.M. Worship	107
Wednesday Bible Class	71

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3, 889.31	\$3,682.23	(-\$207.08)

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
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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox	(765) 717-1858
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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