

# 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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## From the Created to the Creator

Which one of us has not looked at a newborn with amazement and wondered at the exquisite delicacy of each limb, facial feature, fingernail or eyelash? Especially if that baby is our own, there is always the temptation to think this child is the perfect example of human conception— in spite of the fact that he or she may have no hair, be bright red or be shaped like a little potato!

Even the psalmist agrees that every baby has been “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14).

From the first moment of awe when we gaze at our newborn children, and then during the hours, days and years that go into caring for them, it is tempting for us to allow these children to become the center of our lives— almost to become objects of our *worship*.

How can we keep ourselves from revolving our whole lives around these precious gifts from the Lord?

The answer is to look up from the intricacy and delicacy of these *creations* to see the one behind the magnificent way they have been knit together—their *Creator*.

Isn't this a part of Paul's warning to us in Romans 1:25? We must avoid the sin of the unbeliever, who sees God's eternal power and divine nature in all of creation, but neither glorifies him nor gives thanks to him (Romans 1:20-21). Unlike unbelievers, we Christians have been given by God new hearts and minds, enabling us to look at the product and praise the Master Craftsman.

It is our responsibility and joy to look at those babies and delight in their perfectly formed tiny hands and feet— and then worship the one who created those parts with infinite wisdom, care and direction.

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### Welcome

Welcome all! We hope you will be uplifted and that your time of study and worship will be spiritually profitable. If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you have come our way and hope that as you have opportunity, you will visit us again.

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*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### **Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**Greeting the Assembly:** Ryan Cox  
**Song Service led by:** Jim Harrison

**121-***Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

*77-Glorify Thy Name*

**Prayer:** Jim Watters

**742-***When Upon Life's Billows*

### **Contribution**

**319-***Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?*

### **The Lord's Supper**

1st Prayer– Barry King

2nd Prayer– Charles Buckner

**595-***I Come to the Garden Alone*  
(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

**608-***He Gave Me a Song*

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 3:13-14  
Dan Smith

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

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

**605-***I Will Serve You*

**Announcements:** Ryan Cox

**604-***I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him*

**Prayer:** Mike Wade

## **Sunday Morning Sermon: Resolutions For The New Year**

Text: Philippians 3:13-14

13) Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14) I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. NIV

### **I. In The Past Year**

A. Has our relationship with God and Christ improved?

B. Has our relationship with brethren improved?

C. Has our relationship with those in the world improved?

### **II. For The Year Ahead**

A. Resolve to draw nearer to God and Christ

B. Resolve to draw nearer to the brethren

C. Resolve to get to know non-Christians

**Sunday Evening Sermon:**      The Power Of An Invitation

I. Divine Invitation

A. God invited sinners

B. God invited the destitute

C. Jesus invites the weary and heavy laden

D. The Holy Spirit invites the thirsty

II. Human Invitation

A. As prophesied

B. As practiced

III. The Power Of An Invitation

A. We have seen it work

B. Let us put it to work



**Before The Father's Throne:**

**Gabriel Ryan Cox** arrived very early last Tuesday morning! He weighed in at 8 lbs., 5 oz., 21 in. Both mother and baby are doing great and are home now!

**Lowell Haverstick** is recovering from recent hip surgery at Community Hospital, room 438.

**Mary Anne Watters** continues to recover at home from recent surgery.

**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.

**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.

**Carol Dugger, Mark Gooding's** mother, is not doing well and may be facing another back surgery .

**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)

**Winter Addresses**

Jim & Sue Morris  
2532 Georgia St.  
Sebring, FL 33872  
(863) 385-2904



Woody & Grace Woodcox  
5444 N. Blue Springs Rd.  
Youngstown, FL 32466  
(850) 722-4171

**Dates to Remember...**



**Jan. 1** New Year's Day  
*Church Offices Closed*

**Jan. 4** Nursing Home Devotional

**Jan. 13** Ladies Lunch

**Jan. 18** Birthday/ Anniversary Pitch-in

**Happy Birthday to:**

Nancy Rush.....Today!  
Rosemary Littrell.....Dec. 31

**Happy Anniversary to:**

Jim & Edith Hodges.....Jan. 3  
Oops! Ron & Juanita Garrett had an anniversary yesterday. Happy belated wishes!

**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.



**The Watering Hole**

*Gospel Minutes*  
Some Things to Know

*Church Growth Magazine*  
Mapping the Future



**Nursing Home Devotional**



Join us next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm at the Community Northview Care Center as we worship and fellowship with the residents there.

**Speaker:** Ryan Cox      **Song Leader:** Gary Meeker

**Ladies Lunch**



Ladies, sign up to meet at the Ponderosa Steakhouse on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 11:30 a.m. This is a great way to get to know your Sisters in Christ better!



**Anniversary/Birthday Pitch-in**

Make plans now to join us Sunday evening, Jan. 18th after the evening worship in song.



## **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.

### **A Year in Review**

It's always fun to look back and reflect on the happenings throughout the past year as well as anticipate what lies ahead of us in the upcoming year. As a church family, we witnessed many happy, and some not so happy, moments in 2008:

Baptisms: 17

Births: 1

Deaths: 5

Marriages: 4

New Members: 11

May God continue to bless the Columbus Avenue congregation in 2009.

### ***The Unknown Future***

*Life is a book in volumes three-  
The past, the present, and the yet-to-be.  
The past is written and laid away,  
The present we're writing every day,  
And the last and best of volumes three  
Is locked from sight-God keeps the key.*

### ***The God Who Knows***

*I do not know the future,  
But I know the God who knows,  
And in his perfect wisdom,  
Unknowing, I repose.*

*What good could come of knowing?  
How little I could do  
To meet the joys or sorrows  
That I am coming to!*

*I do not know the future,  
But I know the God who knows,  
I make his love my study  
And follow where he goes.*

*The path, its joys and sorrows,  
I do not care to trace;  
Content to know his goodness,  
His mercy, and his grace.*

*-William Luff*

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Gary Zachary  
**MIDDLE:** Susan Zachary  
**NORTH:** Colin Zachary

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Donovan Archer

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Katie Wade

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Jay Allison

**OPENING PRAYER:** Gary Johnson

**LESSON:** Gary Meeker

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Richard Shelton

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- JANUARY 4, 2009**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Louise Brock  
**MIDDLE:** DeAnna Flowers  
**NORTH:** Lois Gaw

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Bob Moorman

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Jim Harrison      **P.M.** Gary Meeker

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Jim Watters  
**2ND PRAYER:** Jay Allison

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Ryan Cox  
**ALTERNATE:** James Hughes

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Barry King  
**A.M. CLOSING:** Joe Wolf  
**P.M. OPENING:** Jay Allison  
**P.M. CLOSING:** Dan Smith

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Judy Lippman

**WEDNESDAY EVENING- DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**SONG LEADER:** Ryan Cox

**DEVOTIONAL:** James Hughes

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Clint Huffman

**Goals & Achievements**

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	105
Sunday A.M. Worship	179
Sunday P.M. Worship	102
Wednesday Bible Class	66

**Gifts & Offerings**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$3, 889.31	\$4,129.52	(+\$240.21)

**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