

## 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

### They Lived Happily Ever After

Have you ever thought about how some of the most famous children's stories end. "And they lived happily ever after". It is comforting for children to believe that when they grow up, they will find that special person in their life, get married and live happily ever after. But for many people, living happily ever after is a dream never realized. So they believe that getting a different spouse will help them achieve true and lasting happiness. They never discover the real reason for their discontent.

The Pharisees of Jesus day asked him a question regarding divorce. *"Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" And he answered and said, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore god has joined together, let no man separate. "They said to him, "Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?" He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way."*

– Matthew 19:3-8

The Pharisees were not questioning the legitimacy of divorce, but rather whether it could be granted for any reason. They seemed to believe that living happily ever after was merely finding a wife that you kept as long as she pleased you. Doesn't this sound like our society today? No fault divorce. Irreconcilable differences. Marriages are considered a matter of convenience and personal satisfaction. No real consideration for the other person in the marriage.

One of the truly important indicators of the strength of any nation is its commitment to the institution of marriage. In our nation today, divorce is viewed as a common thing. No big deal. God however views marriage quite differently. His expectation is for one man and one woman for a lifetime.

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### Welcome

We are glad you have come our way today. 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 to each other. We would love to have you grow with us toward Christ. If we can help you in any way, please let us know. We hope to see you again and often.

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.

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 Watters  
**Song Service led by:** Jim Harrison

*753-Farther Along*  
*764-Teach Me, Lord, to Wait*

**Prayer:** Gary Johnson

*376- He Paid a Debt*

### Contribution

*349- Ten Thousand Angels*

### The Lord's Supper

1st Prayer- Ryan Cox  
2nd Prayer- Bob Moorman

*969- Don't You Want to Go to That Land?*  
(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

*895- I'll Live in Glory*

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 19:3-6  
Norman Alexander

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

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

*801-Where No One Stands Alone*

**Announcements:** Robert Allison, Sr.

*1009- Battle Hymn of The Republic*

**Prayer:** Bill Etchison

## **Sunday Morning Sermon:** The Institution Of Marriage

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B. The apostles teaching on marriage

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Until next time. . . Gary



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**Rebecca Sanders** - IU Med Center, room 2748, 550 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202. (Rebecca is doing well and labor may be induced on Feb. 12!)

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**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

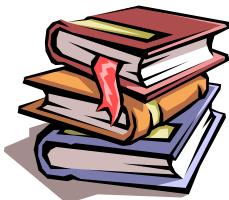
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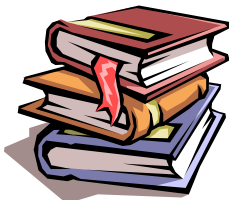
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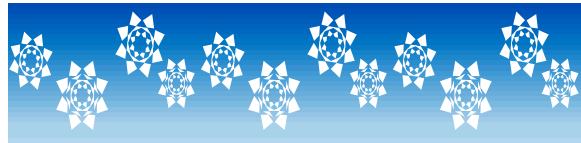
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**Dates to Remember...**



**Today Birthday/  
Anniversary Pitch-in**

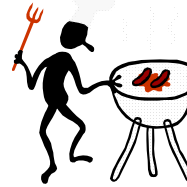
**Jan. 20** Ladies Lunch



**Anniversary/Birthday Pitch-in**

*Back by Popular Demand!*

Join us **TODAY** immediately after our morning worship for our annual January Cook-out!



**Happy Birthday to:**

- Dave Parson.....Today!
- Darla Johnson.....Jan. 19
- Albert Burton.....Jan. 19
- Diana Pigg.....50th!.....Jan. 20
- Tony Long.....Jan. 21

**Happy Anniversary to:**

- Ray & Patsy Smith.....Today!
- Henry & Sheba Batin.....Jan. 24

**Ladies Lunch**



Ladies, sign up to meet at the Ponderosa Steakhouse on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m. This is a great way to get to know your Sisters in Christ better!

**Sunshine Basket**



A Sunshine Basket is being put together for Rebecca Sanders. If you would like to help, a list of items is posted on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board. Items may be placed in the box provided in the Family Room.

**Teacher Needed**



A teacher is needed to rotate with Karen Harrison every quarter. If you can help, please let her or Richard Shelton know.

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Justin Mattox

**MIDDLE:** Gary Meeker

**NORTH:** Bob Stalnaker

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Jay Allison

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Kathi Yeryar

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Ryan Cox

**OPENING PRAYER:** Jim Harrison

**LESSON:** *Singing*

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ryan Cox

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY-- JANUARY 25, 2009**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Ben Wade

**MIDDLE:** Mike Wade

**NORTH:** Drew Smith

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Joe Wolf

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Jay Allison                      **P.M.** Ryan Cox

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Jim Harrison

**2ND PRAYER:** Joe Wolf

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Gary Johnson

**ALTERNATE:** Barry King

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Norman Alexander

**A.M. CLOSING:** Mike Wade

**P.M. OPENING:** Jim Watters

**P.M. CLOSING:** Mark Gooding

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Brenda Hull

**WEDNESDAY EVENING-- JANUARY 21, 2008**

**SONG LEADER:** Jay Allison

**DEVOTIONAL:** Gary Meeker

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Josh Johnson

**Goals & Achievements**

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	82
Sunday A.M. Worship	158
Sunday P.M. Worship	99
Wednesday Bible Class	53

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$3,716.78	\$3,398.73	(-\$318.05)

**JANUARY ASSIGNMENTS**

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

Bob Fraser              John Hollingsworth      Austin Hawkins  
Larry Brown              Bobby Milliner              Donovan Archer

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** Ray & Patsy Smith

**COMMUNION:** Ray & Patsy Smith

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Robert Allison, Sr.

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER**

**Ages 3-5:** Lorna Gooding & Carla Wable

**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                                      643-5152

**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