

# 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

## Ten Suggestions For Improving Your Experience at Church Services

- 1) Make church assemblies a priority. The more meaning worship has to you, the more meaningful it will be.
- 2) Prepare yourself ahead of time. A pre-focused mind and prepared heart becomes a precept for great worship.
- 3) Be on time. Rushing in late makes it difficult to settle into meditation.
- 4) Make your worship God-centered, not man-centered. Worship is giving to God. Focus on Him.
- 5) Bring your Bible. Following along in your own Bible makes the lessons more worthwhile and beneficial.
- 6) Participate heartily in the singing. Singing not only praises God, but it also instructs others, and it makes you feel better - all at the same time!
- 7) Sit in a spot where you can pay attention. Find a place where you are free of distractions so you can concentrate on worship.
- 8) Put your all into worship. Do not give God your leftovers. He deserves only your best. You will feel better for it.
- 9) Take notes. Writing down the main points of the class lesson and sermon helps with memory and provide resources for the future. Make every effort to apply what is learned.
- 10) Be friendly. Worship is enhanced when we are closer as a family.

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### Welcome

A sincere welcome to each of you! We are pleased to have you join us in a time of praising God, learning God's plan for life, and sharing our voices, talents and friendship in worship and fellowship.

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*



### The Watering Hole

#### *Gospel Minutes*

He Came to Save,  
but Was Lost!

### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

**300-***Praise Him! Praise Him!*

**394-***Walk with Me*

**Prayer:** Robert Allison, Sr.

**701-***My Jesus, I Love Thee*

### **Contribution**

**313-***The Old Rugged Cross*

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

1st Prayer– Robert Allison, Sr.

2nd Prayer– Ray Smith

**238-***You Are the Song That I Sing*  
(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

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

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:9-11  
Caleb Hughes

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

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

**904-***Have You Been to Jesus?*

**Announcements:** Barry King

**587-***Sing and Be Happy*

**Prayer:** Mark Gooding



## Sunday Evening Sermon: BEATITUDES (BLESSEDNESS)

Text: Romans 11:22 *Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in His kindness.*

THESIS: Blessedness is the direct result of incorporating all of God's teaching into one's life whether or not that instruction is negative or positive.

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Every sincere person should desire to know both that which God forbids and that which God allows.
2. This will cause the life of that person to be balanced and blessed - Titus 2:11-3:1  
Sometimes we are in danger of missing the real purpose of Christian faith.
3. We will notice three things in this sermon, the meaning of blessedness, various views of blessedness, and how to Achieve blessedness.

### DISCUSSION:

#### I. The meaning of the term Blessed.

- A. The early use of the term "blessed" -
- B. The Greeks connected earthly wealth and fortune to "blessedness."
- C. Blessed is used in the **noun** form only 3 times in the New Testament
  1. It is mentioned as the result of having received the message of Salvation  
Galatians 4:15
  2. And reference is made to having received the remission of sins  
Romans 4:6-9
- D. In fact, New Testament beatitudes often contain a contrast with a false estimation of the world's idea of who is truly blessed.

#### II. Various views concerning blessedness.

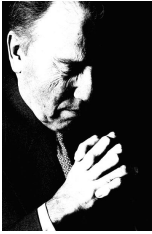
- A. The Oriental view is very similar to that of the Greeks, happiness comes from materialism.
- B. The Islamic idea is more based upon Mysticism.
- C. True Christian blessedness is neither materialistic nor mystical.
  1. Jesus recognized blessedness is above and beyond mere happiness  
John 10:10
  2. The reward of such a life is peace here and great reward in heaven  
Matthew 5:12

#### III. Achieving Christian Blessedness.

- A. What would we expect to hear if we were to sit at the feet of Our Lord on that mountain with the rest of the disciples?
- B. The beatitudes are statements concerning the cause and effect of the spiritual life in Christ.
- D. Jesus was saying in essence, "Oh the blessedness of them which do the things I am about to say."

### CONCLUSION:

1. Blessedness is only for the citizens of God's kingdom
2. The sinful man cannot be blessed - Isaiah 59:1,2



**We Bow Our Heads in Prayer for:**

**Lois Montgomery** will have surgery on February 10.

**Ron & Juanita Garrett** ask for prayers for Juanita's brother, **Bedford**, and his daughter, **Tanya**, both whom have cancer.

**Mary Anne Watters** is home now!

**In The Hospital:**

**LaTheda Hathcoat**– St. John's, room 607

**Rebecca Sanders** - IU Med Center, room 2748, 550 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202. (Labor will be induced on February 12!)

**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)

*A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.*

*He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.*

*When praying, don't give God instructions-just report for duty.*

**Dates to Remember...**



**Today** Nursing Home Devotional

**Feb. 14** Sweetheart Banquet

**Feb. 15** Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

**Feb. 17** Ladies Lunch

**Nursing Home Devotional**

Don't forget we meet at the Community Northview Care Center **TODAY** at 3:00 pm.



**Sweetheart Banquet**

If you have been married 30 years or more, sign up to attend the Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, February 14th at 5:00 pm. It's a fun night, guaranteed!

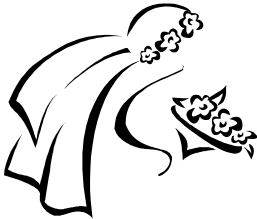


**Happy Birthday to:**

Joe Wolf .....Today!  
Lillie Hobbs.....Feb. 2



**Wedding**



The congregation is invited to witness the union of  
**\*Dolores Delgado & Wilmer Aguilera\***  
on Sunday evening, February 15, immediately after the song service.  
A reception will follow combined with our monthly pitch-in.

**Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in**

Immediately following the wedding. Theme: Soup & Sandwiches



**Ladies Lunch**



Tuesday, February 17 at 11:30 am at the Ponderosa Steakhouse. Please sign up on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board if you plan to attend.

**Pantry Needs**

*Love thy neighbor as thyself...*  
Our pantry is low on food, therefore we are having another food drive this month. Let's show our love for our neighbors by stocking the shelves to help feed the hungry in our community.



**CALLING ALL 3-12th GRADERS!!!!**

Please let Ryan know TODAY if you plan to participate in LTC.  
There are many different events to get involved in and LTC is just 10 weeks away!

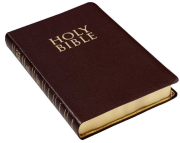
*Jesus is the Light, Life, Word*

**Medicine Bottles**

The Allen Parke Church of Christ in Michigan is collecting clean medicine and vitamin bottles with labels removed. Please place your old bottles in the box provided in the Family Room. These will be sent to the African Christian Hospital.



**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.

**Event Card Totals**

Below are the totals for January:

- Visit: 102
- Transportation: 34
- Encouragement: 84
- Benevolence: 21
- Special Needs: 14
- Calls: 92
- Other: 15

Total: 362

*God does not love you  
because you are important;  
you are important  
because God loves you.*

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Angy Hughes

**MIDDLE:** Caleb & Jared Hughes

**NORTH:** James Hughes

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Joe Wolf

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Shirley Allison

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Gary Meeker

**OPENING PRAYER:** Bill Etchison

**LESSON:** Ryan Cox

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Jay Allison

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- FEBRUARY 8, 2009**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Donovan Archer

**MIDDLE:** David Archer

**NORTH:** Annie Lippman

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Jim Watters

**SONG LEADERS:**

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

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Richard Shelton

**2ND PRAYER:** Dan Smith

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Jared Hughes

**ALTERNATE:** Bob Moorman

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Barry King

**A.M. CLOSING:** James Hughes

**P.M. OPENING:** Ed Boles

**P.M. CLOSING:** Gary Johnson

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** April Mattox

**WEDNESDAY EVENING- FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

**SONG LEADER:** Jay Allison

**DEVOTIONAL:** Mark Gooding

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Miles Gooding

**Goals & Achievements**

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	92
Sunday A.M. Worship	180
Sunday P.M. Worship	86
Wednesday Bible Class	33

<b><u>Gifts &amp; Offerings</u></b>		<b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	
\$3,716.78	\$3,078.00	(-\$638.78)

**FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS**

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

James Hughes	Jared Hughes	Caleb Hughes
Ron Johnson	Matt Johnson	Bill Etchison

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** Florine Smith

**COMMUNION:** Florine Smith & Brenda Hull

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Barry King

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER**

**Ages 3-5:** John & Chris Hollingsworth

**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	643-5152
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**SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH**

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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