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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

Why Not Now?

This has been a very difficult week for the family here at Columbus Avenue. First, I received the sad news of Mike Alexander's untimely death. That was followed by news that Anita Atkinson's dad, John Johnson, had passed away. Wednesday afternoon, I was informed that David Hopper, son-in-law of Harry and Dee Long had died late Tuesday night. As if that was not enough, Della Stalcup was put in St. John's ICU with heart problems. So much bad news in such a short time can be overwhelming. How do you handle the deep sorrow these events entail? Even when death is expected because of illness or disease, the loss still fills our being.

I believe one way to help ease our despondency is to make sure that we treat each day as if we knew it would be our last. If there is something you would like to say or do with someone, why not do it now? I was in Flint, Michigan when my father died. I remember vividly thinking that if I had known he was going to die on that day, I would have asked him many things that I was putting off for a better, less hectic time. I had planned to see him as soon as I returned to ask him about the trip he had taken to his boyhood home. Now, those questions will be forever unanswered. If only I had developed a "why not now" attitude. Sometimes, God allows our plans to be changed in ways we never imagined. A lot of pain can be mitigated if we learn to treat each day as our last.

This philosophy should also influence our relationship with God. As painful as it is to say our farewells to our loved ones, we need to consider the importance of "Why not now" as we approach eternity. Many people intend to do the right thing at some future point in time. However, we have no guarantee of the future. If you have found yourself sitting on the edge, realizing that you need to obey and follow God, Why not now? If you know someone that needs to know about God's love for them, don't wait for the perfect time. Perfect times very rarely come along. Now is the perfect time.

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

- 2 Corinthians 6:2

Until next time. . . Gary



Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ! We are glad that you have come to worship. Our prayer for you is found in Hebrews 13:20: "Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do His will..." Remembering that in God's will there is perfect peace, let us joyfully seek guidance from our Creator. Blessings on you all!

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 and under and Bible classes offered for ages 3 thru 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
What You Can Expect

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

346-He Lives

222-There's Something About That Name

Prayer: Gary Johnson

376- He Paid a Debt

Contribution

361- Nailed to the Cross

The Lord's Supper

1st Prayer- Norman Alexander

2nd Prayer- Mike Wade

465- I Know That My Redeemer Lives (refrain)
(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

452- Standing on the Promises

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 11:20-29
Mark Gooding

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

Lesson: Gary Meeker

544-Without Him

Announcements: Gary Meeker

528- I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Prayer: Mike Wade

Sunday Morning Sermon: Getting More Out Of The Lord's Supper

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:20-29 20) When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, 21) for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. 22) Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not! 23) For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24) and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 25) In the same way, after supper he took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26) For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 27) Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28) A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. 29) For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

I. The Lord's Supper In Our Assemblies

- A. A memorial

- B. A proclamation

- C. A communion

II. Getting More Out Of The Lord's Supper

- A. Make it a time of reverence

- B. Make it a time of reflection

- C. Make it a time of reunion

Sunday Evening Sermon: A RISING STAR IN SHUSHAN

INTRODUCTION:

1. Esther means 'Star'
2. Esther was a bright star in an often dim history.
3. The book of Esther captures the struggle of good versus evil.
4. Even when God's presence is not seen or heard, He is still present and working.

DISCUSSION:

I. A LIGHT IN TIMES OF DARKNESS:

- A. Modesty is priceless (Esther 2:8, 9).
- B. Respect and obedience can earn you many friends and opportunities (Esther 2:13-15).

II. GOD IS WATCHING:

- A. God will provide for His children.
- B. Many blessings come from simply obeying His laws and commandments (Galatians 6:7).
- C. Blessings are also enjoyed by abiding in the natural laws of this world.

III. A PLACE IN HISTORY FOR YOU:

- A. Life will present many challenging times.
- B. God's people must learn to face these challenges with faith and courage.
- C. Do not let the discouragements in life outweigh the blessings.

CONCLUSION:

1. God will take care of you.
2. God can make you a shining star.



Those in Need of Prayer:

Woody Woodcox is battling pneumonia.

Sara Hollingsworth reports that **Albrey Alms** is home and doing better!

Ethan Carpenter requests prayers for his dad, **Kent**, who was in an auto accident last week. He is in ICU at Methodist Hospital.

Jim Hodges will be having knee surgery on Tuesday.

Della Stalcup is in ICU at St. John's Hospital, room 1104. No visitors at this time please.

With Sincere Sympathy:

Mike Alexander passed away last Monday evening of a massive heart attack. His funeral was last Friday.

Anita Atkinson's father, **John Johnston**, passed away last Tuesday. His funeral was yesterday.

David Hopper, son-in-law to **Harry & Dee Long**, who have been visiting here, passed away last Wednesday. Visitation is today from 2-8 pm at Rozelle-Johnson. Funeral is tomorrow at 1 pm at the Bethany Christian Church.

Please keep all these families in your prayers during their time of sorrow.

Becky Adkins wishes to send a 'hello' to every one and thanks all of you for the cards and phone calls.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, 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)

Jay and Shirley Allison have a dryer that is free for the taking. If interested please see them or call them at 644-5607.

Dates to Remember...



Today Nursing Home Devo.,
3pm

Mar. 6 Grades 7-12 Devo., 6pm

Mar. 15 Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Mar. 17 Ladies Lunch

Nursing Home Devotional

Let's all make an effort to attend today's devo at the Community Northview Care Center at 3: 00 pm. This is a great way to lift the spirits of the residents there!



Happy Birthday to:

Ron Garrett.....Mar. 2
Mariah Smith.....Mar. 4
Robbie Dickerson.....Mar. 5



Youth Devotional

Everyone in grades 7-12 need to make plans to attend the devo at the Meeker's on Friday, March 6 at 6:00 pm.



Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Mark your calendar for March 15 for the pitch-in immediately following the evening worship service. March's theme is: Soup & Sandwiches!



Ladies Lunch



Who: all women of the congregation
Where: Ponderosa Steakhouse
When: Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m.

Sign up to attend!

Pantry Needs

We are almost out of shelf space in the pantry! If we can get the needed items brought in, we should be able to help feed the hungry in our community for a while!





Parenting Class

If you are interested in attending a parenting class, please let one of the Elders know what day of the week and time is convenient for you.

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.



Youth News



* *Jesus is the Light, Life, Word*; LTC is just 6 weeks away!
* There are sign-up sheets on the Youth Bulletin board for monthly devotionals for both age groups (grades 3-6, 7-12). If you can open your home to our young people, please sign up.

Upcoming Gospel Meeting

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ, Indianapolis, has invited the congregation to their Gospel Meeting, April 5-8. Information is posted on the Gospel Meetings, Lectureships and Seminars Bulletin Board.



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR AHEAD BEFORE YOU GO TO BED NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT!

*Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain,
Laughter and teardrops, pleasure and pain—
Low tides and high tides, mountains and plains,
Triumphs, defeats and losses and gains.
But there never was a cloud
That the Son didn't shine through
And there's nothing that's impossible
For Jesus Christ to do!*



-Helen Steiner Rice

TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Darla Johnson

MIDDLE: Gary Johnson

NORTH: Philip Johnson

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Norman Alexander

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Alyssa Lee

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Gary Meeker

OPENING PRAYER: Mark Gooding

LESSON: Ryan Cox

CLOSING PRAYER: Miles Gooding

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- MARCH 8, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Florine Smith

MIDDLE: Ray Smith

NORTH: Dale Wiles

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Joe Wolf

SONG LEADERS:

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

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Barry King

2ND PRAYER: Gary Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Jim Harrison

ALTERNATE: Gary Johnson

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Jim Watters

A.M. CLOSING: Joe Wolf

P.M. OPENING: Robert Allison, Sr.

P.M. CLOSING: Jay Allison

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Charlotte Meeker

WEDNESDAY EVENING- MARCH 4, 2009

SONG LEADER: Jay Allison

DEVOTIONAL: Norman Alexander

CLOSING PRAYER: Ray Smith

Goals & Achievements

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Sunday Bible Class	60
Sunday A.M. Worship	147
Sunday P.M. Worship	82
Wednesday Bible Class	109

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3,716.78	\$2,876.00	(-\$840.78)

MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Nick Allison	Jim Kendall	Joe Wolf
David Archer	Millard Hogue	Colin Zachary

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Lois Gaw

COMMUNION: Mike & Becky Wade

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gary Meeker

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER

Ages 3-5: Becky King & Heather Wolf

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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