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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

Were You There...?

Were you there when the Indianapolis Colts won the 2007 Super Bowl? Did you attend a Super Bowl party to celebrate the victory? I remember after the Colts victory April had called wanting me to go with her down to the RCA Dome to be a part of the festivities. The Dome was packed and people were getting excited watching the highlights of the playoff wins. We have often heard or used the term “electric” to describe such an atmosphere. It leaves you with extraordinary fond memories of the event.

I don't know about you, but I like the feeling of being with people who are gathered together to celebrate something special. During Tom's senior year at Wabash, we traveled to his games and got to know many of the parents. We enjoyed watching the games with friends and family. After the games were over, we would meet and share memories of the game and fellowship with a meal. Did you see that play when...?

Many of you were present Wednesday night to attend our mid-week Bible study. There were 126 to be exact. That represents the largest attendance for a Wednesday night service for several months. Were you there? Did you participate in celebrating with fellow Christians the grace and joy available to us through Christ? Were you encouraged to continue your daily Christian walk by others who share your same value, goals, hope and comfort?

If not, let me encourage you to make a diligent effort to come to Bible study. Great growth possibilities are available to all who come truly seeking God. Don't wait for this opportunity. You and you alone are responsible for how you spend your time. Plan on using it wisely. Prepare for eternity by reading and studying God's spiritual roadmap, the Bible. Carpe Diem. Seize the day. Make God a priority.

Until next time. . .

Gary



Welcome

A cheerful welcome to all! Let us worship with the same eagerness of the psalmist who wrote: "One thing have I asked the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord..." (Psalm 27:4). Such joy may be found here as we open ourselves freely to God's presence.

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

"Mark the Righteous Man"

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Gary Johnson
Song Service led by: Jim Harrison

453-*Love Lifted Me*

454-*Rock of Ages*

Prayer: Bob Moorman

581-*I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Contribution

513-*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

The Lord's Supper

1st Prayer- Bill Etchison

2nd Prayer- B.R. Hathcoat

83-*God Is So Good*

(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

76-*How Great Thou Art*

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:1-9

Ryan Cox

Congregation: Psalms 118:24

*"This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!"*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

525-*He Knows Just What I Need*

Announcements: Gary Meeker

650-*Send the Light*

Prayer: Ed Boles

Sunday Morning Sermon:

Make Wise Choices

Text: Proverbs 2:1-9 NASV 1) The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: 2) To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding, 3) To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity; 4) to give prudence to the naïve, To the youth knowledge and discretion, 5) A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel, 6) To understand a proverb and a figure, The words of the wise and their riddles. 7) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction. 8) Hear, my son, your father's instruction, And do not forsake your mother's teaching; 9) Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, And ornaments about your neck.

I. Choices Which Affect Our Lives

- A. Choosing Jesus
- B. Choosing a career
- C. Choosing a mate
- D. Choosing your friends
- E. Choosing where to live

II. Suggestions For Making Wise Choices

- A. Ask God for wisdom
- B. Ask others for advice
- C. Commit your choices to the Lord

III. Responding To Unwise Choices

- A. Learn from the mistakes of others
- B. The wrong thing to do

Sunday Evening Sermon: Lessons From Malachi #2

I. "Yet You Say, 'For What Reason'"

- A. Besides their corrupted worship, God adds a second thing
- B. The metaphor used in verses 13-16
- C. "He hates divorce"

II. "In What Way Have We Wearied Him?"

- A. God's patience had wore thin
- B. Their words
- C. Similar complaints

III. "In What Way Shall We Return

- A. God offers an opportunity to return
- B. The value of time

IV. "In What Way Have We Robbed You?"

- A. The response
- B. Many rob God today

V. "What Have We Spoken Against You?"

- A. They said strong things against the Lord
- B. Their actions declared that it was vain to serve God
- C. Learn to look beyond this life



Those in Need of Prayer:

Ron Johnson is still awaiting test results to determine the next course of action regarding his chest pains.

Lois Montgomery has begun radiation treatments. She will endure these treatments for several weeks.

Tiena Smith will be doing physical therapy on her shoulder for 6 weeks. She is experiencing swelling in her feet and needs to keep them elevated as much as possible. She also asks for prayers for **Jacob Reeder** who is the 1 yr. old grandson of one of her friends. Jacob is at Riley Hospital suffering from the inability to swallow food. Prayers have been requested for the family of **Madison Jones**, 3 year old victim of cancer, whose funeral was last week.

Anita Atkinson requests prayers for her brother-in-law, **Chris Baker**, whose has several health problems.

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, Mattye Gum

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, **Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown:** Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat, **Meadowbrook Rehab Center:** Hubert Oliver, Anna Norris, LaTheda Hathcoat

Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield: Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson

OUR MISSION WORKERS: Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

Brethren,

We want to express our deep gratitude for all the kindness and love shown to us at the funeral of mother. We appreciate the great words of encouragement from Gary and the beautiful song service led by Jim. The food provided by the ladies was wonderful and delicious.

Mother loved the church there as Darlene and I do. You all are a special part of our life. May God bless you as you continue in His service. May we all remain steadfast in the faith that we may meet together in that heavenly home.

In Christ, Phil Dunn

To our Christian family,

Thank you for all the support you haven given in prayer, cards and calling during my confinement and hospitalization with pneumonia and CHF. God has truly blessed us and we are so thankful.

In Him, Della & Vic

New Members: Kevin & Wendy Wash have placed their membership here at Columbus Ave.!! Please add their information to your directories: 1797 E. 400 N. Anderson 46012 644-0426

Dates to Remember...

March

Today Ezra's Birthday Party, 2-4 pm

Today Mother/Daughter Banquet Meeting,
4:30 pm

April

Apr. 4 Egg Hunt, 1:00 pm

Apr. 5 Nursing Home Devotional,
3:00 pm.

Apr. 5 Baby Shower, 3-5 pm

Apr. 5-8 Gospel Meetings in Tipton &
Indianapolis

Apr. 10-12 LTC

Apr. 18-19 Upon The Rock Lectureship

Apr. 19 Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Apr. 21 Ladies Lunch, 11:30 am

Apr. 25 Grades 7-12 Devo



Happy Birthday to:

Ezra Burnett.....90th!.....Mar. 30

Millard Hogue.....Apr. 2

Happy Anniversary to:

Bill & Shirley Etchison.....TODAY!

TODAY

Birthday Celebration: The families of Ezra Burnett have invited us to join them in celebrating his 90th birthday here at the church building from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Mother/Daughter Banquet: There will be a meeting Sunday at 4:30 pm here at the church building for those who are already involved and for those who are interested in helping with the banquet. Please plan to attend and help make this year's banquet a success!

REMINDERS

"Calling all land barons/garden experts"

The 4-6th graders are looking for space to grow a garden for those who can use the products produced. If you'd like to donate the space, they've committed to do the planting, etc. (That doesn't mean *anyone who'd like to volunteer* would be turned away!) If this sounds like a worthwhile project you'd like to be part of, please contact Jim Harrison as soon as you can.

*If you are helping transport Jimmy Hodges to his physical therapy appointments please check on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin board the day & time you are volunteering to ensure an appointment doesn't get missed.

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

YOUTH NEWS

LTC: LTC is just 2 weeks away! *Jesus is the Light, Life, Word* Please make note of practice times: Scripture Reading- TODAY @ 4:00 pm Puppets-TODAY @ 5:00 pm Group Singing- see Susan Zachary

Monthly Devotionals: There are sign-up sheets on the Youth Bulletin Board for monthly devos for both age groups (grades 3-6, 7-12). If you can open your home to our young people, please sign up. We are in need of someone to host the 3-6th Graders in April.

 **DONATIONS NEEDED** 

- * Candy for the Annual Egg Hunt
- * Clean, empty medicine & vitamin bottles (labels removed) for the African Christian Hospital
- * Cake Mixes for Shults-Lewis Children's Home. Place all donations in the box provided in the Family Room by April 19.

 **APRIL** 

Spring Egg-stravaganza: The Shelton's & Alexander's will be hosting the Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 pm. Please bring in candy donations to fill the eggs. Ask your friends to come! Invites are available in the Family Room.

Nursing Home Devotional: We will meet at the Northview Care Center next Sunday at 3:00 pm to worship and fellowship with the residents there.

Baby Shower: There will be a Baby Shower for Rebecca Sanders' baby girl here at the church building next Sunday, April 5 from 3-5 pm.

Upcoming Gospel Meetings: There are Gospel Meetings being held April 5-8 at the Eagle Valley Church of Christ, Indpls., and at the Tipton Church of Christ, Tipton. Information is posted on the Gospel Meetings, Lectureships and Seminars Bulletin Board.

Upon The Rock Lectureship: The Westside Church of Christ in Yorktown will be hosting the annual Upon The Rock Lectureship on April 18-19. More information is posted on the Gospel Meetings, Lectureships & Seminars Bulletin Board.

Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in: Sunday Evening, April 19, immediately after our worship services. Theme: BBQ/Picnic Foods

Ladies Lunch: Tuesday, April 21 at 11:30 am at the Ponderosa Steak House. Please sign up to attend.

Youth Devo: for grades 7-12 at Jay & Shirley Allison's on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 pm.

 **LOOKING AHEAD** 

- * Columbus Ave.'s 50th Anniversary/ Spring Gospel Meeting, May 3-6 (Speaker: Warren Kenny)
- * Mother/Daughter Banquet, Saturday, May 9
- * Celebration Saturday, May 16 8 am-3 pm at the Flagship Enterprise Center. Offers free health screening and educational sessions for women. More Info posted on the Community Bulletin Board.
- * Clothing Giveaway, Saturday, May 23
- * Columbus Ave.'s Annual Fishing Trip, July 17-18 If you are interested in going, please sign up on the Fellowship & Involvement Bulletin Board. Cost is \$115.

TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Jay Allison

MIDDLE: Shirley Allison

NORTH: Nick Allison

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Robert Allison, Sr.

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Angy Hughes

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Dave Parson

OPENING PRAYER: Bill Etchison

LESSON: Gary Meeker

CLOSING PRAYER: Dan Smith

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- APRIL 5, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Charles Buckner

MIDDLE: Mary Buckner

NORTH: B.R. Hathcoat

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Joe Wolf

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jim Harrison **P.M.** Kevin Wash

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Robert Allison, Sr.

2ND PRAYER: Dan Smith

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Jay Allison

ALTERNATE: Miles Gooding

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Mike Wade

A.M. CLOSING: Joe Wolf

P.M. OPENING: Jim Watters

P.M. CLOSING: Richard Shelton

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Becky Wade

WEDNESDAY EVENING- APRIL 1, 2009

SONG LEADER: Kevin Wash

DEVOTIONAL: Norman Alexander

CLOSING PRAYER: Mark Gooding

Goals & Achievements

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Sunday Bible Class	95
Sunday A.M. Worship	178
Sunday P.M. Worship	120
Wednesday Bible Class	126

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$3,716.78	\$2,592.62	(-\$1124.16)

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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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