

# Columbus Avenue

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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

## THE VALUE OF TRIALS

By: Ryan Cox

Who and what we are is truly seen in the storms of life and times of greatest distress. Testing something is the best way to determine its durability, stability, and dependability. Auto manufactures run their vehicles in the most extreme conditions to search out and find their breaking points. This helps them to improve the weak areas and know the limits of the vehicle. Good friendships are developed over a long period of time, weathering the storms together and enduring the difficulties of life. James tells the children of God, to “count it all joy when you fall into diverse temptations” (James 1:1-4). This does not mean that it will be of great pleasure to encounter and endure the trials of life. However, it will be of great benefit to you as a person when you are able to overcome these dark days with the help of God.

Many times people consider Christians as just another group of people that wear a label. The say nothing really sets the Christians of today apart. Being a Christian is not merely a label, but the true blue thing. Christians are someone on whom people can depend; they are loyal, firm and faithful even thru life’s greatest trials and the harshest of persecution. Trials will not always come in the form of pain, suffering, hurt, or persecution. Some of the greatest trials of life are giving up the many pleasures that steer us away from God. There is a far greater reward awaiting us than what the world has to offer. Trials help us to build patience in this life. Patience to wait and one day receive the greatest of all pleasures and joys.



## Welcome

A hearty welcome to everyone! The Bible teaches that all are blessed who take refuge in God (Psalm 2:11). Receive the blessings awaiting you now.

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 available each Sunday morning. Grace Woodcox will be available to care for your children this morning. We also offer Bible classes 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*

Questions & Bible Answers

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

**Greeting the Assembly:** Dave Parson  
**Song Service led by:** Jim Harrison

*753-Farther Along*

*129-Amazing Grace*

**Prayer:** Bob Moorman

*376- He Paid a Debt*

### **Contribution**

*147- I Stand Amazed*

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

1st Prayer- Ryan Cox

2nd Prayer- Charles Buckner

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

*464- Because He Lives*

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 1:20-33  
Dan Smith

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

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

*924-Just As I Am*

**Announcements:** Ryan Cox

*452- Standing on the Promises*

**Prayer:** Mike Wade

## Sunday Morning Sermon: Heed The Call Of Wisdom

Text: Proverbs 1:20-33 <sup>20</sup> Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares; <sup>21</sup> at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech: <sup>22</sup> "How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? <sup>23</sup> If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you. <sup>24</sup> But since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand, <sup>25</sup> since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke, <sup>26</sup> I in turn will laugh at your disaster; I will mock when calamity overtakes you- <sup>27</sup> when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. <sup>28</sup> "Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me. <sup>29</sup> Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD, <sup>30</sup> since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, <sup>31</sup> they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. <sup>32</sup> For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; <sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

### I. Wisdom's Plea

A. Made publicly

B. To those who need her

C. Be filled with her

### II. Wisdom's Warning

A. Directed at those who refuse to hear

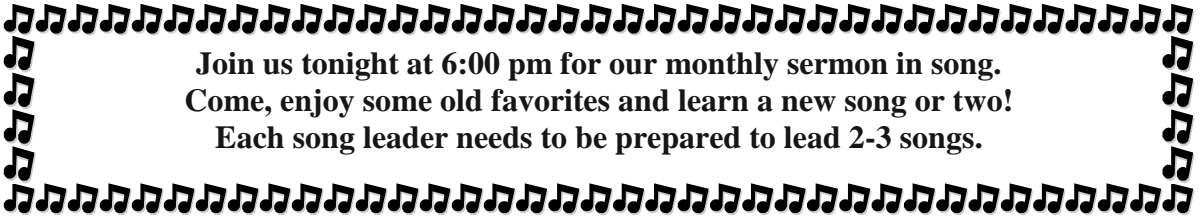
B. No help in times of calamity

C. They will suffer the consequences of ignoring her

### III. Wisdom's Summary

A. Destruction comes upon the simple and fools

B. Safety and security for those willing to hear and heed



Join us tonight at 6:00 pm for our monthly sermon in song.  
 Come, enjoy some old favorites and learn a new song or two!  
 Each song leader needs to be prepared to lead 2-3 songs.

*Land of the Midnight Sun*

*In Barrow, Alaska, morning takes on a completely new meaning. At 330 miles from the Arctic Circle and almost as close to the North Pole, Barrow is the real-life “Land of the Midnight Sun.” For 83 days, from May 11 to August 1, the sun never sinks below the horizon.*

*The dark side to life exists at high latitudes. Each year on November 18, residents watch the last sunset of the year as the sun dips below the horizon and will not return for more than two months.*

*While not pitch-black all the time, winter in Barrow is truly a season of darkness. Temperatures dip so low that fuel oil congeals. Keys snap like toothpicks in frozen locks. Wind-chills near 100 below can cause frostbite in 30 seconds.*

*The perpetual dark, cold, and wind can seem oppressive to those who take the daily blush of the sun for granted. Residents admit that dreams of Hawaii are common.*

*Not everyone wants to leave, though. “Many people here truly like the winter, enjoying the peace and quiet,” says Barrow Mayor Jim Vonderstrasse. “A lot of it reflects on a person’s outlook on life. You can sit around being depressed or you can get up and find something worthwhile to do.”<sup>1</sup>*

*Seasons of darkness can occur in anyone’s life. Often our outlook determines how we handle those difficult times. We can shut ourselves in and yearn for another life, or we can rely on God’s Light to help us find a life of hope and serenity. The choice is always ours.*

**NOT THAT I SPEAK IN RESPECT OF WANT:  
 FOR I HAVE LEARNED, IN WHATSOEVER STATE I AM,  
 THEREWITH TO BE CONTENT.  
 - PHILIPPIANS 4:11-12 KJV**

<sup>1</sup> *Reader’s Digest*, January 1999, pp. 58-61



**Before Our Father's Throne:**

**Bessie Coppock** is in St. John's Hospital, room 624, with flu-like symptoms.

**Jean Kendall** is in St. John's Hospital, room 2221.

**Mike Wade** will be having hip replacement surgery on Tuesday.

**Michelle Hood** asks for prayers for her friend, **Joy Plummer**, who is experiencing some health problems.

**With Sympathy:** **Lura Richardson's** sister, **Martha Boswell** passed away. Please keep the families of Ms. Boswell in your prayers. She was related to many of our members here at Columbus Ave.

**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, Edna Bookout

**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:** Anna Norris, LaTheda Hathcoat

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

**OUR MISSION WORKERS:**



*Thank you so much for all the prayers and cards. It was greatly appreciated and we love you all.*

*-The families of Chalus Masters*

**Don't forget** to bring in clean, empty medicine & vitamin bottles (labels removed) **AND** 2 liter bottles of Pop/Soda!



**Sentence Sermon:**

We don't change the message, the message changes us.



**Dates to Remember...**



**Today** VBS meeting,  
5:00 pm

**May 19** Ladies Lunch

**May 22** Building Reserved

**May 23** Clothing Give-Away

**May 24** Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

**May 25** Memorial Day  
*Church Offices Closed*

**May 31** Grades 3-6 Devo after a.m.  
assembly

**May 31** 5th Sunday P.M. Worship Service  
led by our young men.



**Happy Birthday to:**

Imogene Dulworth.....May 18

Lois Gaw.....May 22

**Happy Anniversary to:**

Bob & Betty Hathcoat..64th!..May 22

Bud & Betty Dietrich.....May 23

**VBS Meeting**

All those who can help with this  
summer's Vacation Bible School  
will meet TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

**Gospel Meeting**

The Southport church of Christ in  
Indianapolis invites us to join them for  
a Gospel Meeting today-Friday with  
Phil Morgan as the guest speaker.  
Worship times and topics are posted  
on the Gospel Meetings Bulletin  
Board.

**Ladies Lunch**

This Tuesday at 11:30 am  
at Ponderosa. Sign up  
today to attend!



**Clothing Give-Away**



Flo Smith is going to need help getting our annual Clothing give-away  
organized! If you can help her sort, set up or help at the give-away, please  
let her know. The give-away is scheduled for Saturday, May 23 from  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

\*\*\* Please wait until after the give-away to donate any more clothes. Thank you!\*\*\*

## Birthday / Anniversary Pitch-in

Sunday Night, May 24, immediately after our evening worship.

Theme: Mother's Favorite

Attention men and children old enough to cook:

Make your wife's/mom's favorite and bring enough to share!



## Youth News

The Shelton's will host the 3-6th graders on Sunday May 31st immediately after the morning assembly. Bring a sack lunch (beverages will be provided), your family and come prepared to do some fishing!



The Gooding's will host the 7-12th graders at That Fun Place in Greenfield in Saturday, May 30th at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy some pizza, laser tag and other games! We need a count of how many plan to go in order to make reservations and receive a group discount. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board. We will meet in the parking lot at 4:30 p.m. for those who need a ride.



Anyone interested in attending Camp Indogan this summer, please see Ryan.

## Honoring Our Graduates

We will be honoring our graduates during June's Birthday/ Anniversary Pitch-in.

Those being honored are:

Philip Johnson– Highland High School

Casey Huffman– Anderson High School

James Mercer– Lapel High School

Susan Zachary– Anderson University



Monetary donations for graduate gifts can be given to Lorna Gooding.

**CHUCKLE:** The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No ma'am," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook!"



**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Nick Allison

**MIDDLE:** Jay Allison

**NORTH:** Robert Allison, Sr.

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Jim Watters

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Grace Woodcox

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Ryan Cox

**OPENING PRAYER:** Ed Boles

**LESSON:** *Singing*

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Dan Smith

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- MAY 24, 2009**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Jasmine Arvin

**MIDDLE:** Jim Harrison

**NORTH:** Karen Harrison

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Gary Johnson

**SONG LEADERS:**

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

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Bob Moorman

**2ND PRAYER:** Joe Wolf

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Gary Johnson

**ALTERNATE:** Robert Allison, Sr.

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Jim Morris

**A.M. CLOSING:** Joe Wolf

**P.M. OPENING:** Bill Etchison

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

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Carla Wable

**WEDNESDAY EVENING- MAY 20, 2009**

**SONG LEADER:** Ryan Cox

**DEVOTIONAL:** Barry King

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Clint Huffman

**Goals & Achievements**

**Attendance**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	95
Sunday A.M. Worship	210
Sunday P.M. Worship	100
Wednesday Night Bible Study	121

**Gifts & Offerings**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$3,716.78	\$4,030.80	(+\$314.02)

**MAY ASSIGNMENTS**

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

Mark Gooding	Miles Gooding	Larry Brown
Mike Wade	Ben Wade	Gary Zachary

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

**COMMUNION:** Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ryan Cox

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER**

**Ages 3-5:** Justin & April Mattox

**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
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