

# 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

Office Hours:  
M-F, 9a-2p

*Morbus Sabbaticus*, also known as *Sunday Sickness*, is a disease peculiar to church members.

The attack comes on suddenly on Sundays. No symptoms are felt on Saturday night; the patient sleeps well and awakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues until services are over for the morning. The patients feels easy and eats a hearty dinner.

In the afternoon he feels much better and is able to take a walk, automobile ride, go visiting, talk politics and reads the papers; he eats a hearty supper but about church time he has another attack and stays home. He retires early, sleeps well, and awakes Monday morning refreshed and able to go to work. He does not feel any of the returned symptoms until the next Sunday.

The peculiar features are:

1. It attacks only members of the church.
2. It never makes its appearance except on Sundays.
3. The symptoms vary, but never interfere with appetite and sleep.
4. It never lasts more than 24 hours.
5. It generally attacks the head of the family and continues to spread until every member is affected.
6. No physician is ever called.
7. It always proves fatal to the soul in the end.
8. No remedy is known for it except repentance and prayer.

Let us take a lesson from Hebrews 10: 25-26:

***25) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. 26) If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left***



### Welcome

**A cheerful welcome to all! Let us worship with the same eagerness of the psalmist who wrote: “One thing have I asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord for 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 and 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. Summer Cox will be available to care for your children this morning.

Bible Hour, a worship service designed for children ages 3-4th grade and taught on their level, is also available. Children will be dismissed after the Lord’s Supper Observance.

**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*  
When God Speaks, Listen!

## **Sunday Morning Worship Schedule**

**Greeting the Assembly:** Ryan Cox

**Song Service led by:** Kevin Wash

**867 –To Canaan’s Land I’m on My Way**

**166– He’s My King**

**797-Lord, We Come Before Thee Now**

**Prayer:** Norman Alexander

**157-The King Is Coming**

**560-Living By Faith**

### **Contribution**

**375-Oh, the Depths and the Riches**

### **The Lord’s Supper**

1st Prayer– Gary Meeker

2nd Prayer—Dave Parson

**574-Oh, How I Love Jesus**  
(Children dismissed to classes)

**622-Ring Out the Message**

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 26:1-12

Joe Wolf

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

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

**853-When We All Get to Heaven**

**Announcements:** Gary Meeker

**988-I’ll Be List’ning**

**Prayer:** Jay Allison

## **Sunday Morning Sermon:      The Folly Of The Fool**

**Text: Proverbs 26:1-12**    1) Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, honor is not fitting for a fool. 2) Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest. 3) A whip for the horse, a halter for the donkey, and a rod for the backs of fools! 4) Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him yourself. 5) Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes. 6) Like cutting off one's feet or drinking violence is the sending of a message by the hand of a fool. 7) Like a lame man's legs that hang limp is a proverb in the mouth of a fool. 8) Like tying a stone in a sling is the giving of honor to a fool. 9) Like a thorn bush in a drunkard's hand is a proverb in the mouth of a fool. 10) Like an archer who wounds at random is he who hires a fool or any passer-by. 11) As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly. 12) Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

### **I. The Fool Defined**

A. The Hebrew word

B. Defined further

### **II. The Fool Described**

A. One who trusts in himself

B. One who is deaf to instruction

C. One who cannot be disciplined

D. One who is impulsive

E. One who commits evil

F. One who is virtually unchangeable

### **III. His End**

A. Judgment

B. No honor

## TONIGHT— SERMON IN SONG

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs!*  
(Psalm 100:2)

What a blessing God has given the human family by giving us the ability to sing. No other earthly creature has such a gift, and no other gift quite touches the human heart and emotions as the gift of song.

Songs evoke deep passions and stir sleeping senses. They communicate our feelings like nothing else can. We can all name special songs that have ministered to us in moments of despair and others that have touched our souls at times of exuberant joy. Music has been the messenger of our sentiments to God throughout history:

When Moses crossed the Red Sea with the Israelites, there was a great celebration of song (Exodus 15:1-21).

Who can forget David's [psalm of remorse and repentance after he was confronted with his sin (Psalm 51).

When the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt, it was a time of great rejoicing and song (Nehemiah 12:27-43).

When Mary visited Elizabeth and the baby John leaped in Elizabeth's womb, Mary burst forth in a song of praise to God (Luke 1:46-55).

When Jesus was preparing to go to Gethsemane in his darkest hour, he sang a hymn with his disciples (Matthew 26:30).

When Paul and Silas were cast into the forsaken darkness of their prison cell in Philippi, they sang praises to their faithful God at midnight (Acts 16:25).

The first believers came together on the first day of the week for worship and celebration. Their worship was Christ-centered, and their focus on the Lord's Supper reflected the reality of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary, his resurrection, and his promised return.

Through our communication in song, our spirits are knitted and welded together into a lasting relationship with each other and with God. In singing we develop a longing and expectation for that time when all of God's singers come home to participate in the greatest chorus ever assembled, there to praise God with new voices, in tune with Heaven's angels (Revelation 5:12, 13).

Let them praises give Jehovah!

*Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of his wonderful acts.*  
*Psalm 105:2*



### **Before the Father's Throne:**

**Woody Woodcox** fell last Sunday morning, hitting his head. Doctors believe medicine was the cause of his black-outs and have adjusted his prescriptions. He is home now.

**Ron Johnson** is scheduled for foot surgery on Aug. 21.

**Tiena Smith** continues to experience pain and swelling in her feet.

**Bob Moorman's** father, **Robert**, was taken to a hospital in Warsaw, IN last Wednesday with kidney failure.

**Congratulations!:** Ron and Teresa Johnson welcomed another grandbaby last Tuesday! Carlin Jane Analise is the daughter of Laura and Kevin Kerr and she weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. Teresa said; "She is simply beautiful"!

**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, Mattye Gum

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout

### **OUR NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:**

**Community Northview:** Margie Tompkins, Robbie Dickerson

**Manor Care:** Selbert & Jewell Braden, Charlie Callendar

**Community Parkview, Elwood:** Albert Burton

**Meadowbrook Rehab Center:** LaTheda Hathcoat

**Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown:** Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

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

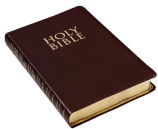
**OUR MISSION WORKERS:** Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)

**Rawlins House, Pendleton:** Betty Wunder

**Summitville Convalescent Center:** Lola Conner

**Bethany Point Health Campus:** Jean Kendall

### **Don't Forget About:**



\*Bibles for China (Please see one of the Elders by Aug. 30 to make a monetary donation)

\*Medicine Bottles for Africa



\*Freedom from Hunger (Our pantry is almost full! There are just a few items still needed.)

### **Shults-Lewis: Change for Children**

About this time each year we fill change cans for the Shults– Lewis Children's Home. This year, we're doing it a bit differently. Between now and September 13, please drop any spare change and donations into the can provided in the Family Room. Our goal is to collect \$500. We will keep track of the donations each week and post our progress. As the woman with two mites was blessed by the Lord, so may the children be blessed with our gifts.



**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**Today** Ladies Retreat Planning Meeting,  
5:00 p.m.

**Today** Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

**Aug. 18** Ladies Lunch

**Aug. 23-25** Meadowbrook's Golden  
Anniversary Celebration

**Aug. 29** Grades 3-6 Monthly Get Together

**Aug. 29** Grades 7-12 Monthly Get  
Together

**Aug. 30** Secret Sister Party

**Aug. 30** Evening Worship Service led by  
our young men

**Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in**

TONIGHT immediately after our evening assembly. Theme: Finger Foods Everyone join in as we celebrate with those in our church family who have a birthday &/or an anniversary this month.



**Happy Birthday to:**

Alyssa Lee.....Aug. 18

Jay Allison.....Aug. 19

Justin Mattox.....Aug. 21

Casey Huffman.....Aug. 22



**Ladies Lunch**



Tuesday, Aug. 18, at  
11:30 am at Ponderosa.  
Please sign up to attend.

**50 Years and Looking to the Future**

The Meadowbrook Church of Christ is celebrating their Golden Anniversary next week, Aug. 23-Aug. 25 with a Gospel Meeting. Jim Harrison, Mike Moss, John Reed and Jim Flowers will be speaking. We have been invited to celebrate this joyous occasion with them! More information is posted on the Devo's and Such bulletin board.



**Youth News**

**GRADES 3-6** will meet at the Allison's (5066 Perry Ave., Anderson) for snacks and games on Saturday, August 29, from 2 to 4 pm. *(If rain is predicted we will meet at the church building).*

**GRADES 7-12** will meet at the Shelton's (2537 S. 300 E., Anderson) on Saturday, August 29, from 7-9 pm for a bonfire. Ryan will have some other things planned too!



SIGN UP ON THE  
YOUTH BULLETIN  
BOARD TO ATTEND  
THESE EVENTS.

**Teacher Needed**

We still need of a teacher for the Grades 7-9 Wednesday night class. If you can help, please see Richard Shelton.

### Secret Sister Party

It is almost time to reveal your secret identity! Those in the Secret Sister Program will meet on Sunday, August 30 at 4:00 pm. Please bring a final gift for your secret sister. If you are not currently involved and want to be, bring a small anonymous gift. If you would like to bring an afternoon snack in to



share, you are welcome to. We will be drawing names for the next term. If you have questions, see Lorna.

### Ladies Retreat

Ladies, mark you calendars and save the date: September 18-19. Sheila Keckler-Butt will be the quest speaker. She is the author of Seeking Spiritual Beauty, the book currently being studied in the Ladies Class. We encourage all women to attend. More information about the retreat will be available soon.



### Embrace Your Day

The sun is barely up and that annoying alarm clock is blaring in your ear. Groggily you reach over and fumble around until you hit the snooze button. *Just a few more minutes*, you think, *and then I can get up and face the day*.

The alarm sounds again. You know you can't put it off any longer. It's time to face the inevitable. It's time to wrestle another day to the ground.

After a couple cups of coffee, your brain is finally humming. Now the question is, which of today's tasks should you tackle first? Before you begin your work, you might seek inspiration from this prayer, said by Jacob Boehme, a German shoemaker who was born more than 400 years ago:

*Rule over me this day, O God, leading me on the path of righteousness. Put your Word in my mind and your Truth in my heart, that his day I neither think nor feel any thing except what is good and honest. Protect me from all lies and falsehood, helping me to discern deception wherever I meet it. Let my eyes always look straight ahead on the road you wish me to tread, that I might not be tempted by any distraction. And make my eyes pure, that no false desires may be awakened within me.*

A day without distractions, focused only on the important. A day viewed through pure eyes. A day marked by goodness and honesty. A day clear of direction and no deception. A day without falsehood and lies. A day in which God's Word rules our minds and His truth reigns in our hearts. Now that's a day worth getting up for! That's a day worth embracing fully, from the first second.

***"It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect."- II Samuel 22:33***

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Matthew Johnson

**MIDDLE:** Nick Allison

**NORTH:** Ben Wade

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Miles Gooding

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Summer Cox

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Ryan Cox

**OPENING PRAYER:** Richard Shelton

**LESSON:** Singing

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ed Boels

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- AUGUST 23, 2009**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** April Mattox

**MIDDLE:** David Archer

**NORTH:** Dale Wiles

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Joe Wolf

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Jim Morris

**P.M.** Jay Allison

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Ed Boels

**2ND PRAYER:** Richard Shelton

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Barry King

**ALTERNATE:** Donovan Archer

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Bill Etchison

**A.M. CLOSING:** Gary Johnson

**P.M. OPENING:** Kevin Wash

**P.M. CLOSING:** Dan Smith

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Jama Sottong

**WEDNESDAY EVENING- AUGUST 19, 2009**

**SONG LEADER:** Miles Gooding

**DEVOTIONAL:** Ryan Cox

**CLOSING PRAYER:** B. R. Hathcoat

**Goals & Achievements**

**Attendance**

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday A.M. Worship

Sunday P.M. Worship

Wednesday Evening

**Last Week**

91

177

96

116

**Gifts & Offerings**

**Budget**

\$3,716.78

**Actual**

\$2,754.22

**Difference**

(-\$962.56)

**AUGUST ASSIGNMENTS**

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

Bill Etchison

B.R. Hathcoat

Ben Wade

Justin Mattox

Mike Wade

Larry Brown

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

**COMMUNION:** Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Gary Meeker

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS:**

**Ages 3-5:** Charlotte Meeker & Judy Lippman

**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

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