

# Columbus Avenue

# Church of Christ

## After The Storm

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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

Imagine enjoying a warm summer day. Suddenly, from the west, you see a line of dark angry clouds heading your way. You gather up things you feel will not survive the storm and move them to shelter. Then you run into your house to wait out the storm. As it rolls overhead, you see mighty flashes of lightning. Thunder so loud that you feel it as well as hear it crashing around you. The ferocity of the storm intimidates your senses. You ask God for relief from the storm. And then, the storm passes. What do you do then?

This week, we had the opportunity to hear a series of lessons that dealt with storms. Not the storms we see in nature, but the storms that occur in our lives, the struggles and trials we face. Just as the storms in nature can overwhelm us, so can the storms that arise in our personal lives. Many times during these storms, we cry out to God to relieve us. And then, the storm passes. We find calm has been restored. What do we do then?

Isn't it interesting that during times of crisis, we are willing to admit our need for God? Then when the storm has passed, we no longer feel a need for Him? Think back to 9/11. As a nation we came streaming back to God asking for His divine intervention. Churches were full of people praying for healing and strength. When no further attacks came, when the storm passed, what did we do? We went right back to the life styles and attitudes that we held before.

When the storm passes, do you think to thank God? In nature, storms serve a purpose. They help clean the air. Most of us have had the chance to breathe the purified air after the storm and remark on how good it smelled.

Likewise in our lives, storms serve a purpose. "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance."(James 1:2-3) Do you ever stop after the storm and thank God for it? Just as the storms in nature help clean and purify the earth, our personal storms can help clean and purify us. As intimidating as storms can be, God is still in control. Jesus calmed the Sea of Galilee for His disciples in their perceived time of crisis. He can calm the storms of our lives if we have sufficient faith. What will you do after the storm?

Until next time. . .

Gary



### Welcome

**With true enthusiasm we greet all who have come to worship. Peter wrote, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer” (I Peter 3:12). Therefore, with sincerity and single-mindedness, let us praise our Lord. Welcome!**

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. Dianne Parson 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*  
“There Is One Body”

## Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

**Greeting the Assembly:** Ryan Cox

**Song Service led by:** Kevin Wash

**589–** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*577-We Bow Down*

*578– We Will Glorify*

*579-Praise the Name*

**Prayer:** Jay Allison

**344–** *Low in the Grave He Lay*

### **Contribution**

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

### **The Lord’s Supper**

1st Prayer– Ed Boles

2nd Prayer—Joe Wolf

**474-*Thank You, Lord***  
(Children dismissed to classes)

**458-*Redeemed***

**Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 6:9-15  
Miles Gooding

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

**Lesson:** Gary Meeker

**915-*Trust and Obey***

**Announcements:** Ryan Cox

**989-*Soon and Very Soon***

**Prayer:** Charles Buckner

## **Sunday Morning Sermon: Ancient Problems Prevalent Today**

**Text: Jeremiah 6:9-15**

9) This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Let them glean the remnant of Israel as thoroughly as a vine; pass your hand over the branches again, like one gathering grapes." 10) To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it. 11) But I am full of the wrath of the LORD, and I cannot hold it in. "Pour it out on the children in the street and on the young men gathered together; both husband and wife will be caught in it, and the old, those weighed down with years. 12) Their houses will be turned over to others, together with their fields and their wives, when I stretch out my hand against those who live in the land," declares the LORD. 13) "From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. 14) They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace. 15) Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them," says the LORD.

### **A. Outwardly Religious With No True Delight In God's Word**

A. Jeremiah's day

B. Jesus' day

C. What about us today

### **B. Driven By Greed**

A. A covetous people

B. We do not need a prophet today to tell us

### **C. Shamelessly Proud Of Sin**

A. Can you blush?

B. The danger of losing our sense of shame

### **D. Soothed By False Teachers**

A. "All is well"

B. God's judgment is not popular

C. Organized efforts against God's will



**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:**

**Charlotte Meeker's father, Alvin Foster**, is suffering from an abdominal aneurism and will need to have surgery.

**Chris Hollingsworth's mother, Patty Jones**, is in ICU room 2627 at St. Vincent's suffering from an infection in her heart valve. She may be in the hospital for several weeks.

**Ron Johnson** will be having a stress test done on Wednesday.

**Don Archer** will be having eye surgery on Wednesday.

**Tiena Smith** has re-injured her shoulder.

**Thanking God for You:** a card from the Harrison family is posted on the Mail Board. *My family and I are honored and humbled to know how much you care. We thank you for the many ways you've helped us thru a most difficult time. We love you!*

*Jim & Karen Harrison and family.*

**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, 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

**Rawlins House, Pendleton:** Betty Wunder

**Community Parkview, Elwood:** Albert Burton

**Summitville Convalescent Center:** Lola Conner

**Meadowbrook Rehab Center:** LaTheda Hathcoat, Laura Oliver

**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)

**Addresses**

Jim & Jean Kendall have left to spend the winter in Florida. Their address there is:

992 Juniper Lake Dr.  
Defuniak Springs, FL 32435

Norman & Marie Davis have moved. Their new address is:

819 S. Lone Oak Dr., Apt. 3  
Leesburg, FL 34748-6282





**Happy Birthday to:**

Antonia Hollingsworth.....TODAY!  
Selbert Braden.....Oct. 22

**Happy Anniversary to:**

Justin & April Mattox.....TODAY!  
Bob & Mary Zachary.....Oct. 19  
Don & Debbie Archer.....(25th!).....Oct. 22



**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**Oct. 20** Ladies Lunch

**Oct. 22** Ladies Devo

**Oct. 24** Grades 7-12 @ Boles'

**Oct. 25** Congregational Singing & Prayer  
Service @ Meadowbrook

**Oct. 31** Fall Festival



*As you go through another busy week, remember there is always enough time in any day to do the things Christ wants us to do. He has called us to be faithful, not frantic. Take time to keep yourself spiritually fit. Bodily fitness has certain value but spiritual fitness is essential both for this life and for the life to come.*

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**Ladies Lunch**

The ladies of the congregation are invited to Ponderosa this Tuesday, at 11:30 am for lunch (dutch treat). Sign up TODAY on the Things to Do bulletin Board to attend.



**Ladies Devotional**

The ladies of the congregation are invited to meet at Mattye Gum's at 7:00 pm this Thursday. DeAnna Flowers will be leading our discussion. This will be the last devo for 2009.



**Youth News**

**GRADES 3-6** still need families to host for October and December.

**GRADES 7-12** will meet at the Boles' (7877 S. 250 E., Markleville) on Saturday, Oct. 24th at 6:00 pm for a wiener roast. Sign up on the youth bulletin board to attend. Grades 7-12 needs a family to host in December.

Please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board to help. See Ryan if you have questions.





### Singing & Prayer Service

The Meadowbrook congregation is hosting an area-wide singing and prayer service next Sunday, 2-4 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### Fall Festival

Make plans now to attend Columbus Avenue's Annual Fall Festival at the Shelton's on Saturday, October 31st at 5 pm.

There is fun for all: pitch-in dinner, bon-fire, hay rides, games, and more!

Bring your lawn chairs.

In lieu of the children going trick-or-treating, we will have a "Trunk-or-Treating" contest!

Decorate your car trunk and pass out candy to the kids!

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded.

Please sign up on the Things To Do bulletin board to participate.

Kids, wear your costumes!



### Truth for Today

Commentary on I & II Peter and Jude are now on sale in the office for \$26/ea. Please make checks out to *Resource Publications*. Currently, we have a limited number of books; if you do not get a book and would like one, please let Lorna know.



### Energy Assistance

Information and applications for the Madison County Energy Assistance Program are available in the Family Room. Please take one *only* if you are eligible.



### Please Bring In



2 liter bottles of Pop, Medicine Bottles for Africa, Bottle Caps for Dialysis (from gallon milk jugs) \*Please wash them before placing them in the box!

## Prayer Class Being Offered



Starting Wednesday, November 4, Gary Meeker will be teaching a 4-week class on 'Leading Public Prayer'. This class is for men wishing to gain and/or build further confidence in leading prayer in our assemblies.

### **GOD'S VERBS**

**RUN:** We must run the Christian race, and run it until the end. *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize (I Cor. 9:24).*

**SING:** We must sing praises to the Lord, and in doing so we are to teach and admonish one another. *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord (Eph. 5:19).*

**STAND:** We must stand fast for the faith. *Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong (I Cor. 16:13).*

**REJOICE:** We must always rejoice in the Lord. *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Phil. 4:4)*

**PRAY:** We must always pray, and when we pray we must pray for one another. *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. (James 5:16)*

**GROW:** We have a responsibility to grow spiritually as children of God. *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. (II Peter 3:18)*

**HEAR:** We must hear God's Word and obey it. *While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Matt. 17:5)*

**FORGIVE:** We must always forgive one another. *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Eph. 4:32)*

**DO:** We can do all things with the strength that Christ gives us. *I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Phil. 4:13)*

**LOVE:** We have love, but our love should extend to everyone. *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:37-39)*

**TODAY'S SERVANTS**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Matthew Johnson

**MIDDLE:** Miles Gooding

**NORTH:** Colin Zachary

**ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER:** Joe Wolf

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Dianne Parson

**EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS**

**SONG LEADER:** Ryan Cox

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kevin Wash

**LESSON:** *singing*

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Bill Beals

**SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY-- OCTOBER 25, 2009**

**DOOR GREETERS:**

**SOUTH:** Drew Smith

**MIDDLE:** Annie Lippman

**NORTH:** Antonia Hollingsworth

**GREETING THE ASSEMBLY:** Joe Wolf

**SONG LEADERS:**

**A.M.** Jim Morris

**P.M.** Jay Allison

**THE LORD'S TABLE:**

**1ST PRAYER:** Charles Buckner

**2ND PRAYER:** Dan Smith

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PRIMARY:** Gary Johnson

**ALTERNATE:** Barry King

**LEADING IN PRAYER:**

**A.M. OPENING:** Gary Johnson

**A.M. CLOSING:** Ryan Cox

**P.M. OPENING:** Robert Allison

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

**NURSERY ATTENDANT:** Grace Woodcox

**WEDNESDAY EVENING-- OCTOBER 21, 2009**

**SONG LEADER:** Ryan Cox

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jim Harrison

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Ron Johnson

**Goals & Achievements**

**Attendance**

	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Sunday Bible Class	93
Sunday A.M. Worship	173
Sunday P.M. Worship	95
Monday P.M. Gospel Meeting	83
Tuesday P.M. Gospel Meeting	104
Wednesday P.M. Gospel Meeting	117

**Gifts & Offerings**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
\$3,716.78	\$2,975.71	-\$741.07

**OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS**

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

Charles Lollar

Ron Johnson

Matt Johnson

Nick Allison

Millard Hogue

David Archer

**BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:** Jim & Karen Harrison

**COMMUNION:** Jim & Karen Harrison

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ryan Cox

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS:**

**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**

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