

Welcome



Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, August 27, 2017

Those who will be serving in our worship today:

Announcements	Andrew Beasley
Song Leader	Dwayne Thompson
Scripture Reader	Derrick Landefeld
Opening Prayer	Jim McGuire
Sermon	Andrew Beasley
Lord's Table Leader	Don Bayes
Server	Derrick Landefeld
Server	Darin Landefeld
Server	Cooper Thompson
Closing Prayer	Darin Landefeld

**Laings
Church of Christ**
P.O. Box 24
State Route 255
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Times of Meeting:
Sunday
Bible Classes 9:45 AM
Worship Services
10:30 AM & 7:30 PM
Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:30 PM
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Today's Sermons

A.M.
"The God of Much More"

Scripture Reading AM

Ephesians 3:20-21

P.M.
"Refuting Calvinism:
Irresistible Grace"

Scripture Reading PM

Philippians 2:12-13

You are invited back to all our services!!

Content Analysis

“Forewarned is forearmed,” so the saying goes. It always helps to understand as fully as possible the situation at hand. This search for information led the United States to develop several new methods of espionage during the Second World War. One of the simplest, and yet most effective, tools used for finding useful information was Content Analysis.

Not being able to trust Nazis propaganda produced for public consumption, American analysts instead looked at the frequency of topics arising in the German media. Content Analysis highlighted shifts of national mood and accurately let America to have a clear picture of life behind enemy lines.

This approach proved valuable in cutting through a facade, and was useful during the Cold War in understanding the mind-set of the Soviet Union. The strength of Content Analysis rests in its simplicity and ease of application. Beyond espionage, the methods of Content Analysis have found wide acceptance and currently are used in various marketing, public relations, and political applications.

Content Analysis also reveals interesting trends within congregations. A simple exercise is to list all the church activities mentioned in a congregational bulletin. When times of worship and Bible study begin to be crowded out by things that are not worship or Bible study, a disturbing trend is uncovered. Also, listing the subjects covered in Sunday morning and in Wednesday evening classes, or the topics addressed from the pulpit can reveal shifts in emphasis that will dramatically change the church over time.

Perhaps the most sobering application of Content Analysis is in our own lives. Listen to the topics discussed at a typical church fellowship. Do Christians talk about the truths of Scripture, or do the topics we discuss reflect a more secular outlook? Does the content of our communication differ much from our friends and neighbors who are not Christian? As Jesus reminds us in Luke 6:45, “...out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Watching ourselves and our congregations, let’s try ever to be moving closer to the Lord, rather than farther away.

—**Gregory Alan Tidwell**
Editor, the **Gospel Advocate**

Happy Birthday

August 31

Judy Turner

Service Time Change Effective September 3rd

**Sunday Evening services will
return to a 6 p.m. star time.
Wednesday evenings will begin
at 7 p.m.**

Gospel Meeting

August 28-Sept 1

**Hosted by the Captina church of
Christ
Speaker: Tony Huntsman**

Gospel Meeting

September 18– 21

**Hosted by the Goudy church of
Christ
Speaker: Various**

For the Record:

A.M. Sun. 8/20	48
P.M. Sun. 8/20	NR
Wed. 8/23	NR
Offering: \$921.00	

In Need of Prayer

Carol Frye-home, recovering from treatments
Millie Haney-Shirley McCaslin’s sister, cancer
Marsha Keevert- care center, broken ankle and fractured kneecap
Lloyd Henthorn-home, gallbladder and UTI issues.
Pat McGuire - US Navy.
Chad Louden- Nephew of Beth Landefeld, bruised brain and brain bleed

Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.

F.Y.I.

Pam Winland- Member @ Bates Hill, cancer, stopped treatments until she gets some strength back
Sheri Porter - Friend of Megan Powell, brain tumor and bleeding
Charlie Tomlin - home, recovering from elevated liver enzymes.

Don’t forget our Gospel Meeting with David Kenney coming up on October 1st through 5th!

- *We are still collecting cancelled postage stamps, container is in the library or hand to Jean C.*

Please note the last person out of the church building please turn off all the lights. Thank you!