

# Welcome

September 11, 2022

## Columbiana Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Gary Bailey  
Steve Bennett  
George Mackall  
Rich Mason

### DEACONS:

Tom Dusseau  
Rubin Gladman  
Luke Marshall  
Wesley Marshall  
Kevin Rance

### EVANGELIST:

Gary Bailey

### SERVICES:

Sunday Morning:  
Bible Class 9:30  
Worship 10:30

Wednesday Evening:  
Bible Study 7:00

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:15



Welcome to our worship service. We are honored that you have joined us, and we hope that your time spent with us is spiritually uplifting. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor's card located on the back of the pew in front of you and place in the collection basket in the foyer so that we will have a record of your visit. We hope to see you again soon.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Gary's daily devotionals are available on Facebook

September 11: Guest speaker Collin Matheny, followed by potluck  
September 16-18: Gospel Meeting Lake Milton COC info. on bulletin board  
September 17: Picnic at Struthers COC 1-4:00  
September 18: Guest speaker Matt Hicks, followed by potluck  
September 18: Sing at McGuffey Road Church of Christ 4:00  
September 21: Ladies card ministry during evening bible class  
September 22: Much to do Group Meeting 9:30  
September 29: Much to do Group Meeting 9:30  
October 14: Cadiz Church of Christ Friday night sing 7:00

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September 11: Bob & Jane Wells, April Rawson  
September 12: Matthew May  
September 13: Jerry Harrison, Andrew & Brandy Kemmer, Alex Rawson  
September 15: Amy Gladman, Grant Spaite, Eric & April Rawson  
September 17: John & Karen Rance

### UPDATES TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Belinda Marshall (awaiting test results)  
Barbara Cantwell: At Covington for rehab, hip replacement (George's sister)  
The family of Carolyn Gregg-Carolyn's mother passed away (Janet's sister-in-law)  
Chelli Morris: Upcoming Surgery (Donann's sister)

Please remember to silence your cell phones before worship.

## Remember in Prayer:

Gina Alexander  
Madison Bowser  
Marc Centafante (friend of Mary Ellen)  
Nate Davis (severe injury)  
Tom Dusseau  
Greg Evans  
Gretchen Esto  
Lisa Fullerton  
Gene Garrett  
Diane Graft (chemo treatments)  
Vicky Hall (Deb Hoffmaster's cousin)  
Hannah (6<sup>th</sup> grader)  
Jennifer Hanson (treatments)  
Teri Herbert (friend of Hiscox's)  
Penny Hickman (friend of Marcella)  
Pat Hoffmaster (Debbie's Mom)  
Grace Huston (Debbie Hoffmaster's cousin)  
Bobby Infante  
TJ Irons  
Tom Leskosky (friend of Roger Farmer)  
Denny Lewis (in hospital)  
Marcella Mackall  
Molly Mardany (friend of Sherry Spaite)  
Belinda Marshall  
Eugene May  
Don McElvy (co-worker of Rich Mason)  
Carol Mercure  
Debbie Miller (Carol Yohn's niece)  
Marsha Miller  
June Morris (Rubin's Aunt)  
Sam Morrison  
Max Opel  
Chuck Pacella  
Mary Pirtle  
Charlie Pirtle  
Rusty Poiencot  
Larry Ramming  
Karen Rance  
Shirley Roberts  
Davinci Schlotterhauson (12 yr old with Leukemia)  
Ray Sell (Relative of Debbie Hoffmaster)  
Sandy Sell (Relative of Debbie Hoffmaster)  
Don Sheppard (George Mackall's brother-in-law)  
Carla Spaite (Grant's aunt)  
Dasie Swiger  
Sheena Tawney (friend of Grant Spaite)  
Vanessa (Joel Smith's sister)  
Herb Vanhorn (Ellen Taylor's brother, cancer)  
Steve Vorkapich (Dan's brother)  
Kenny Wehr (Ralph Wehr's son)  
Bev Willich

## Our Shut ins:

Dan & Joyce Bennett  
Rea Buttermore  
Herb Dewe  
Barb May  
Peg McVehil  
David Shears  
Alice Stone  
Ralph Wehr

## TODAY'S SERMON

**GUEST SPEAKER  
COLLIN MATHENY**



## FAMILY RECORD

Contributions	\$ 5,506.00
Previous 4-week average	\$ 3,368.39
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,304.00

Struthers Church of Christ is having a picnic on Saturday, September 17, from 1:00-4:00, and everyone is invited to attend!! Please bring a covered dish!!

## Testing Positive

What first crossed your mind when you saw the title of this article? Covid, right? We look at a positive covid test as bad news! Of course, it's possible to have certain symptoms (fever, chills, cough, etc.) when the cause is something other than covid. Putting that lovely mile-long swab up your nose lets you know if it really is covid.

Not all positive tests are bad things. Peter and James wrote about the testing of our faith (James 1:3; 1 Peter 1:7). Now there's a case where testing positive is the best of news! So, is your faith genuine, or is it a mere pretense?

Rapid covid tests are looking for the presence of certain proteins characteristic of the virus. If the test finds those proteins, you test positive – you're infected!

Genuine faith also has characteristics distinguishing it from the pretend variety. For example, Biblical faith works. "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but does not have works? . . . Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:14, 17). Obviously dead faith isn't genuine faith!

In 1 Thessalonians 5:8 Paul illustrated spiritual warfare by urging us to put on "the breastplate of faith and love." Yes, love characterizes genuine faith. In fact, Galatians 5:6 commends "faith working through love." 1 Corinthians 13:13 adds "hope" to the mix. And Paul urged Timothy to "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11).

Some of Paul's detractors wanted to examine his apostolic credentials. Paul told them, "Test yourselves!" (2 Corinthians 13:5). That's not bad advice for all of us.

Test yourself. Do you test positive? – Joe Slater

Worship service will be live streamed live every Sunday morning at 10:30 on <https://www.facebook.com/Columbianachurchofchrist/> and on the website [www.columbianachurchofchrist.org](http://www.columbianachurchofchrist.org).