

# Welcome

November 12, 2023

## Columbiana Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Gary Bailey  
Steve Bennett  
George Mackall  
Rich Mason

### DEACONS:

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 6:30

**But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:3**



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.

Gary's daily devotionals are available on Facebook

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 12: Service at Antonine @ 2:00

November 19: Monthly fellowship meal following morning worship

November 19: LTC bulletin board work day following fellowship meal

December 9: Men's breakfast @ 8:30 here at the building

December 10: Service at Antonine @ 2:00

December 17: Monthly fellowship meal following morning worship

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November 11: Joyce Bennett

November 13: Harper Bailey

### UPDATES TO OUR PRAYER LIST

The family of Jim Schafer (Jim passed away Thursday)

Chelli Morris (Donann's sister)

Marion Pirtle (Charlie Pirtle's sister)

Jan Shear (had a stroke)

Theresa Howard (Megan Pacella-Howard's mother-in-law)

Dinah Sitler (Janet's neighbor)

Dawson Bennett: Deployed overseas

## Remember in Prayer:

Gina Alexander

Christian Armstrong

Joe Belinski (friend of Aaron Vorkapich)

Dave Butcher Family (Michael Green's relatives)

Caffrey Family (relatives of the VanAckers)

Cecilia (Friend of Brad Heaton)

Jackie Cesna (friend of Robin Infante)

Gwen Clunen

John Colclazier (friend of Steve Bennett)

Allison Dobro

Tom & Bonnie Dusseau

Luke Edgar

Gretchen Esto

Gene Garrett

Vicky Hall (Deb Hoffmaster's cousin)

Hannah (6<sup>th</sup> grader)

Rocco Henderson

TJ Irons

Kristen Krepp (relative of John Macioge)

Robin Lane (friend of Rich & Donann)

Tom Leskosky (friend of Roger Farmer)

Denny Lewis

Molly Mardany (friend of Sherry Spaite)

Sue Matthews (Maries neighbor)

Chris Marshall (Micah's father)

Rich McAdam (friend of Roger & Nancy)

Don McElvy (co-worker of Rich Mason)

Chris Meely (Carol Yohn's neighbor)

Tyler Milhoan (Cat's nephew)

June Morris (Rubin's Aunt)

Bill Nicholson

Sam Norman (friend of Lee Taylor)

Max Opel

Mary & Charlie Pirtle

Rusty Poiencot

Larry Ramming

Rick (Janet Mong's neighbor)

Eric Rogers (friend of Steve Bennett)

Davinci Schlotterhauson (12 yr old with Leukemia)

Sandy Sell (Debbie's aunt)

Don Sheppard (George's brother-in-law)

Will Simms (friend of Lee Taylor)

Bob Sinsley (friend of Glenn VanAcker)

Carla Spaite (Grant's aunt)

Vickie Squibs & family (friend of Rich)

Dasie Swiger

Sheena Tawney (friend of Grant Spaite)

Ellen Taylor

Lee Taylor

Kimber Tucker (Carey Smith's niece)

Charlie Vasque (Rich & Donann's son-in-law)

Charles White

Bev Willich

Sharon Wilson (sister-in-law of Karen Beachley)

Dee Wilt

Emerson Zitkovic

### Our Shut ins:

Norma Covan

Dallas & Marilyn Gallagher

Barb May

Peg McVehil

George & Lucille Parsons

David Shears

Alice Stone

Martha Takach

## TODAY'S SERMON

### HOW DID WE GET HERE?

## FAMILY RECORD

Contributions	\$ 3,536.00
Previous 4-week average	\$ 3,549.15
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,304.00

### The Race Of Life

Like a sprinter who pulls up lame in the 100-meter dash, so is the Christian who does not maintain confidence in Christ firm until the end. The Christian life is a daily commitment to follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). It is a race which must be completed (Hebrews 12:1-2). One cannot stop half-way through the race. We must give our best effort every step of the way!

The Hebrew writer says that if we wish to be partakers of Christ, we must "hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end..." (Hebrews 3:14). The runner has no chance of victory without crossing the finish line. Similarly, the Christian must be faithful until death in order to receive the crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

Another important thing to keep in mind is that we cannot rest upon past accomplishments. It would be foolish to stop half-way through the race, turn around to see how far we have come, and then conclude: "Well, I guess I've made it far enough!" Jesus says, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). The apostle Paul, who worked tirelessly for the sake of Christ, never reached a point where he said, "I have done enough!" He continually reached forward, pressing on for the sake of Christ (Philippians 3:13-14). In the same way, we must give our hearts in steadfast devotion to the will of the Lord.

All that God requires is that we put forth our best effort. We stumble and falter at times, but we must get back in the race and concentrate on doing our best for the Master. Like the runner who lunges forward with his last ounce of strength to reach the finish line, so also the Christian must run in such a manner as to win the race of life (1 Corinthians 9:24). The race is set before us. Our goal is heaven. The strength we need comes from the Lord. But we must do the running every step of the way. --Glen Elliot (Greenbriar, AR)

**When a child is learning to walk and falls down fifty times, he never thinks to himself, "Maybe this isn't for me."** "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand" (Psalm 37:23-24). -- Kathy Pollard (via Facebook)

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).