

# Welcome

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## Columbiana Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Steve Bennett  
George Mackall  
Rich Mason

### DEACONS:

Rubin Gladman  
Luke Marshall  
Wesley Marshall  
Kevin Rance

### EVANGELIST:

Hunter Melott

### SERVICES:

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

Wednesday Evening:  
Bible Study 6:30

### Guest Speaker



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:

January 10: Men's breakfast here at the building @ 8:30am (We will be hosting)

January 14: Soup Supper here at the building @ 5:30pm

### BIRTHDAYS

December 29: Steve Laber

December 31: Patty Hiscox, Marit Rance

January 1: Glenn & Marie VanAcker♥

January 3: Bill & Kelly Bartels♥

### UPDATES TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Keep the McVehil's in your prayers.

Eugene May: Had another treatment last Sunday

Mary Ellen Macioge: Does not have breast cancer but does have a mass that needs removed.

Congratulations to Deana Fick on placing membership here with us!

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phone to subscribe or listen to  
Hunter's podcasts!



Please remember to silence your cell phones before worship.

## Remember in Prayer:

Nancy Affinito (Friend of Kelly Bartels)  
Mike Arnatto  
Bob Baker  
Andy Beaman  
Sarah Boyer (Anita Clark's mother)  
Sandy Brewer  
Ron Brewer  
Madison Bowser-Seitzinger  
Sandy Buttermore  
Celeste Carroll  
Jerry Connor  
Carson Cooper  
Jessica Crouse's family  
Ann Cummings (Donann's mom)  
Allison Dobro  
Amy Grissmen  
Loretta Hartley  
Bill Hopkins  
Jaxson (Crestview student)  
Sophia Kale's family (Crestview student)  
Wayne Kinard (co-worker of Kelly Bartels)  
Donna Kyler (Gary Bailey's sister)  
Steve & Judy Laber  
Ron Laufry  
Caleb Liance  
Willie & Dinie Linthorst  
Mary Ellen Macioge  
Anthony Mamonis  
Joe Mamonis  
Molly Mardanny  
Krew Martino (Sandra Brewer's grandson)  
Eugene May  
Bonnie McDade  
Herman McHan  
Bob McVeihl  
Nick (Bonnie McDade's Grandson)  
Bob Milhoan  
Gene Miller (Micah Marshall's Grandfather)  
Janet Mong  
Carol Nelson  
Dale Pancake  
Stephanie Perez  
Larry Pierce  
Rose-Marie Rodrigues  
Jan Shears  
Chris Shodd  
Mary Shodd  
Kathy Rose & Jeff Spencer (Amy Timmins Friends)  
Emma Timko (Friend of Mya Fullerton)  
Glenn VanAcker  
Bob Wells  
Susan Williams  
William (Friend of Pacella's)  
Ray and Dee Wilt  
Roland James Yelton (Debbie Hoffmaster's great nephew)  
Carol Yohn  
Amanda Young (Lilli's mom)

### Our Shut ins:

Joyce Bennett  
Dallas & Marilyn Gallagher  
Peg McVehil  
David Shears  
Mary Vorkapich

## TODAY'S SERMON:

### Guest Speaker

## FAMILY RECORD

Contributions	\$ 5,035.00
Previous 4-week average	\$ 5,061.31
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,828.75

**If you know someone on the  
prayer list that is doing better,  
please see Lilli!**

## A Part or Apart?

Do you want to be a part of the Lord's church or apart from it? There seems to be an increasing number of those connected with it in some fashion who would like to have all the blessings connected with being a part of the church, yet who by their language and actions indicate that they would rather be **apart from it**. It is one thing to call attention to the shortcomings and failures of those who are or claim to be members of the Lord's church, and it is another thing to ridicule the Lord's church. If one determines what is the Lord's church or even determines who is a Christian simply in terms of how well it or he functions in all respects, there is no church or Christian on earth today, and in fact, there never was. I have been in a class where the teacher pointed out what the Lord's church was doing in Jerusalem. For example, Acts 2:46-47 reads, "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people..." (NKJV). The teacher made the point that they taught daily from house to house and did various other things that we apparently were not doing. His conclusion was that this thing of which we are members is not the Lord's church. He could have just as easily pointed to verses 44-45 where we find, "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need" or dozens of other verses. Must we have all things in common and sell all our possessions to be the Lord's church? I raised then and now the question, "Did the church of God at Corinth cease to be the church of God because it was not functioning perfectly? Does one cease to be a Christian every time he or she fails to act as a Christian should?" The answer should be apparent to anyone who thinks and knows anything about the Bible. Each of us needs to know the difference between sin and apostasy or between breaking a law and rebellion against the government. If a lawn mower ceased to be a lawn mower just because the blade needed sharpening, we would have more than a semantic problem [understanding language and the meaning of words]. Part of the thrust of this article is to suggest that those who want to be **a part of** the Lord's church should do at least two things: First, learn what the Lord's church is in its most basic sense. Second, learn how to criticize our failures, shortcomings and sins without denying the nature or the value of the Lord's church. **If you do not want to be a part of it, then declare yourself apart from the church for which our Lord died to establish, instead of trying to destroy it from within.** If you do want to be a part of the New Testament church, you must believe on Jesus as the Son of God, who possesses all authority in Heaven and on the Earth. You must be willing to submit to that authority in all things. You must demonstrate that willingness by repenting of every sin and being baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins. Then, you should continue to do everything Christ wants Christians to do. However, the fact that you will fail to do that from time to time does not mean that you have ceased to be a member of His body, the church. It simply means that you are not functioning properly, and if you do not care enough to try to change, you will be lost.

**-T. Pierce Brown**

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).