

NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 3, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 am
 Bible Classes - 10:45 am
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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Complaining

by Mark Aites

“Tis the voice of the sluggard; I heard him complain, you have waked me too soon, I must slumber again.” – Isaac Watts

There are repeated comments made in the Old Testament about Israel constantly complaining against God, and against Moses and Aaron (Exod. 16:7; Num. 14:27,36). The KJV references it as “murmurings.” It is a term that refers to grumbling.

Even in the New Testament, there are warnings pertaining to it. “Do all things without complaining and disputing” (Phil. 2:14). Again, complaining has reference to grumbling. The “disputings” refers to the debates or discussions. Obviously, what he has in mind must have been factious and divisive.

Isn't it ironic that we can sing, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow,” and in the next breath we grumble because things aren't to our liking? Perhaps we could draw an analogy from James about the double-minded man being unstable in all his ways (cf. James 1:6-7)? Aren't we being double-minded when we speak of our blessings and turn around and complain?

If you carefully observe the Scriptures, you will find that God was very displeased with those who constantly complained. And yes, He plainly heard their complaints. “And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD...” (Exod. 16:7). “And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ‘How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me’” (Num. 14:26-27). “Nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer” (1 Cor. 10:10).

We must be careful that we do not find ourselves drawn into complaining about every little thing. It makes our spirit bitter and it certainly will not aid in the advancement of the cause of Christ. People do not like to be around complainers!

If you read the beautiful words penned by Paul and Peter, about the fruit of the Spirit and the Christian Graces (Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Pet. 1:5-11), you will not find any bitterness or complaining that is recommended to be a part of our lives. In fact, quite the opposite.

MISSIONS

Congregational Mission Efforts

Dalraida church of Christ
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Greenville Church of Christ
 Greenville, OH

Indian Missions

Panama Missions

Aldrin Peter Anson Paul
 India

Andy Robison
 WV School of Preaching

Search TV
 Edmond, OK

Mike Tincer
 Seth, WV

West Virginia School of Preaching
 Moundsville, WV

AREA EVENTS

Ohio Winter Lectures: January 26 & 27, 2024 Church of Christ, Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio. More information on the bulletin board.

Ladies Inspiration Day: April 27, 2024, Camden Ave. church of Christ, speaker: Hannah Colley

Youth Events

Traveling Youth Group: December 31st, Barlow Vincent church of Christ, Vincent, OH - 5:00 pm



WTAP- Sunday, 7:30am

December 3 - Water and Spirit
 December 10 - Miraculous Gifts Today?

OUR GROWTH FOR 2023

Baptisms.....2
 Request for prayers, Restored.....6
 Placed Membership.....10

Our Record	Nov. 26	Average 2023
Sunday AM Worship	170	140
Sunday Bible Class	154	111
Sunday PM Worship	106	103
Wednesday Bible Class	105	104

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM	Dec. 3	Dec. 10
Announcements	West	Hamm
Song Leader	Oblisk	Smith
Opening Prayer	Berry	C. Miller
Scripture	Dean	Duncan
Lord's Supper	Lyons	Clark
Usher - Auditorium	Malone	J. Aites
Usher - Foyer	Ja. Eaton	G. Kupfner
Usher - Security	McHenry	L. Cook
P.A. System Audio	T. Jones	Ferrebee
P.A. System Video	E. Kupfner	McIntire
Pick up cards	Cook/Vaughan	Miller/Miller
Pick up cards	Miller/Miller	Duncan/Duncan
Door Greeters	Kv. Grose	Duncan
SUNDAY PM	Sun. PM	Sun. PM
Announcements	Duncan	Kerns
Song Leader	Oblisk	Smith
Opening Prayer	Hinzman	Hoschar
Scripture	A. Grose	E. Kupfner
Closing Prayer	Warne	Kidder
Lord's Supper	D. Miller	Merrill
Door Greeters	Kidder	Malone
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 6	Dec. 13
Announcements	Duncan	Kerns
Song Leader	Vaughan	Aites
Opening Prayer	Duncan	Kerns
Invitation	Aites	Ullom
Door Greeters	Aites	Meredith

If you are unable to serve call Dave Butterfield at 304-482-8917

*Those serving as ushers, PA and pick up cards are only shown on AM, but they are the same for PM & Wed.

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Chance Gordon (grandson of Ken & Parma Heaney)
 Chandler Hamilton (grandson of Jeff & Mary Smearman)
 Allen Hardbarger (nephew of Ruth Dickson)
 Nicholas Linville (grandson of Jim Kerns)
 Andrew Miller Jr. (grandson of Curtis Dickson)
 Dustin Miller (brother of Chris Miller)
 Nate Ruble (son of Patty Ruble)
 Josie Thomas (sister of Jen Miller)

Prayer List

Our Members

Mark Berry
Karen Blair
Richard & Eva Cook
Cathy Clegg
Curtis & Ruth Dickson
Fran Egnor
Van & Ronnie Ferrier
Ken Long
Sue Mahan
Ethel Mathers
Helen May
Lana McFee
Marvin & Joan Petty
Sharon Pugh
Leonard Shears
Mary Rose Talbott
Barb Walker

Family & Friends

Christian Bradley (*Dickson*)
Cindy Fox-Bell (*Dickson*)
Wilda Clark (*Clark*)
Steve Johnson (*Malone*)
Sandra Keith (*Dickson*)
Yvonne Keith (*Dickson*)
Mack Kupfner (*B. Kupfner*)
Mike Morlan (*Morlan*)
Pat Morris (*Long*)
Tony Police (*Carter*)
David Rice (*B. Kupfner*)
Jeff Romine (*Egnor*)
Gary & Loretta Sawyers
(*Shockey*)
Ayden Seagraves (*C. Miller*)
Brian Sims (*Smearman*)
Elsie Smith (*May*)
Fred Steed (*Steed*)
Brent West (*West*)

Remember In Prayer

Sympathy: Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Houser. Please keep her children and their families in your prayers. Betty's funeral was held November 29th at the North End building.

In Memory

Betty Houser

March 16, 1929 - November 24, 2023

Mark Berry is scheduled to have cataract surgery on December 4th.

Doug Jones will have knee replacement surgery on December 4th.

Joan Petty has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. She will go to Morgantown December 4th to find out her options.

Leonard Shears was taken to OSU hospital November 28th. He was admitted and had a kidney procedure November 30th. He will be in the hospital for a few days.

Chris and Jessica Tuley, the niece of Heather and Brent Clark, have been on our prayer list. You can send cards of encouragement to them at: 423 Dawn Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042

Thank You

We would like to thank those young and more mature folks who picked up a gazillion leaves from our yard. Our family here just keeps showing us their love through their works. We love our North End family and continue to be thankful. *Bob & Rita Cameron*

Thank you so much to all those that helped with raking the leaves in our yard. What a blessing it is to be a part of this congregation. We love you all. *Eva & Dick Cook*

We can't thank the youth group enough for the beautiful job they did raking the leaves from our yard! It was such a tremendous help to us! Thank you also to all the adults who helped. Love you all, *Doug & Kelly Jones*

Thank you all so much for helping us with the leaves in our yard. We appreciate everyone and their hard work so much! Love, *Adam & Camille Shaffer*

Announcements

Attendance Cards: Members, fill out a tan attendance card. Visitors, fill out a blue card. Please pass them to the aisles.

Sermons: Mark's lesson titles for today are: AM - "Things God Cannot Do" PM - "The Five Don'ts of Hebrews"

Young Adult Bible Class: The young adult Bible class taught by Randy Meredith, will meet with the auditorium class the next two Sundays.

Opportunity Cards: Group one will pick up their opportunity cards today. Send a card, make a visit, or a phone call.

Secret Sisters: North End Secret Sisters will enjoy a ladies tea as they reveal their secret sisters. Meet today at 4:00 pm in the MPR. Please bring your favorite tea cup and your final secret sister gift.

Evangelism Workshop: Our Evangelism Workshop will be today at 5:30 pm. Meet in classroom two.

Food Pantry: The food pantry is in need of, *jelly, canned fruit, cereal, canned meat, canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce, and Hamburger Helper*. These items can be placed in classroom two. We are also in need of boxes.

Shut-In Care Packages: Our youth will be making and delivering care packages to our shut-ins on December 16th. We are asking for your help to provide items for these boxes. There is a list on the table in the foyer of suggested items. We have 15 recipients. These items can be placed in the box that is under the table in the foyer.

Holiday Dinner: Our annual Holiday Dinner is Saturday, December 9th at 6:00 pm in our MPR. There are sign up sheets in the foyer:

1. Sign up to let us know how many are attending in your family.
2. Sign up for what food you will be bringing.
3. Sign up to help with clean up.

Change Cans: The change cans for Potter Children's Home are due back today. You can give these to Eydie or set them by her office.

CYC: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer for those wanting to attend CYC in February. The cost is \$50 per person and money is due December 15th.

Thank You: Dear North End family, Thank you all so much for taking the time to put together care packages for the college students. The holidays are such a busy time, as we are preparing for final exams. Your kindness was much appreciated! Thank you for all that you do for me. In Christ, *Jesse Eaton*

Elders

Mark Berry
Kevin Grose
David Hamm
Randy Meredith
Harvey West

Elder Meetings

December 4 - 4:00 pm
December 17 - 5:00 pm

Deacons

Dave Butterfield
Ron Cook
Harley Cox
John Duncan
Ken Grose
Jim Kerns
Josh Kupfner
Dan Lyons
Dennis Miller
Mike Oblisk
Jim Ullom
C.J. Vaughan

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Today's Scripture

AM ~ Jeremiah 32:17

PM ~ Hebrews 2:1-4