

FOCUS ON THE COMMUNITY

Plain City for God

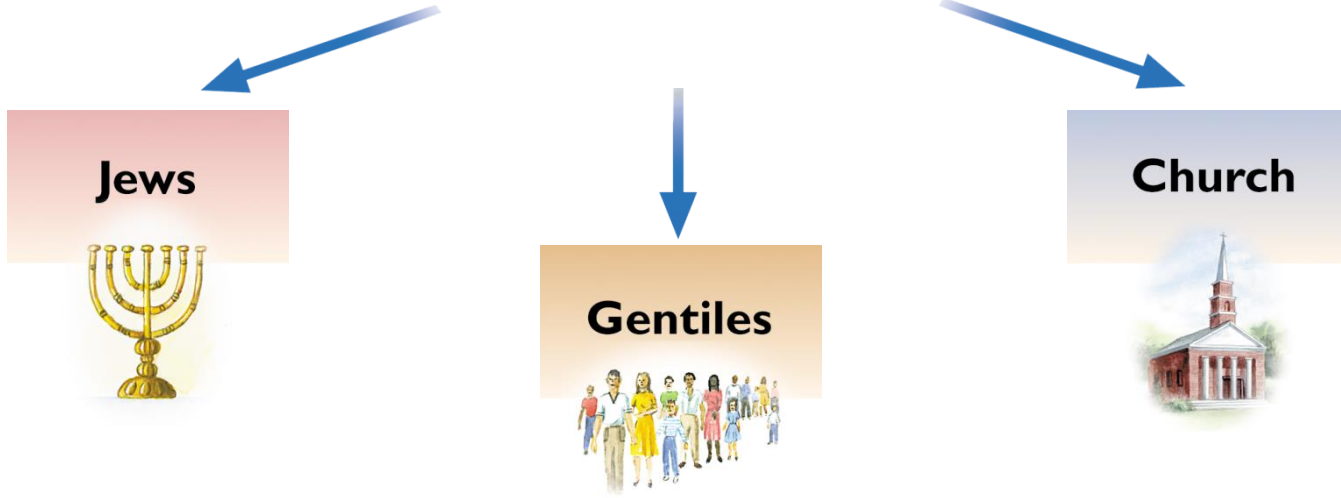
This week?

- **Focus on the Family**
- **Focus on the Church**
- **Focus on the Community-Plain City**

Last Week

- What the Church Is?
- Mission of the Church
- Power of the Church
- Future of the Church

Three Groups



Jews

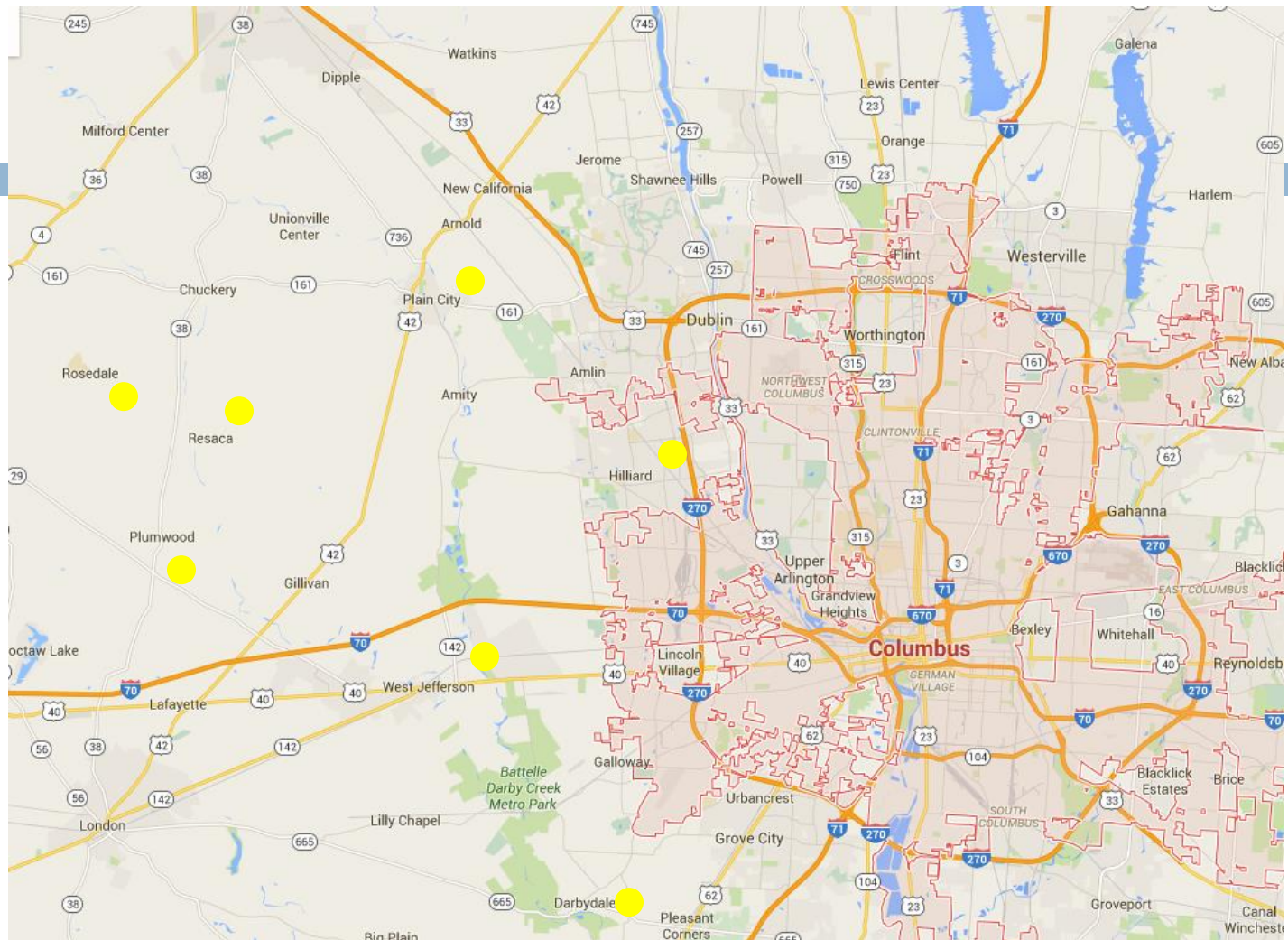


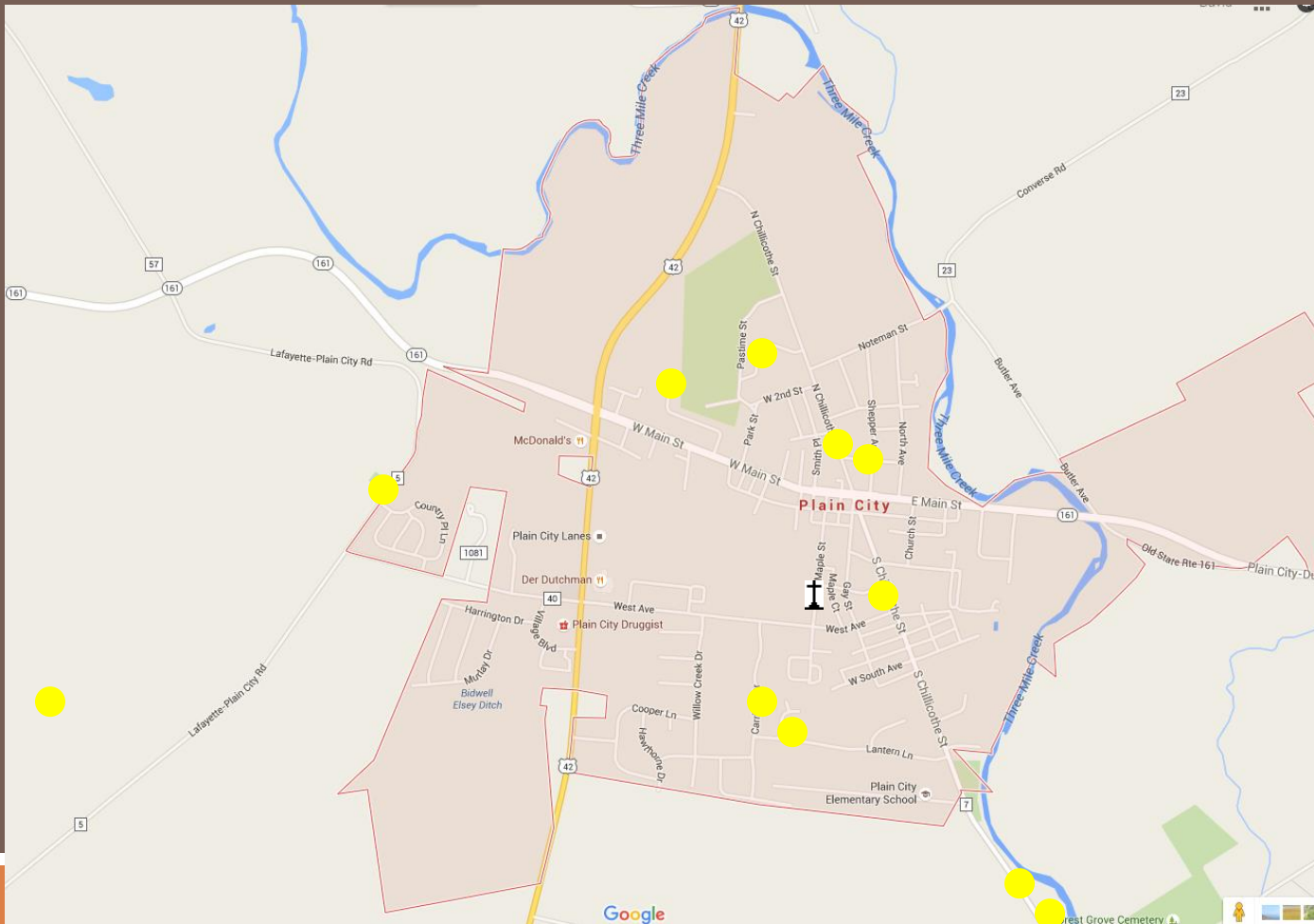
Gentiles



Church







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Rest Grove Cemetery

WIN BACK PLAIN CITY



Worship

- ²¹ Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but **God's**
- “Give **thanks** to the LORD,
for his love endures forever.”
- ²² As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

God's Presence

- ¹³ The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang:
- “He is good;
his love endures forever.”
- Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud, ¹⁴ and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.

Bloom

- “Bloom where you are planted” —Jeanine Cazares
 - Listen, O princess!
Observe and pay attention!
Forget your homeland and your family!
 - ¹¹ Then the king will be attracted by your beauty.
After all, he is your master! Submit to him!
 - (Ps 45:10-11)

Takeaways

- Am I living in faith or do I believe that the negative things will never change?
- Could I share a Godly vision for my city's future, if someone were to ask what God is doing here?
- Did God plant me here?

Waiting

- ⁴⁴ But **they dared to go** up to the crest of the hill, although neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor *Moses* departed from the camp.
- ⁴⁵ So the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country swooped down and attacked them as far as Hormah. *Numbers 14*

God's voice

- ³ The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- ⁴ When he has brought all his own sheep out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.
- ⁵ They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not recognize the stranger's voice." John 10

Plans to follow

- “Indeed, my plans are not like your plans,
and my deeds are not like your deeds,
- ⁹ for just as the sky is higher than the earth,
so my deeds are superior to your deeds
and my plans superior to your plans.

Identifying with Plain City

- **Repenters / Repairers / Restorers**
- ⁶ may your ear be attentive and your eyes be open to hear the prayer of your servant that I am praying to you today throughout both day and night on behalf of your servants the Israelites. I am confessing the sins of the Israelites that we have committed against you—both I myself and my family have sinned.
- 12. You will be called, ‘The one who **repairs** broken walls, the one who makes the streets **inhabitable** again.’ Isaiah 58

Overcomer

- Do not be **overcome** by **evil**,
but **overcome evil with good**. Rom 12:21
 - Build Character
 - Expose the enemy
 - Occupy the Territory

Travailing until birth

- Two Conditions: Desire / Faith
- Pray until that which is needed happens
- Feeling deeply for those whom we never met