

Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street

Marietta, Ohio 45750



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

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| Bible Classes | 9:00 A.M. |
| Worship | 10:00 A.M. |
| Evening Worship | 5:00 P.M. |

WEDNESDAY

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| Bible Classes | 7:00 P.M. |
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September 6—**Ray Anderson, Eric Brown, Emily Hall, Gary Smith**

September 7—**Jacob Reynolds**

September 8—**Jessica Dailey**

September 9—**Molly Fryman, Kylee Dailey**



September 5—**Jesse & Jennifer McNutt, Bill & Mary Wharton**

SCHEDULE - September 12, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Greg Cline

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Albert Baltzer

PM: Tom Eddy

PRAYER

AM: Darrell Hague

Dennis Dye

PM: Todd Hague

Harry Ogletree

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Bill McFarland

PM: John Dollison

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey

Wednesday—September 15, 2021

SONG LEADER: Michael Morgan

PRAYER: Greg Cline/Adam Burkhart

DEVO: Mark Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Roger Rush

STATISTICS-August 29, 2021

Sunday Bible Class 70

Morning Worship 139

Evening Worship 55

Wednesday Classes 58

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WEBSITE www.sawcoc.org (Please note video from sermons is available on our website)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK—Spaghetti Sauce

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September 5, 2021

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ELDERS

Kurt Harrison

Roger Rush

DEACONS

Tom Eddy

Tim Loughry

Paul Hickman Michael Morgan

Paul Jacoby Alan Ralston

MINISTER

Roger Rush

Time Passes Swiftly

Life is rapidly slipping through our fingers. Each day I understand a little better what James meant when he asked:” *“What is your life?”* It really is like *“a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes”* James 4:14).

Life is a process. If we are fortunate, we will grow old and eventually die. Some find this depressing, but not me. To grow old and not die would be depressing. But I should point out that I am looking at this process from a Christian perspective. I believe in life after life (1 John 2:25).

If we look at life through the eyes of a Christian two things are apparent. First, we will value each moment as a precious gift from God to be used. Jesus came that we might have an abundant life (John 10:10). He makes possible a full and rich existence where life has meaning and purpose. Living then becomes a joyous experience (John 16:33). Second, we will not fear the end of life. We see death as the gateway to an even better world. In this new life *“the tabernacle of God is with men, he will dwell with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are*

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TODAY’S SERMONS

AM: A lesson on love!
Reading: I John 3:13-18

PM: Bear with one another!
Reading: II Peter 1:5-11

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.
WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.
WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 11:00 a.m.
SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

Memorial: **Donna Moseley**
Donna Butler is now at home.

PRAYER LIST

Elsie Bowens
Judy Brandjes (friend of **Gertie Fryman**)
Donna Butler (Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Parkersburg, 3 Western Hills Drive, Parkersburg, WV 26105
Added to prayer list: **Mary Lauck** *full prayer list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer

POWER FOR TODAY

Copies of October—December Power for Today are available in the foyer.

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson, Susie Patterson, Gertie Fryman, World Christian Broadcasting,** and **Barbara Hickman.**

RELIGIOUS STANDARDS

People today follow all kinds of religious standards and have all kinds of ideas about what God will and will not accept when it comes to beliefs, practices, and moral conduct.

Some believe that as long as they live up to the Ten Commandments, they will be acceptable to God.

Some believe that if they live by the Sermon on the Mount or just the Golden Rule, they will be acceptable.

Others think that as long as they are true to their own conscience, they will be acceptable.

One lady was heard to say, “I don’t know much about the Bible, but I know what I believe.” Therefore, “what I believe” was her standard.

“I don’t see anything wrong with it” is the standard of many, and that becomes the justification for a multiplicity of religious beliefs and practices.

Political correctness and the constantly evolving preferences of contemporary culture serve as the standard for many, be it to justify same-sex marriage, so-called gender equality in the church, or some other current issue.

“I believe God wants me to be happy” is the standard of those who want to justify their actions, regardless of what the Bible may say about those actions—a series of marriages, divorces, and remarriages in search of the “right” mate or situation.

Many adhere to the religion of their parents and ancestors. Theirs is a hand-me-down religion, with never a question or a doubt as to whether it is pleasing to the Lord.

The pope, the diocesan bishop, or the local priest is the authority for many.

The Book of Mormon, the writings of Charles T. Russel and Joseph F. Rutherford, and the numerous protestant creeds, church manuals, and catechisms authored by fallible humans are the standard for many others.

For many, “My own mind is my own

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passed away” (Revelation 21:3, 4). This should help us understand why Paul wrote: “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*” (Philippians 1:21).

I realize that many today reject the concept of life after life, the existence of God, and the prospect of judgment. But, if they are wrong, they face a fate far worse than mere physical death. Believers, on the other hand, will still have lived the best life there is this side of the grave and will have lost nothing beyond the grave. But let me be clear, the doubters are wrong!

For Christians it is not how long we live, but how we live that matters. Yes, time goes by quickly, but each new day offers new challenges and greater opportunities for service. We live each day to the fullest knowing that should it be our last, a better world awaits.

We are all growing older, and age certainly takes a toll on us physically. However, as our outer self (our body) wastes away, our inner self (our spirit) is being renewed each day (2 Corinthians 4:16). This enables us to face each new day with anticipation and not fear, and to say with the Psalmist: “*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it*” (Psalm 118:25).

---Roger

RELIGIOUS STANDARDS (con’t)

church” (to quote Thomas Paine).

But Jesus Christ, the Son of God, declared, “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth*” (Matthew 28:18). He alone is “*the way, the truth, and the life*” (John 14:6; cf. Acts 2:36). He alone is the head of the body, the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18). “*Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son*” (II John 1:9). Only in His name is there salvation (Acts 4:12).

—Hugh Fulford

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Diane and I enjoyed our time away, but it is good to back with you this morning.

This morning we began a study of the *Epistle of James*. It is a fascinating book with tremendous relevance to all who desire to walk more carefully in the steps of Jesus. I hope you will join us each week for this study.

Don’t forget that the office will be closed tomorrow for the *Labor Day* holiday. Everyone should be back to work Tuesday morning, but you should always feel free to call me if you need anything.

Special thanks to **Kurt Harrison, Michael Morgan,** and **John Forshey** for covering for me last week.

Our *Ladies Tea* and *Friends and Family Day* are rapidly approaching. **Brent** and **Janie Gallagher**, from the Oakwood Road congregation in Fairmont, WV will be with us for the weekend.

Michael Morgan will be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening. **Mark Harris** is scheduled to be our devotional speaker September 15.

God willing, I am scheduled to be with the Alkire Road congregation in Grove City for a gospel meeting September 26-30, and with the Orrville congregation October 3-7. **Harry Ogletree** will be preaching in my absence, and **Kurt Harrison** will be teaching my classes while I am out of town.

Our *Thursday Ladies Class* will resume October 14. Normally we would have resumed that class a week earlier, but because of the gospel meeting at Orrville, I had to postpone it for a week.

“*I will build My church*”
Matthew 16:18

Our lives are enriched by honoring the ones who gave us life.

“*Honor your father and mother...that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on earth.*”
Ephesians 6:2-3