

Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY	
Bible Classes	9:00 A.M.
Worship	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.



December 13—Sammy Wells
December 14—Christian Bettinger, Barbara Casto
December 15—Elsie Bowens, Ida Harris
December 16—Todd Hague
December 17—Rae Thomas
December 18—Brad Pierce



December 18—Douglas & Vonda Brown

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December 12, 2021 Sixth and Washington Sts., Marietta, Ohio 45750...Office Phone (740) 373-3240



- ELDERS**

Kurt Harrison
Roger Rush
- DEACONS**

Tom Eddy	Paul Jacoby
Mark Harris	Tim Loughry
Paul Hickman	Michael Morgan
Alan Ralston	
- MINISTER**

Roger Rush

THE BREAKDOWN OF THE FAMILY

In the twenty-first century, the breakdown of the home is one of the most significant problems facing this nation. As goes the home, so goes the nation. There was a time in our history when family ties were close and solid, but not so much now!

What has caused the disintegration of the American family? Several factors are involved, including the following: 1) easy divorce, 2) the acceptance of alternate life-styles, 3) rampant sexual immorality, 4) mobility - the average family moves once every five years causing ties to the extended family to be stretched too thin, 5) materialism - pulling mothers with small children out of the home and into the work force while they are still needed at home, and 6) the breakdown of traditional religious values. These factors, and others, are combining to destroy the traditional American family.

Can the trend toward the collapse of the home be reversed? Yes, but it will not be easy! We must return to a Biblical framework for marriage and family. The home was the first institution ordained by God, and it was meant to be lasting (Genesis 1:28; Matthew 19:9). It should be at the center of our spiritual,

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SCHEDULE - December 19 , 2021
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells
PM: Tim Wells

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: John Dollison
PM: Greg Cline

PRAYER

AM: Adam Burkhart
Randy Feisley
PM: David Potts
Tim Loughry

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Colton Eddy
PM: Harry Ogletree

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey
Wednesday—December 22, 2021

SONG LEADER: John Forshey
PRAYER: Tom Eddy/David Potts
DEVO: Harry Ogletree
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Roger Rush

STATISTICS-December 5, 2021

Sunday Bible Class	79
Morning Worship	154
Evening Worship	65
Wednesday Classes	64

OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909
BIBLECALL (740) 373-3222
WEBSITE www.sawcoc.org (Please note video from sermons is available on our website)
PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK—Crackers

TODAY’S SERMONS

AM: The Foolishness of God
Reading: I Cor. 1:18-25

PM: Not True
Reading: John 8:31-36

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

Ronnie Bowersock (Susie Patterson’s brother) was in the hospital and is now at home.

Randy Nolan had two stents Tuesday.

Sarah Schafer is now at home.

Eunice Busch has been in the hospital and at Waterview Pointe. She had a procedure done Thursday.

Mark Kendall is now at home.

Charlie Smith (friend of **Tom Eddy**) had surgery Monday at the Cleveland Clinic. The second procedure is tentatively scheduled for April. His address is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

SHUTINS

Ruth Dailey — Home

Kay Casto—Harmar Place, 401 Harmar Street, Marietta, OH 45750

Don Burkhardt—Lancaster House Assisted Living, 1417 Lancaster Street, Marietta, OH 45750

PRAYER LIST

Don Becker

Mabel & Don Bennett (friends of **Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson**)

Elsie Bowens Added to prayer list: **Melanie Wagner** (**Herma Eddy’s** niece) has melanoma and underwent aggressive surgery. *full prayer list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer

LADIES FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY—HOLIDAY TREATS SWAP

There will be a Holiday Treats Swap for the ladies of the congregation today at 2:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Please bring 3 dozen of your favorite Holiday Sweet Treats to swap with your friends. One dozen to sample, and two dozen to share. Treats can be cookies, cupcakes, candy, fudge, etc. Sharing bags, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided. Come to visit, catch up with friends, and share. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the foyer.



THE EMPTINESS OF UNBELIEF

Sometimes it is helpful to see what life looks like from another’s viewpoint. Bertrand Russell, a renowned philosopher and avowed atheist, said this about humanity:

“His origin, his growth, his hopes and fears, his loves and his beliefs, are but the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms.....No fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can preserve individual life beyond the grave.....

“All the labors of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system.....The whole temple of man’s achievement must inevitably be buried beneath the debris of a universe in ruins.”

For those who choose to believe we are merely a collection of atoms, this is the stark reality of life: once it is over, it is over.

—Bertrand Russell,
“A Free Man’s Worship”

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emotional, and physical growth. It should be the place where love is nurtured and cultivated. The ties that bind us to home and family should be strong and lasting. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote: "And where we love is home, home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts. The chain may lengthen, but it never parts."

We can have strong marriages and loving families. Our homes can be places of comfort and security in a very insecure world, but only when they are built on the foundation of God's word!

The greatest gift we can give our family is a commitment to build our home on the divine foundation of faith, love, and obedience to the Creator. If we are not doing so, it is time to start!

—Roger

BAPTISM

JoAnn Legleitner was baptized Sunday evening. Please welcome **JoAnn** to this congregation.



NEW ADDRESSES

Please add the following addresses to your directory:

T.J. & Erin Wells & Family
430 Davis Rd.
Marietta, OH 45750

Amy Zimmer
112 Sanjubar Drive
Marietta, OH 45750

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Michael Morgan is scheduled be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening. **Harry Ogletree** is slated to be our devotional speaker December 22.

God willing, next Sunday **Josh Ball** and his family will be with us. **Josh** will be teaching the Sunday morning Bible class and preaching at both our morning and evening assemblies. I certainly hope you will be here to hear **Josh** and meet his wife, **Morgan**, and their children, **Charlie** (age 4) and **Oliver** (age 1).

We are currently in the process of putting together our **2022 Summer Series**. As soon as everything is finalized, we will make the schedule available. This is always one of the highlights of the year for us, and this coming summer provides an additional Wednesday evening, so we will have thirteen speakers as well as a guest song leader for our sing which will be the last Wednesday evening in August, God willing.

Ladies, please note that this Thursday morning we will have our last class of the year. We will then break until January 6. If you haven’t been a part of this class, why not consider joining us in the new year?

We recently began a new quarter in our Bible School program. Sadly, we are always in need of additional teachers. This seems to be indicative of congregations elsewhere as well. I see pleas for teachers in nearly every church bulletin I read. We shouldn’t need to beg people to teach children about Jesus. I realize it requires a commitment of time, energy, and resources to teach, but are we so busy or so uninterested that we can’t find the time to teach one or two quarters a year? Some of our teachers teach quarter after quarter because no one else will step up. Won’t you consider helping? Talk to **Michael Morgan** or **Tim Loughry** about how you can be more involved. The rewards are far greater than the sacrifices required.

PANTRY

Seven families were helped by our pantry last month.