

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 21—**T.J. Wells**
December 25—**Donald Brooks, Joshua Jackson**



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

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December 19, 2021 Sixth and Washington Sts., Marietta, Ohio 45750...Office Phone (740) 373-3240



- ELDERS**

Kurt Harrison
Roger Rush
- DEACONS**

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

Roger Rush

A Tragic Story

The year was 1986. A bright future awaited him. He had it all. A 6-foot-8 All-American from the University of Maryland, he was at the top of the world of athletics. June 17 he was drafted by the Boston Celtics. June 18, he signed a multimillion-dollar contract with Reebok shoes. June 19, he died of cardiac arrhythmia after snorting cocaine. So goes the story of **Len Bias**. It is a story of triumphant and tragedy. It is the story of what might have been. It is the story of a wasted life. Whether it was a one-time celebration, or part of a developing drug problem, I don't know. But it was a needless, pointless death!

He had to be aware of the dangers. Drugs are deadly. The warning signs are everywhere. Ruined lives, diseased bodies, and death are the byproducts of drug and alcohol addiction. What could possibly induce a person to risk it all?

In many ways, **Len Bias** was no different from any of us. He saw the pleasure, but not the pain. He seized the moment, and it cost him his life. Sadly, many never consider the consequences of their actions. They are more concerned with immediate gratification than eternal rewards. The Apostle Paul wrote: *"The wages of sin is death"* (Romans 6:23). Sin may provide momentary pleasure, but

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SCHEDULE - December 26 , 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison
SONG LEADER
AM: Tim Wells
PM: Michael Morgan

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Dennis Dye
PM: Paul Jacoby

PRAYER

AM: David Potts
Darrell Hague
PM: Alan Ralston
Todd Hague

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Albert Baltzer
PM: Mark Harris

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey
Wednesday—December 29, 2021
SONG LEADER: Michael Morgan
PRAYER: Greg Cline/John Forshey
DEVO: Kurt Harrison
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Roger Rush

STATISTICS-December 12, 2021

Sunday Bible Class	79
Morning Worship	147
Evening Worship	60
Wednesday Classes	67

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—Applesauce

TODAY’S SERMONS

AM: The Transfiguration of Jesus—
Guest Speaker: **Josh Ball**
Reading: Matthew 17:1-8

PM: God is our Refuge
Guest Speaker: **Josh Ball**
Reading: Psalms 46:1-3

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

Norm Wilkinson was in Belpre Landing and is now staying with his daughter, **Kim**, in Columbus, Ohio.

PRAYER LIST

Judy Brandjes (friend of **Gertie Fryman**)

Doris Cokeley (**Sheri Miller’s** mother)

Elizabeth Davis (**Diane Miller’s** granddaughter)

*full prayer list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Earl Schramm, Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson, & Susie Patterson.**

LOVE FROM A CHILD’S POINT OF VIEW

“When my grandmother got arthritis, she could not bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That is love.”

“Love is when someone hurts you, and you get so mad, but you do not yell at them because you know it would hurt their feelings.”

“Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay.”

“Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.”

“Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.”



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death inevitably follows close behind.

Moses understood the importance of foregoing momentary pleasure for eternal rewards. He chose to suffer affliction with the people of God over the fleeting pleasures of sin (Hebrews 11:25). He lived, not for the moment, but for eternity. He will be remembered forever for having made the right choice.

Sin is deadly. Do not be deceived by its promises. Any pleasures sin offers are short lived. Righteousness offers benefits now and eternally. Obey the gospel. Walk in the steps of Jesus. Take the road less travelled. Make the hard choices. Do the right thing. Don’t let your life end in another tragic story. There is hope, redemption and the prospect of eternal life, no matter what sins may haunt our past, if we turn to the Lord. He will provide deliverance and direction through His word to the obedient.

—Roger

DIVINELY HUMAN; HUMANLY DIVINE

We see interesting contrasts between Jesus’ deity and His humanity:

- He was hungry (Luke 4:2), but with five loaves fed five thousand (John 6:10-11).
- He was thirsty (John 4:7), but turned water into wine (John 2:9).
- He was carried in a ship (Mark 4:38), but walked on the sea (Matthew 14:25).
- He died (Luke 23:46), but left His tomb (Matthew 28:6).
- He was set before Pilate (Matthew 7:2), but sits with His Father in heaven (Hebrews 21:3).
- He was worshipped by angels (Luke 2:13), but was hated by the Jews (John 18:12, 19:7).

“They shall call His name Immanuel, “which is translated, ‘God with us.’” Matthew 1:23

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Harry Ogletree is scheduled be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening. **Kurt Harrison** is slated to be our devotional speaker December 29.

Please extend a warm welcome to **Josh Ball** and his family. **Josh** taught our Sunday morning Bible class this morning, preached at our morning assembly, and will be speaking again at our evening assembly. 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).

Traci and I will both be taking vacation days before the end of the year. If you call the office and no one answers please feel free to call my home or mobile number.

This is always a busy time of the year. If you are traveling over the holidays, please be careful. If you are going to be out of town over the weekend and need help locating a congregation to worship with while you are away, let us know and we will be happy to help you find a place to worship. Just because it is the holiday season, we should not take a holiday from worshipping and serving the Lord!

Our next Sunday evening for our young men to lead our worship will be January 30. **Michael Morgan** is scheduled to speak at the five o’clock service on the 30th. Please note that on your calendar and plan to be here to hear him. I know your presence would be an encouragement to him, and you will be greatly benefited by what he will share from God’s word.

This coming week the world will pause to remember the birth of Jesus. As Bible students, we know that no one knows exactly when Jesus was born. The annual celebration of the birth of Christ is not authorized in the New Testament, yet it cannot help but be a good thing that people are at least made aware of His birth at this time of the year. And it does seem that many people are more thoughtful and generous because of the holiday, and that is a good thing too. Remember, Jesus said: *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35 ESV). True, not just in December, but every month!