

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.
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January 17—**Don Brown, Julia Harris**
January 18—**Brycen Bettinger, Aaron Pellett**
January 19—**Linda Dailey, Gene Strauss**
January 20—**Dave Bowen**



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

SCHEDULE - January 23 , 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Michael Morgan

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Albert Baltzer

PM: John Dollison

PRAYER

AM: David Potts

Darrell Hague

PM: T.J. Wells

Alan Ralston

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Coen Eddy

PM: Harry Ogletree

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey

Wednesday—January 26, 2022

SONG LEADER: Greg Cline

PRAYER: Todd Hague/Tom Eddy

DEVO: Dennis Dye

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Roger Rush

STATISTICS-January 9, 2022

<u>Sunday Bible Class</u>	<u>65</u>
<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>117</u>
<u>Evening Worship</u>	<u>49</u>
<u>Wednesday Classes</u>	<u>52</u>

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

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK—The pantry is well stocked at this time.

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January 16, 2022

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ELDERS

Kurt Harrison
Roger Rush

DEACONS

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

MINISTER

Roger Rush

The Authority of Scripture

The establishment of authority is essential in society. Chaos results when authority is abandoned. Such was the case in the history of Israel when every man did “that which was right in his own eyes” (Judges 17:6). During the “student riots” in Paris several years ago someone crossed out a large “No Smoking” sign hanging over the entrance to an auditorium, and under it wrote, “It is forbidden to forbid!”

Without laws, and respect for those laws, pandemonium would break out. Society simply cannot function properly without them. Few people would dispute our need for some authoritative system to govern us. However, when it comes to religion, many still believe that every man should just do what he feels is best. As a result, religion is in a state of chaos. This will be true until men turn to some authoritative standard for direction.

What can we use as our standard? Not feelings, for feelings are often misplaced (Proverbs 16:25). Not conscience, for our conscience can mislead us (Acts 23:1). We can’t rely on our common sense for direction, for often what appears to be sensible is not (Jeremiah 10:23). And we can’t depend on the creeds

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TODAY’S SERMONS

AM: Precious Promises
Reading: II Peter 1:1-4

PM: Dying to Live
Reading: Matt. 10:37-39

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

Junior Nolan was in the hospital and is now at home.
Selby: **Randy Yost** (Cora Marshall’s brother) is in room 105.

PRAYER LIST

Donald McCain (Dorothy Wilkinson’s brother-in-law)
Dawn Michael (friend of Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson)
Leah McIntosh (Lisa Burkhardt’s granddaughter)
*full prayer list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Charlie Smith** (friend of Tom Eddy), **Sarah Schafer**, and **Bill & Mary Wharton**.

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SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **DeGerald “Tim” Bailey** (Stan’s brother). Memorial services were held Thursday at the New St. Mary’s Cemetery.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Jerrod Grosklos**. Memorial services are incomplete at this time.



NEW MEMBER

Please welcome **Alan Bettinger** to our church family. If you haven’t met him yet, make a special effort to do so. Let him know how happy we all are to have him with us.

God’s plan is better than anything we could every dream up.

“Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but Me.”

Isaiah 45 21

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of men which only lead to more division and disagreement.

Only the Scriptures can serve as an absolute, objective standard for the government of God’s people. The Bible is the inspired, authoritative, all-sufficient word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). We must examine all that we believe and practice under the microscope of God’s word to make sure that it is authorized by HIM (Acts 17:11). Only then can we know that we are pleasing to HIM.

Sadly, too many determine authority for their religious beliefs and practices on the basis of what they personally think, feel, or believe. As already noted, these can be, and often are, faulty standards. Only the Bible, properly handled, can serve as an authoritative standard for our faith. Thus, Paul admonished Timothy, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15 ESV).

—Roger



BENEVOLENT PROJECT

We will be collecting toiletries, i.e. toothpaste, shampoo, soap, etc., for a local family who lost their residence in a fire. Please turn in donations by next Sunday, January 23rd. If you have any questions, please see Benevolence Deacon, **Paul Jacoby**.

Just when we think the well might run dry—God sends rain.

“The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.” Isaiah 58:11

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Tom Eddy is scheduled to be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening. **John Forshey** will be our devotional speaker January 26.

For those of you who are interested, an area wide worship service is scheduled for this afternoon at 3:00 at the Lubeck congregation. The service will be hosted by the Barlow-Vincent congregation.

God willing, Sunday evening, January 30, our young men will lead our worship, and **Michael Morgan** is scheduled to be our speaker. I hope you will make a special effort to be here to hear **Michael** and encourage those who will be participating in that assembly.

The schedule for our **2022 Summer Series** is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. I think we have an excellent slate of speakers, and I’m confident you will find the study of the prophets a rewarding one.

Feedback from our radio program, **Truth for Today**, continues to be very positive. We changed the format a few years ago to offer four brief messages sandwiched between acapella hymns. From what I had learned, many people were listening while in their automobiles traveling to and from worship, and with the old format only heard a portion of the message. We changed the format to address that issue, and it seems to have been well received. We are now on five radio stations including stations in McConnelsville, St. Marys, and Parkersburg.

Allen Bettinger placed his membership with us last Sunday. If you have not yet met **Allen**, please make a point of introducing yourself and welcome him to our church family here.

Every event in our lives has been orchestrated by God to accomplish His purpose for creating us.

“Those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn of many brothers.” Romans 8:29