

## 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 2—Don Badgley, Ed Green

January 4—Tom Eddy “50th”, Kristy Vernon

January 6—David Lauck, Elizabeth Loughry “16th”

January 7—Becky Giffen

January 8—Fred Burton, Kay Casto, Marge Schramm



January 8—Roger & Diane Rush

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January 2, 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

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

Herod Agrippa listened patiently to Paul as the apostle recounted his conversion. At the conclusion of the account Agrippa responded, *"Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian"* (Acts 26:28). What was it that Agrippa was almost ready to become? What does it mean to be a Christian?

Being a Christian does not mean that a man no longer sins. John was adamant when he wrote that *"if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us"* (1 John 1:8). It does not mean that we will no longer have problems. Just the opposite is often true. *"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"* (2 Timothy 3:12). It does not mean that everything that happens to us will be good. A close examination of the lives of men like Stephen, James, and Paul will dispel that myth. Nor does being a Christian mean that good health, prosperity, and peace will necessarily come our way. God makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends the rain on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45).

Being a Christian does mean that we no longer let sin dominate (control) our lives. We must choose to be the servants of righteousness rather than the

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### SCHEDULE - January 9, 2022

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** Tim Wells

**PM:** T.J. Wells

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** Dennis Dye

**PM:** Michael Morgan

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Darrell Hague

Dennis Dye

**PM:** Todd Hague

Harry Ogletree

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** Albert Baltzer

**PM:** Paul Jacoby

**CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:** John Forshey

#### Wednesday—January 12, 2022

**SONG LEADER:** Dennis Dye

**PRAYER:** Michael Morgan/Adam Burkhart

**DEVO:** Tom Eddy

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Roger Rush

**STATISTICS**-December 19, 2021

<u>Sunday Bible Class</u>	<u>68</u>
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<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>145</u>
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<u>Evening Worship</u>	<u>72</u>
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<u>Wednesday Classes</u>	<u>67</u>
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**BIBLECALL (740) 373-3222**

**WEBSITE** [www.sawcoc.org](http://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.



TODAY’S SERMONS

**AM:** Looking Ahead  
Reading: James 4:14-17

**PM:** Are there many ways to God?  
Reading: Luke 13:22-30

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.

PRAYER LIST

**David & Winnie Gerken** (friends of Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson)

**Blye Grove**

**Kimberly Hall**

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

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The pantry is well stocked at this time.

THANK YOU

A thank you note is on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Janice Christman**.



PLENTY OF PROOF

There are more than 300 predictive prophecies in the Old Testament Scriptures concerning Jesus that were recorded centuries before He was born. Each was accurately fulfilled. Unlike modern predictions, not one of the predictions concerning Jesus missed the mark. Have you ever seriously analyzed the implications of those signs?

Peter Stoner, a renowned mathematician, calculated the odds of just eight of the 300 predictive prophecies having been fulfilled accidentally in the life of one man. The odds are one in ten to the seventeenth power (a ten with seventeen zeros following it!).

I used my computer to do a few calculations in order to make that huge number sink in a little more sensibly. A dollar bill is six inches long. It would take 10,560 dollar bills laid end-to-end to extend one mile. The moon is about 239,000 miles from the earth. Thus, it would take 2,523,840,000 dollar bills laid end-to-end to extend from the earth to the moon.

That is a little over two and a half billion. But as incredibly large a number as a billion may appear to be, the number that Peter Stoner calculated (ten to the seventeenth power) is simply mind-boggling. If one possessed that many dollar bills, he could lay them end-to-end and stretch them from the earth to the moon nearly forty million times (39,622,163). Looking at it differently, those bills could add up to about twenty million round trips to the moon! And that is only eight of 300 predictive prophecies!

We have little excuse to disbelieve the claims of the Word of God concerning Jesus Christ!

—Garrell Forehand

*“All things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me” - Jesus*  
Luke 24:44

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servants of sin (Romans 6:16-18). It means that when problems come, we face them with faith and courage, and not with despair. We can *“do all things through Christ”* (Philippians 4:13). It means that good can come from the worst of situations. Even in the darkest hour a ray of light can be seen. It means that the real emphasis of life is not on the physical and the material, but on the spiritual. This world is not our home, we are just passing through! It means that we believe with all our heart that Jesus was the Son of God (John 8:24). It means that we have repented of our sins (Luke 13:3). It means that we have confessed our faith in Him (Romans 10:9, 10). It means that we have been baptized for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38). It means that He now lives in our lives (Galatians 2:19, 20).

Are you a Christian?

—Roger



When we live every day under the umbrella of God’s sovereignty, not one hour will be wasted, nor one moment untouched by the Master’s hand.

*“The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.”* Psalm 33:11

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

**Harry Ogletree** is scheduled to be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening. **Tom Eddy** is slated to be our devotional speaker January 12.

Last month we began new studies in Ecclesiastes and Hebrews. I hope you are profiting from both. If you have ideas for other studies, please share them with our educational deacons, **Michael Morgan** and **Tim Loughry**. I know they are always interested in hearing from you.

**Happy New Year!** It is the first Sunday of 2022, and I trust the new year is off to a good start for you. The beginning of a new year provides a good time for reflection as well as resolutions. 2021 certainly had its share of ups and downs, and 2022 will be no different.

One of the things we are learning from our study of Ecclesiastes is that as much as things change, nothing much changes because people are the same. As one generation passes another comes on the scene. The new generation faces the same challenges as the old, and makes the same mistakes when confronting them, or so it seems. Life appears to be a pointless, repetitious, aggravating cycle of futility (a chasing after the wind). But keep in mind that this is true only when God is removed from the equation. When we understand that life is not about wealth, beauty, power, or fame, but about a relationship with our Maker, life has meaning and purpose. Looking back over life as the journey ended and having experienced everything the world says is important and found it lacking, Solomon concluded: *“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14 ESV). May we always fear God and keep His commandments. Only then will we find meaning in life and hope in Judgment.

