

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.



February 13—Joe Riggs  
February 14—Glen Cline  
February 15—Kim Davis  
February 16—Herma Eddy, Amber Neal  
February 18—Bess McConnel  
February 19—Machell Hague



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

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February 13, 2022      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

Life’s Difficulties

One of the sad realities of life is that problems are inevitable, yet some seem surprised when suddenly confronted with adversity. After reading the Bible through numerous times, it occurred to me that not a single character in Scripture managed to go through life unscathed. In fact, some of God’s greatest servants seemed destined to suffer most, including His own Son.

In Peter’s first epistle (4:12-16), the apostle reminds his readers that persecution would be an inevitable consequence of discipleship. The degree may vary from disciple to disciple, but the reality is that all will face adversity! This persecution must not be of our own making through misconduct, obnoxious behavior, or a self-righteous attitude, but should come simply because of our commitment to Jesus Christ. In fact, suffering for the name or cause of Jesus should be a reason for the Christian to rejoice. Luke writes of the early disciples persecuted for their faith, *“So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name”* (Acts 5:41). The real test of discipleship comes when difficulties enter our lives. How we handle them determines the true depths of our relationship with Jesus. Thus, James wrote:

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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: Albert Baltzer  
PM: Todd Hague

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey  
Wednesday—February 23, 2022  
SONG LEADER: John Forshey  
PRAYER: Tom Eddy/T.J. Wells  
DEVO: David Potts  
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Roger Rush

STATISTICS-February 6, 2022

<u>Sunday Bible Class</u>	<u>43</u>
<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>110</u>
<u>Evening Worship</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>Wednesday Classes</u>	<u>46</u>

OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909  
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—Powdered Milk



TODAY’S SERMONS

**AM:** The Reasonableness of Faith  
Reading: I Peter 3:10-18

**PM:** Micaiah—Man with a Message  
Reading: I Kings 22:5-8

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

**Barbara Casto** fell and broke her hip. She was in the hospital and is now at Belpre Landing for rehab.

Waterview Pointe: **Kathryn Venham**

**Randy Yost (Cora Marshall’s** brother) was transferred to Selby for rehab.

**Rhonda Feisley** had foot surgery and is recovering at home.

PRAYER LIST

**Sarah Schafer**

**Barbara & Harold Schneider** (friends of **Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson**)

**Ginny Scholl (Machell Hague’s** mother)

\*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 **Norm & Dorothy Wilkinson, The Family of Kay Casto,** and **Kathi Gerber.**

SIGN UP SHEET—TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer for those willing to teach/assist for spring quarter (March-May 2022). If you have any questions, please see **Michael Morgan.**

MENS BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Men’s Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 20th, at 4:00 p.m.

YOU CANNOT PLEASE EVERYBODY

Aesop had a fable about a man, a boy, and a donkey.

These three were walking down a dusty road on a summer day. They overheard a passerby say, “Look at those foolish people walking when at least one of them could be riding the donkey.” Not wanting to appear foolish, the father climbed upon the donkey.

It was not long until another onlooker remarked, “Look at that inconsiderate man making that poor little boy walk.” Upon hearing this, the father and son exchanged places.

Still they had not satisfied their fellow men. One said, “Look at that young man riding and the old man walking in the heat of the day.” The father then got on the donkey with the son.

They had only ridden a short distance when another passerby exclaimed, “Look at the poor donkey carrying those two people; they should be carrying the donkey instead.”

So the man and boy tied the donkey’s legs to a pole and proceeded to carry the donkey. Everyone then exclaimed, “Look at those foolish people carrying a donkey.”

This shows you cannot please everybody; you will be censured no matter what you do or how you do it. *“We ought to obey God rather than men.”* Acts 5:29



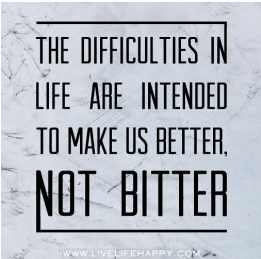
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*“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience”* (James 1:2, 3).

Some obvious lessons come to mind. First, life isn’t fair, and we should not expect it to be. Jesus said of God, *“...for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust* (Matthew 5:45). Second, bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to bad people. The story of Job is an excellent example of this fact (Job 1:1; 2:3, 9, 10). Third, God really is in control. *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose”* (Romans 8:28). Fourth, it is well, only if it is well with our soul. Jesus asked, *“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”* (Matthew 16:26). If our relationship with God is what it ought to be, the difficulties of life will only make us stronger.

How are you handling life’s difficulties?

—Roger



PANTRY

Five families were helped by our pantry last month.

The pantry item of the week is powdered milk.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ruth Wharton (Mary’s** sister). A memorial service will be held at a later date.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

**Darrell Hague** is scheduled to be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening. **David Potts** will be our devotional speaker February 23.

Congratulations to **Randy** and **Suzanne Baker** on the birth of their second granddaughter, **Aila Mae Morrison**, born January 20, weighing 5 pounds 10 ounces. Proud parents are **Colin** and **Leah Morrison**. Mother and daughter are doing well. For those of you who may have forgotten, **Colin** is the preacher for the church in Beallsville, OH.

Our thanks to those who attended last Sunday’s meeting regarding our Bible School program. We are always looking for folks to help with our Bible School. If you were unable to attend the meeting, but have interest in getting more involved, please see **Michael Morgan.**

Our *Annual Men’s Business Meeting* is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in the multi-purpose room. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Special thanks to those who organized the *Ladies Valentine Craft Tea* which was held yesterday. I am confident that all who participated had an enjoyable time.

I want to remind you again to pay special attention to the bulletin boards and the display case in the lobby. They are changed often, attractively done, and always convey an uplifting message. Our thanks to those responsible! Your work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

The funeral for **Frank Vaught** was held here at our building this past Tuesday. He was a faithful Christian to the very end. He will be greatly missed. **Frank** and **Louise** were a vital part of this congregation for many years. Now they are together again.