## **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.



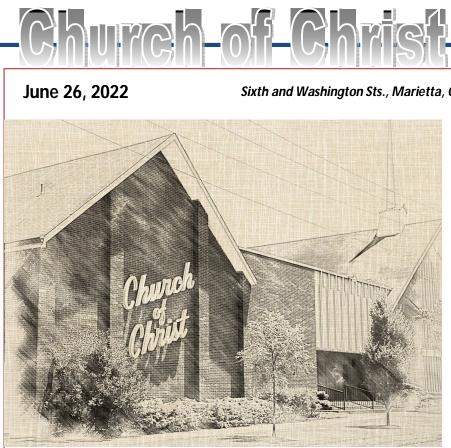
June 26-Lianna Brown, Diann Wentz June 27—Stephanie Clovis, Roger Nolan, Nancy Riggs June 30—Jazlyn Baltzer

July 2—Dorothy Wilkinson



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

<u>SCHE</u>	DULE - July 3 , 2022	CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey
ANNO	DUNCEMENTS	Wednesday—July 7, 2022
Kurt	Harrison	SONG LEADER: T.J. Wells
SONG	LEADER	PRAYER: Greg Cline/Adam Burkhart
AM:	Tim Wells	SUMMER SERIES SPEAKER: Bishop Darby
PM:	Tim Wells	ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kurt Harrison
	ON THE TABLE	STATISTICS-June 19, 2022
	T.J. Wells	Sunday Bible Class 59
	Alan Ralston	Morning Worship 171
PRAY	ER	Evening Worship 62
AM:	Harry Ogletree	Wednesday Classes 76
	Albert Baltzer	
PM:	Todd Hague	
	Adam Burkhart	OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909
SCRIP	TURE READER	BIBLECALL (740) 373-3222
AM:	Bill McFarland	WEBSITE www.sawcoc.org (Please note video from ser- mons is available on our website)
PM:	Joe Crone	mons is available on our website)
		PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK—The pantry is well stocked at this time.



Are you discouraged, depressed, disappointed with yourself and your life? Do you find yourself thinking more about the mistakes of the past than the opportunities of the present? Could it be that you are carrying an unnecessary burden of guilt?

Forgiveness is available to all. There are no sins which cannot be forgiven if there is genuine repentance. Yes, I am aware of the sin of speaking against the Holy Spirit for which there is no forgiveness (Matthew 12:32; Mark 3:29). Those guilty of that sin have hard hearts (Hebrews 3:13), seared consciences (1 Timothy 4:2), and have become past feeling (Ephesians 4:19). For them there is no insensitive to repent, and no guilt associated with their sin. One who is wrestling with the demon of guilt is not guilty of speaking against the Holy Spirit.

It is important to remember that God loves us, in spite of our sins (John 3:16). Jesus died for us because of our sins. We are all hopelessly lost without Him (Romans 3:23; 6:23). But, we can seek and find divine forgiveness in Him. Paul is the perfect example of this. He wrote to Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Je-**Continued on Page 3** 

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**ELDERS** Kurt Harrison **Roger Rush** 

# DEACONS

Tom Eddy Mark Harris Paul Hickman Paul Jacoby

Tim Loughry Michael Morgan Alan Ralston

**MINISTER Roger Rush** 

# **UNNECESSARY GUILT**

- **AM:** How to study the Bible Reading: Psa. 19:7-11
- PM: Jonah Reading: Jonah 1:1-3

### 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

**Donna Coto**, **Dave Schafer**, and **Bobby Patterson**, **Jr**. were in the hospital and are now at home. **Dave** now has bronchitis and pneumonia.

**Ruth Dailey** is at Harmar Place for rehab. No visitors at this time due to Covid cases. Cards are appreciated.

Carol Ware had outpatient surgery Friday.

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Susanne Stewart (Nancy Ward's daughter) Harry Summers (Linda Dailey's father) Bonnie Taylor (friend of Karen Thompson)

#### SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mary Wharton**. Memorial services will be July 1 at 11:00 a.m. at Hadley Funeral Home in Reno with visitation an hour prior to the service.

#### WHAT IS A FAMILY?

Warmth when the world is cold. Safety when the world is hostile. A place of love in a world of hate. A place of light in the midst of darkness.

A family is many things, including the following:

It is love around the table or in front of the fireplace. It is devotion sitting on a pew together.

A family is a cheering section when victory is won and a place of understanding and starting again when a defeat must be endured.

It is private organization—only bonafide members are allowed in. It is held together with the glue of love and the cement of mutual respect.

The family is a shelter from the storm, a safe port when the waves of life become too overpowering. No person is ever alone if he is a member of a family.

A family is the knowing smile of a mother, the robust laughter of a father, the giggle of a sister, the shout of a brother. They may taunt one another; they may fight, fuss, and bicker among themselves, but when trouble threatens from outside forces, instantly the ranks close and the troops unite against the common foe.

Most of all, a family is a group of human beings working together to build something beautiful and lasting.

A family is a colony of heavenly bliss right here on earth.

Now relate all of this to Paul's statement that the church is "the house of God" (I Timothy 3:15).

-Richard Rogers



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sus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life (1 Timothy 1:15, 16). His argument is essentially this, "I was the worst sinner there was, but I was forgiven. If I can be forgiven any one can be forgiven!"

The problem is not that God cannot forgive us. We sometimes struggle to forgive ourselves. We thus saddle ourselves with an imaginary load of guilt. The Lord has lifted our burden, yet we still let it weigh us down mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Forgiveness comes through obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter's call is still valid. *Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...* (Acts 2:38). The forgiven must then be forgiving. Paul told the Ephesians: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you (Ephesians 4:32).

Accept His forgiveness. Unload the guilt. Forgive others. Life will be far more rewarding and enjoyable if you do. And, when life ends here, life begins in a better place!

-Roger

#### THANK YOU

Thank you notes are on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Donna Swiger**, **Wilma Cline**, **Bruce Rose** (June's son), and **Traci Eddy**.

#### PANTRY

The pantry is well stocked at this time.

One family received food from our pantry last month.

Our *Summer Series* speaker this Wednesday evening will be **Colin Morrison**. **Colin** preaches for the church in Beallsville, OH. His assignment is the Old Testament prophet Hosea.

God willing, this Wednesday evening I will be with the 36th Street congregation in Vienna for their *Summer Series*. I regret that I will not be here to hear **Colin**.

Thanks to **Harry Ogletree** for teaching our Sunday morning adult class today. Next Sunday **Alan Ralston** will be our teacher and he will be using Luke 12:13-34 as the basis for his lesson on possessions. I haven't been here for every session, but the two I have been present for have been outstanding. I am confident that will be true for the remaining studies in this series too! We really do appreciate all the time and energy these men put into their preparation for these classes.

I have been thinking a lot lately about Jesus' response to the question, *"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"* Jesus responded: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"* (Matthew 22:36, 37). His response forces me to ask myself several additional questions. Do I love Him enough to strive every day to obey Him? Do I love Him enough to lay down my life for Him? Do I love Him enough to live a godly life in an ungodly world? Do I love Him enough to stand with Him when everyone around me seems to be standing with the world? Do I love him enough to tell others His story and teach them His will?

Then I am reminded of what He said was the second greatest commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:29). That is how He lived His life, and that is how I must live my life. The challenge of discipleship really is to love God with all our being, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves! To the extent we follow those two commandments we succeed or fail in the Christian endeavor!