

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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March 12—Kenny Bauerbach
 March 15—Anthony Hilliard, Esther Nesselroad
 March 16—Carolyn Falkenberg



March 13—Joe & Linda Dailey
 March 17—Rae & Mary Thomas

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March 12, 2023

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ELDERS

Kurt Harrison
Roger Rush

DEACONS

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

MINISTERS

Hunter Melott
Roger Rush

TWO KINDS OF ATHEISTS

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn made an astute observation when he wrote: "I heard a number of older people offer this explanation for the great disasters that have befallen Russia: 'Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened.'" He went on to say, "If I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous revolution that swallowed up some 60 million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: "Men have forgotten God."

Whenever men forget God disaster is inevitable. The apostle Paul wrote of this ruinous sin in his letter to the church at Rome. He attributed the Roman decline to the fact that men "did not like to retain God in their knowledge" (Romans 1:28). Men had forgotten God.

What happens when men forget God? They become wicked, greedy, evil, envious, murderous, malicious, gossipers, slanderers, insolent, arrogant, boastful, disobedient to parents, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful (Romans 1:29-31). It's not a pleasant picture to contemplate, but it is clearly where atheism leads, and we are rapidly going in that direction.

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SCHEDULE - March 19, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells
 PM: Tim Wells

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Harry Ogletree
 PM: Dennis Dye

PRAYER

AM: Christian Bettinger
 Adam Burkhart
 PM: John Dollison
 Tom Eddy

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Albert Baltzer
 PM: Todd Hague

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey

Wednesday—March 22, 2023

SONG LEADER: Michael Morgan

PRAYER: Alan Ralston/Greg Ludolph

Devo: Jake Bradford

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kurt Harrison

STATISTICS-March 5, 2023

Sunday Bible Class	85
Morning Worship	180
Evening Worship	88
Wednesday Classes	76
Contribution	\$4,505

OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909

BIBLECALL (740) 373-3222

WEBSITE www.sawcoc.org update Videos from sermons are now available on our website

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK—Thank you for your donations. The pantry is well stocked at this time.

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Meaningful Worship
Minister: **Roger Rush**
Reading: Heb. 10:22-25

PM: The Majesty of Christ
Minister: **Hunter Melott**
Reading: Col. 1:15-20

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

Kurt Harrison was in the hospital and is now at home.

Ward Woodyard (**Brenda Kirkbride's** father) is now at Lancaster House Assisted Living, Room 3.

PRAYER LIST

Dean Thompson

Karen Thompson

Patty Toothman (Oakwood Road congregation)

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Bob Bradford** (**Jake Bradford's** grandfather). Memorial services are incomplete at this time.

OVCCY

A representative from Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp will be here today for a brief informational meeting for interested children and parents following the morning worship service.

BAPTIZED



Kirk & Sinda Isner were baptized Saturday, March 4th. Please welcome **Kirk & Sinda** to this congregation.

GRADUATES

We appreciate our young people. Each year at graduation (from High School or upon receiving their first post-secondary degree) we present each graduate from the congregation with a Bible or Bible study aid book of their choice. Please help us by completing a short questionnaire and submit it to the office along with a 4 x 6 size photo, as soon as possible.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We are participating in the Women's Care Center Baby Bottle Campaign the month of March. If you would like to donate to this cause, please pick up a baby bottle on the table in the foyer and fill it with your donation. Please return baby bottles to the office by Wednesday, March 29th. If you have any questions, please see Benevolent Deacon, **Paul Jacoby**.

PASTA, SALAD, & DESSERT FELLOWSHIP DINNER

We will be having a Pasta, Salad, & Dessert Fellowship Dinner Sunday, March 26th, following our evening service. Soft drinks & bread will be provided. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Tim & Kathi Gerber**.

POWER FOR TODAY

Copies of the April-May-June 2023 Power for Today are available in the foyer.

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George Gallup, Jr., readily recognized as one of America's leading pollsters, has observed that "We want the fruits of religion, but not the obligations...That we revere the Bible, but don't read it...We believe the Ten Commandments to be valid rules for living, although we can't name them." We may claim to believe in God and revere the Bible, but most of those who profess to be Christians don't know who delivered the Sermon on the Mount, can't name one Old Testament Prophet, and almost never read the Scriptures. We, too, are in danger of forgetting God. The warning of the prophet Hosea bears repeating. He wrote, "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*" (Hosea 4:6). Specifically, they had forgotten God!

Almost a century and a half ago Abraham Lincoln wrote: "We have been recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have grown in number, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand that preserves us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior virtue and wisdom of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us...it behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

There are two kinds of atheists in our world. The first make no pretense of believing. They foolishly say, "There is no God!" The second profess to believe, but live as though He did not exist. There is little difference between the two. Both have forgotten God!

---Roger

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Darlene Ogletree** and **The Hattie Bailey Family**.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

T. J. Wells will be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening.

Our special thanks to **Mark Casto** for setting up and taking care of our church website for so many years. Due to **Mark's** health issues, he is no longer able to continue that work, although he will still be able to handle our Facebook page. **Jim Zetterberg** is now taking care of our website. Our bulletin, as well as our Sunday morning and evening sermons are now available online. Our thanks to **Jim** for agreeing to take on this work.

Joshua and **Morgan Ball** have accepted our invitation to be with us this fall for our **Ladies Tea** and **Friends and Family Day**. As soon as the dates are finalized, we will let you know.

I am sure you were pleased to hear the announcement last Sunday that **Kirk** and **Sinda Isner** were baptized Saturday morning. If you haven't met them yet, please make sure that you do. For those who may not know, **Sinda** is the daughter of **Stan** and **Kathy Bailey**.

God willing, this summer we plan to do a new pictorial directory. Details have not been finalized, but as soon as they are we will let you know.

Next Sunday I am scheduled to be with the church in Tipp City, OH to begin a gospel meeting. **Bob Vincent** serves as the preacher and one of the elders at Tipp City. **Bob's** father, **Dearll Vincent** recently passed. **Dearll** served as an elder at Camden Avenue for nearly thirty years. Our deepest sympathy to the **Vincent** family in their time of grief.

The Lord willing, March 26th I am to begin a meeting with the church in Pennsboro, WV. **Terry Jones** is the preacher at Pennsboro and serves as one of their elders. I will be able to commute to Pennsboro, so I plan to maintain my regular schedule here during the week. I would appreciate your prayers for the success of both meetings.

