

Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

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| Bible Classes | 9:00 A.M. |
| Worship | 10:00 A.M. |
| Evening Worship | 5:00 P.M. |

WEDNESDAY

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| Bible Classes | 7:00 P.M. |
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March 20—Sue Biehl, Shirley Lemasters
 March 22—Jeremy Patterson
 March 24—Judy Coil, Angie Reich



March 22—Stanley & Kathy Bailey
 March 24—Bob & Judy Coil
 March 25—Perry & Nanette Varnadoe

Church of Christ

March 19, 2023

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ELDERS

Kurt Harrison
Roger Rush

DEACONS

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

MINISTERS

Hunter Melott
Roger Rush

Be Happy

In this world, there is pressure put upon us to be happy. During our worst days we are told to “cheer up.” Yes, the Scriptures say, “*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, rejoice*” (Philippians 4:4). However, this does not mean that there are no occasions to be sad. Consider these verses from the Psalmist:

...My soul refused to be comforted. When I remember God, then I am disturbed; when I sigh, then my spirit grows faint. You have held my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak...Will the Lord reject forever? Has his promise come to an end forever? Has God forgotten to be gracious, or has he in anger withdrawn his compassion? Then I said, ‘It is my grief, that the right hand of the Most High has changed.’ (Psalm 77:2-4, 7-10)

The Psalmist is in deep agony. He speaks of his unwillingness to be comforted, his horrid thoughts when pondering God, and his sleepless nights. This Psalm is an honest dive into the heart. What shall we say? Have we never felt like this?

Jesus, our model, had many nights of anguish and torment. Before his

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SCHEDULE - March 26, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells
PM: Jake Bradford

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Joe Crone
PM: John Dollison

PRAYER

AM: Greg Ludolph
Randy Feisley
PM: Darrell Hague
Todd Hague

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Russ Schramm
PM: Harry Ogletree

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey

Wednesday—March 29, 2023

SONG LEADER: Colton Eddy

PRAYER: Joe Crone/Jake Bradford

Devo: Kurt Harrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kurt Harrison

STATISTICS-March 12, 2023

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| Sunday Bible Class | 93 |
| Morning Worship | 169 |
| Evening Worship | 83 |
| Wednesday Classes | 67 |
| Contribution | \$4,266 |

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

BIBLECALL (740) 373-3222

WEBSITE www.sawcoc.org (Please note that videos from our sermons are 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: "He Makes Me Lie Down..."

Minister: **Hunter Melott**

Reading: Psalm 23:2

PM: "A Transformed Life"

Minister: **Hunter Melott**

Reading: Ephesians 4:17-24

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

No one from the congregation is hospitalized at this time.

PRAYER LIST

Don Treadway (friend of **Dorothy Wilkinson**)

Joann VanFossen (friend of **Dorothy Wilkinson**)

Kathryn Venham

PANTRY

Three families were helped by our pantry last month.

The pantry is well stocked at this time. Thank you for your donations.

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.

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**.

VBS MEETING

There is a meeting today at 4:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room for anyone interested in helping with VBS. Please see **Michael Morgan** with any questions.

TEACHERS

A draft of the teaching rotation summer 2023—spring 2024 is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please check to make sure it is accurate. If you have any questions, please see **Michael Morgan**.

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**.

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betrayal he said these words, "...*My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death...*" (Matthew 26:38), and we are all familiar with how Jesus took the death of his friend Lazarus----- "*Jesus wept*" (John 11:35).

If we see someone grieving, let us not hurl phrases like, "cheer up" or "it could be worse." Although we may be trying to help, it will almost certainly bring more harm than good. We need to ensure that we are not miserable comforters like the friends of Job were (Job 16:2). Instead, we should do what Jesus expected his disciples to do: Be present and be prayerful (Matthew 26:36-38).

If we are the ones grieving, we should take the example of Jesus. After his weeping for Lazarus, he looked upward to pray to his Father (John 11:35-42). In our anguish, we should look to God. The same Psalmist who expressed his deep emotional trouble, also remembered the God whom he served:

"I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; surely I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work and muse on your deeds. Your way, O God, is holy; what god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your strength among the peoples. You have by your power redeemed your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. (Psalm 77:11-15)

If you are grieving, God sees, he cares, and is present.

---Hunter

DIRECTORY UPDATE

We will be updating our directory this year. Picture dates have been scheduled for August 22nd & 23rd and August 29th. Please mark these dates on your calendar so we can have all who attend pictured in our updated directory.

If you would like to be on the committee to help with the new directory, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Traci Eddy**.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Jake Bradford will be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening.

This morning I am with the church in Tipp City, OH to begin a gospel meeting. That meeting runs through Wednesday evening. Our *Thursday Ladies Class* will not meet this week, but class will resume the following Thursday (March 30).

Next Sunday I am to begin a meeting with the church in Pennsboro, WV. I will be able to commute to Pennsboro, so I plan to maintain my regular schedule here during the week.

While I am away **Hunter** will be preaching at both our morning and evening assemblies. **Kurt Harrison** will be teaching my Wednesday evening class.

Don't forget the fellowship meal planned for Sunday evening, March 26. A signup sheet is on the board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Tim** or **Kathi Gerber**.

Just so you know, I have one more gospel meeting this spring. God willing, April 16-19 I am scheduled to be with the church in Sandyville, WV. I will be able to commute to that meeting, so I will maintain my regular schedule here during the day.

I will be speaking here three times in April and will be preaching at all our assemblies in May. My last Sunday with you will be May 28.

Enjoy your afternoon, and I hope you are planning to return at 5:00 for our evening assembly.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

The Sandyville church of Christ is hosting a Building Blocks for a Better Marriage seminar March 24-25th—Friday 6:00—8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Sandyville Senior Center with guest speaker, **Richard Stanley**.

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Don & Sharon Brooks**.