

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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May 14—Kathy Bailey

May 16—Grant Vernon

May 17—Raelyn Dailey, Rhonda Hague, Lindsay Morgan

May 20—Jordan Baltzer



May 19—Gary & Janet Antill, Vern & Myra Reich, Albert & Darcy Baltzer

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May 14, 2023

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ELDERS

Tom Eddy Kurt Harrison
Todd Hague Roger Rush

DEACONS

Mark Harris Michael Morgan
Paul Jacoby Alan Ralston
Tim Loughry

MINISTERS

Hunter Melott
Roger Rush

How do you react to the truth?

The packet arrived in the mail. The note read (**quoted as written**): “We are responsible for the message that we give. Objective dividing the word of truth is our responsibility. It does not ever say sinners go to hell (only unbelievers in Jesus Christ). I have enclosed Christian info for your objective route. The choice is ours.” As is often the case, the note was unsigned.

Obviously, I touched a nerve with someone. They felt compelled to straighten me out but wanted to do it anonymously. The material which had been enclosed was well done but failed in the very thing I was being asked to do, to correctly divide or interpret the Scriptures.

As I read the material, pondered the note, and listened to the cassette (it was a while ago) which had been included, I was surprised by the assertion that sinners do not go to hell, only unbelievers. If the Bible is true, not only sinners, but a lot of believers are going to hell, including the demons who are said to believe and tremble (James 2:19). A failure to “rightly divide” the truth has led to the erroneous doctrine that man is saved by “faith alone.” Yet, the Bible says: *“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not*

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SCHEDULE - May 21, 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—May 24, 2023

SONG LEADER: Jake Bradford

PRAYER: Alan Ralston/Greg Ludolph

Devo: Kurt Harrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hunter Melott

STATISTICS-May 7, 2023

Sunday Bible Class 107

Morning Worship 203

Evening Worship 100

Wednesday Classes 81

Contribution \$3,455

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 now available on our website)

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

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Are you smarter than a fifth grader?

Minister: **Roger Rush**

Reading: I Cor. 1:18-25

PM: Rightly Dividing the Word

Minister: **Roger Rush**

Reading: II Tim. 2:14-19

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

Junior Nolan and **Sue Biehl** were in the hospital and are now at home.

Dave Schafer had a procedure for a kidney stone Tuesday and is now at home.

Ward Woodyard (**Brenda Kirkbride's** father) is at Lancaster House Assisted Living, Room 3, 1417 Lancaster Street, Marietta, OH 45750.

David Carrell is scheduled to have shoulder surgery May 18th and will be unable to drive for a month. If you are able to help with transportation to and from services, please see Benevolent Deacon, **Paul Jacoby**.

T.J. Wells has been dealing with back problems.

PRAYER LIST

Kimberly Hall

Wanda Hazelwood (**Darlene Ogletree's** sister-in-law)

Timmy Helmick (friend of **Ann Thomas**)

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Paul Hickman** for his years of service as a deacon for this congregation. **Paul** has stepped down from being a deacon due to health issues.

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Pat Love**.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **James "Jim" Schafer** (**Dave's** brother). Memorial services will be held at a later date.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Donald "Steven" Greathouse** (**Darrin & Kelly Gray's** brother-in-law). A graveside service was held May 6th.

TEACHERS

Bible School material for summer quarter is available in the library.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Leksi Murnieks** (granddaughter of **Dave & Sarah Schafer**, great-granddaughter of **Elsie Bowens**, niece of **Bev Dollison** and **Sharon Holter**) who was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in United States Space Force. **Leksi** also holds the honor of being the first female ROTC Cadet commissioned to Space Force at Ohio State.



BAPTISM

Jared Isner was baptized April 29th. Please welcome **Jared** to this congregation.

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works? Can faith save him? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:14, 17, 26).

The notion that only faith saves and only unbelief damns is not found in the Bible. Believers are charged with doing more than acknowledging Jesus as Lord. Christ demanded, in addition to faith, repentance (Luke 13:3), confession (Matthew 10:22), baptism (Mark 16:16), and faithfulness (Matthew 10:22). Believers can, and do, refuse to do what Jesus commanded. Can one be saved while rejecting the will and words of Christ? The Lord said: *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).* Further, He warned: *"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word which I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).*

I have more confidence in what Jesus said than in any assertions made by an anonymous author. Truth is truth, whether men accept it or not. I plan to keep on preaching it without apology. So, with Paul I must ask, *"Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16).*

-Roger



UPCOMING EVENT

Harry Ogletree would like to extend an invitation to come out and support the launching of his business OliveTree Enterprises's Greeting cards and Prints of Birds! Please stop by the multipurpose room May 20th from 9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Harry Ogletree will be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening.

Congratulations to **Darrell Hague** and **Amy Zimmer** who were married here yesterday. Our best wishes to **Mr. & Mrs. Hague** for a long and happy life together!

We are happy to share with you the good news that **Jared Isner** was baptized Saturday morning, April 29. I hope you have already welcomed Jared to God's family here. His baptism was announced Sunday, April 30, but I neglected to mention it in last week's bulletin, so I'm correcting that oversight today.

Traci was on vacation the first week of May. It was good to have her back at work this week. We appreciate all she does. Most of you probably have little idea what her work entails, but when she's not here she is missed. I have been very fortunate to have worked with **Vera Mae Brown**, **Ruth Dailey**, **Peach Long**, **Linda Kirkbride** and **Traci**. **Vera Mae** was so helpful when we moved here. She knew the congregation's history as well as anyone and helped me more than she probably realized as I settled in. **Ruth** worked for only a few months, but we had a great time. **Peach** worked for a time while her husband, **Bob**, was completing his studies at OVU. **Bob** is now the preacher for the Waverly congregation. **Linda** and I worked together for twenty-one years. Her parents were **Ernie** and **Gladys Rohrer**, two of the sweetest people I've ever known. I met them in the early seventies when I was working with the church in Hundred, WV. Little did I expect that I would one day work with one of their daughters for more than two decades. **Linda** did an exceptional job, and I was a little uneasy when she retired, but then **Traci** expressed an interest in the position, and I've been blessed to work with her for several years now. I might also mention that **Myra Reich** worked for a while transcribing my Sunday sermons for use on our radio programs and that helped me immensely. At that time, I was doing a daily radio program, a weekly program, and hosting a TV program. My work here was made easier by their labors, and I will be forever grateful for the help they provided.