

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 21—Lilly McNutt
 May 22—James Greer
 May 24—Kelly VanWey
 May 26—Kathi Gerber
 May 27—Anita Offenberger



May 21—Hunter & Lillianna Melott
 May 23—Nathan & Angie Reich
 May 26—Mark & Lesa Casto
 May 27—Tyson & Crissy Brewer

Church of Christ

May 21, 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

Soldiers of Christ Arise

John Bright, in his book, **The Authority of the Old Testament**, offers a somber warning to those who profess to follow Jesus. He writes: "We are parade-ground troops, reluctant to dirty our uniforms; we are soldiers who refuse orders, sleep on duty, serve when convenient, and often enough traitors to the cause...We do not like to think of the church as militant at all, but rather caught up in a stream of fraternal progress. We are men of tolerance and goodwill who find it hard to believe that the God of the Bible (though infinitely more loving) is not necessarily as tolerant as we. Feeling no animus towards the enemies of God, we fraternize with them until we no longer recognize them as enemies, and are ready to make almost any compromise with them in the interest of peace."

John Bright was right. In our quest to get along, we embrace the false notion that tolerance is the only real virtue, but tolerance will destroy civilization. Defined as modern culture defines it, tolerance is completely incompatible with New Testament Christianity. Contrary to the modern perception of Christianity, our goal is not to just get along, go along, or belong! Our goal is to faithfully live and teach the word of God (Matthew 28:18-20). The Bible makes it clear that

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SCHEDULE - May 28, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells
PM: John Forshey

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Joe Crone
PM: John Dollison

PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Greg Cline
PM: Harry Ogletree

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey

Wednesday—May 31, 2023

SONG LEADER: Michael Morgan

PRAYER: Joe Crone/Jake Bradford

Devo: Hunter Melott

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hunter Melott

STATISTICS-May 14, 2023

<u>Sunday Bible Class</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>202</u>
<u>Evening Worship</u>	<u>73</u>
<u>Wednesday Classes</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Contribution</u>	<u>\$3,995</u>

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: Five Rules

Minister: **Roger Rush**

Reading: Deut. 6:1-4

PM: Three Problems Facing the Church

Minister: **Roger Rush**

Reading: Micah 6:6-8

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

Selby: **Linda Turner (Penny VanWey's cousin)**

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

David Carrell had shoulder surgery Thursday.

Ruth Johnson will be 3-6 more weeks with a boot from her foot injury.

PRAYER LIST

Don Jobes (Gertie Fryman's nephew & Lou's cousin)

Mary Lauck

Geraldine Mackey (Sarah Schafer's sister)

PANTRY

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

Seven families received food from our pantry last month.

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Jennifer & Elizabeth Davis, Linda Turner (Penny VanWey's cousin), and Dave & Sarah Schafer.**



OPEN HOUSE RETIREMENT PARTY

Please mark your calendars for an Open House retirement party for **Roger & Diane Rush**, Saturday, May 27th from 5-7 p.m. in the multipurpose room. No gifts please. Cards are welcome.



WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for **Darrell & Amy Hague**, Thursday, June 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. If you would like to contribute towards gifts, please see **Danetta Harrison, Susie Patterson, Lura Wilcoxon, or Barb Hickman.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Gospel Meeting—May 21st—24th at 7:00 p.m. each evening—South Main church of Christ, New Lexington, OH—Guest Speaker: **Sam Bartrug**

Gospel Meeting—May 21st—25th—Clairmont Avenue church of Christ, Cambridge, OH—Guest Speaker: **Phil Grear**

Momentum Midwest Disciple-Making Workshop for Teens & Adults—June 23—24th—Stop Nine church of Christ—Byesville, OH

37th Annual Bible Bowl—October 6th-7th—Camden Avenue church of Christ - This year's Book—Romans

***Flyers are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer with more information.**

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choices have consequences. Bad choices lead to bad outcomes, and good choices lead to good outcomes. Labeling evil as good, and good as evil to get along or please others in the name of tolerance is a formula for disaster (Isaiah 5:20, 25).

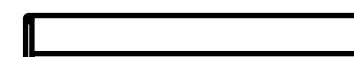
We cannot compromise truth, ignore divine commands, or rewrite the Bible to please people. Our deepest desire is to please God (Galatians 1:10). To do that, we must be faithful to His will (Deuteronomy 12:32).

Yes, God calls His people to love, and love requires tolerance in the matters that do not matter. A good marriage requires that we tolerate the minor flaws in our mate, and they must tolerate our imperfections. But when it comes to God we must be committed to honoring and obeying Him above all else. To do that we must love sinners while hating sin. The loving thing is always to be faithful to His word and will.

Our society has rejected God's teaching on marriage, home, and family. It has blatantly disregarded His will regarding human sexuality. It has devalued human life to the point that the unborn and the infirmed have no intrinsic worth. All truth is now relative (you cannot be certain about anything), and they are absolutely certain about that. Men have dethroned God and exalted themselves. Paul wrote about this when he said, "*men worship and serve the creature more than the Creator*" (Romans 1:25).

The situation is not hopeless. We can make a difference, but we must put on the whole armor of God, unsheathe our sword, and fight for truth and right. There is no room for compromise when we are talking about the salvation of souls (Ephesians 6:10-20). The fight will not be easy, but the outcome has already been determined. In the end we win. It is time for the soldiers of Christ to arise.

-Roger



RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Mark Harris will be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening.

I apologize for the confusion last week regarding the airing of "*Talk of the Town.*" It was originally scheduled for Thursday, but then was moved to Tuesday. The station wanted to video the interview as well as broadcast it. Due to a scheduling conflict, they would not have been able to video it if we had done it on Thursday. If you are interested, a link is available on our website so you can hear it. At some point the video may also be available.

I still have about 150 books left in my study. If you would like to look at them, just let me know, or stop by through the week. They are free for the taking.

The Lord willing next Sunday will be the last time **Diane** and I will be with you for a while. We have a busy summer mapped out. I will be speaking at several congregations over the summer, and I am also scheduled to teach at least one class at the *Connect Conference* hosted by the Crieve Hall congregation in Nashville. That will occur at the end of July.

Retirement does not mean that I intend to stop preaching and teaching, but I honestly don't have the energy for the demands of fulltime preaching anymore. If I have the mental and physical ability to serve, I want to continue do so, but I also want to have the freedom to spend more time with our family. I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for us as we make this transition. As always, your prayers are appreciated. We will certainly be praying for all of you, and for the continued growth of the church which meets on the corner of Sixth and Washington Streets.

COMMUNION

Communion for the evening assembly will be offered in the conference room instead of the multipurpose room beginning May 28th through the summer.