

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 29—Susan Ellis, Mason Hall, Vivian Reich

May 31—Noel McFarland

June 2—Tyler Clovis

June 3—Darrell Hague



May 30—Chris & Mindy Ingram

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May 28, 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

A Symbol of Divine Justice

Recently the *United States Senate* passed (with bipartisan support - 61 to 36), the ***Respect for Marriage Act*** (which in political jargon, means the exact opposite). It was then sent to the *House of Representatives* where it easily passed. The House refused to even debate the act or allow any amendments to the bill to provide protection for those with religious objections, claiming those protections already existed. The purpose, according to the supporters of the bill, was to insure that “gay marriage” will continue even if the *Supreme Court* reverses its decision regarding the matter. The President enthusiastically signed the bill into law.

From a Christian perspective, marriage was, is, and will always be between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:1-9). No court and no manmade law can overrule God’s law (Acts 5:29). Just a few years ago gay marriage was unthinkable. Today it is routine, but that does not make it right. Some call this “social progress,” but it is the precursor to social destruction. The same arguments which were responsible for the acceptance of “gay marriage” will be used to justify polygamy and polyandry. I predict that it will not be long

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SCHEDULE - June 4, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Tim Wells

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Greg Cline

PM: Tim Loughry

PRAYER

AM: Dennis Dye

Christian Bettinger

PM: Jake Bradford

Darrell Hague

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Coen Eddy

PM: Greg Ludolph

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: J. Forshey/J. Zetterberg

Wednesday—June 7 2023

SONG LEADER: John Forshey

PRAYER: Harry Ogletree/Joe Crone

SS Speaker: Colin Morrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kurt Harrison

STATISTICS-May 21, 2023

Sunday Bible Class 84

Morning Worship 167

Evening Worship 92

Wednesday Classes 73

Contribution \$8,393

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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: Paul's Farewell to Ephesus

Minister: **Roger Rush**

Reading: Acts 20:17-25

PM: Why are we here?

Minister: **Roger Rush**

Reading: Heb. 10:22-25



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

Mark Kendall was in the hospital and is now at home.

PRAYER LIST

Donald McCain (Dorothy Wilkinson's brother-in-law)

Dawn Michael (friend of Dorothy Wilkinson)

Brenda Nesselroad (Lloyd & Esther's daughter)

CHURCH WEBSITE

Video of Roger's interview on *Talk of the Town* is now available on our church website at www.sawcoc.org. If you have any questions, please see **Jim Zetterberg**.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Linda Turner (Penny VanWey's** cousin). Memorial services were held Wednesday in St. Mary's, WV.

BAPTISMS

Carter Clovis & Tyler Clovis were baptized Saturday, May 20th. Please welcome **Carter & Tyler** to the congregation.

Darrin Gray was baptized Monday. Please welcome **Darrin** to the congregation.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Just a reminder that the modified pews in the rear of the auditorium are for those in such need.



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before people will be able to marry their pets and even inanimate objects.

If I know myself as I think I do, I have no ill will in my heart toward anyone, including those in the LGBTQ movement. I wish no one harm, but as a believer, homosexuality, adultery, fornication, and any other sexual deviation is sinful (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10). Forgiveness is possible through Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 9:11), but only if the sin is abandoned. It is important to note that it is not the attraction, but the action which constitutes sin.

God made a promise to Noah and his family that the world would never face another universal flood. As a sign of His promise, He placed the rainbow in the sky as a reminder of that promise. The rainbow has been coopted as a symbol of the LGBTQ movement. I am saddened by the misappropriation of a divine symbol.

I am saddened because now, when I see a rainbow, I am not only reminded of God's promise that there will never be another universal flood, but also that those who ignore His word will incur His wrath. Those who do so will ultimately be judged and condemned, even as Noah's world was. The LGBTQ movement may have appropriated the rainbow as a symbol of their movement, but it is really a symbol of the divine justice reserved for all who flaunt the Creator's laws.

-Roger

COMMUNION

Communion for the evening assembly will be offered in the conference room instead of the multipurpose room beginning today through August 27th.

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**.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Hunter Melott will be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening.

Please note that the office will be closed tomorrow in celebration of Memorial Day.

Congratulations to **John Dollison**. As I mentioned last Sunday morning, **John** is now among the semi-retired. The sale of *Poynter's Business Solutions* was finalized May 17. We are blessed to have **John** and **Bev** as a part of our church family here and wish them the best as they begin a new phase in their lives.

Thank you to all who attended the open house last evening. Your cards and well wishes were deeply appreciated. A special thanks to those who worked so hard to make the evening possible. I cannot adequately convey to each of you how much we love and appreciate you. We feel tremendously blessed to have had the opportunity to work together for the past thirty-eight years. It has been an honor and a privilege to have been associated with this congregation. Just because we will no longer be here on a regular basis, please know that we will not forget you, and God willing, will still have opportunities to be together again in the future.

I am sure you were all pleased to hear the announcement last Sunday that **Tyler** and **Carter Clovis** had been baptized. If you haven't done so already, please make a special effort to congratulate them. They have made the most important decision of their lives. It is our prayer that they will always serve Jesus faithfully. I am sure you were also pleased to hear the announcement this morning that **Darrin Gray, Kelly's** husband, was baptized Monday afternoon. Please extend a warm welcome to him as well.

This is my last time writing *Ramblings*. I had been here six months when the elders approached me about writing this column, which I happily agreed to do. My first "Ramblings" appeared in the bulletin May 4, 1986, and has been in every bulletin we have printed to the present, meaning I've written over 1,900 of these. I hope they have been beneficial. Thank you for reading and may God's richest blessing always be yours!