

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 9—Spencer Crone, Carol Mincks
 May 10—Sharon Holter
 May 11—Wilford Wallace
 May 12—Ed Biehl



May 11—Gary & Cora Marshall
 May 12—T.J. & Erin Wells

Church of Christ

May 7, 2023

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ELDERS

Tom Eddy Kurt Harrison
 Todd Hague Roger Rush

DEACONS

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

MINISTERS

Hunter Melott
 Roger Rush

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience” (Romans 13:1-5).

If you have some doubt as to meaning of the text, let me paraphrase for you. Paul said, “Behave yourself and you having nothing to fear from civil authorities. But if you break the law, be prepared to suffer the consequences. Civil law, if it is not in conflict with divine law, serves God’s purpose.” To put it more succinctly: “Don’t do the crime if you can’t do the time!”

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SCHEDULE - May 14, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells
 PM: Jake Bradford

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Jim Zetterberg
 PM: Tim Loughry

PRAYER

AM: Darrell Hague
 Randy Feisley
 PM: Todd Hague
 Adam Burkhart

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Bill McFarland
 PM: John Dollison

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey

Wednesday—May 17, 2023

SONG LEADER: Jim Zetterberg

PRAYER: Tom Eddy/Adam Burkhart

Devo: Harry Ogletree

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hunter Melott

STATISTICS-April 30, 2023

Sunday Bible Class	73
Morning Worship	174
Evening Worship	80
Wednesday Classes	81
Contribution	\$4,335

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: The Hands of Jesus
Minister: **Roger Rush**
Reading: John 20:19-23

PM: Five Lies
Minister: **Roger Rush**
Reading: John 8:31-38

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

TJ Wells was unable to be out last week due to back problems. Please keep him in your prayers.

Ward Woodyard (**Brenda Kirkbride's** father) is now back at *Lancaster House*.

Dave Schafer was in *Memorial* briefly due to a kidney stone. He is scheduled to return to *Memorial* this Tuesday for a procedure to remove the stone.

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**.

PRAYER LIST

Brenda Elders

Jennifer Fryman (**Gertie's** sister-in-law)

David & Winnie Gerken (friends of **Dorothy Wilkinson**)

SYMPATHY

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

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Darrin** and **Kelly Gray** in the death of their brother-in-law, **Donald "Steven" Greathouse**. Graveside services were held yesterday.

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Kevin & Anita Offenberger** and **Harry & Darlene Ogle-tree**.

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.

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Many today believe this kind of reasoning is outdated. They argue for a more "compassionate" approach. Punishment should be no more than a slap on the hands. There are always extenuating circumstances. The culprit may be young, poor, from a minority, mentally challenged, sexually abused, battered, or genetically flawed. Rehabilitate, but don't punish! Is it possible that punishment might be the only thing that some people understand, and the best road to rehabilitation? If the consequences of disobedience are negligible or non-existent, what lesson does the violator learn beyond the fact that "crime pays"? Of course, the punishment should fit the crime. Minor infractions should not be punished with the same severity as heinous crimes.

We need to put some teeth back into our laws, and judges who punish those who have violated the law and committed reprehensible deeds should be applauded, not criticized. It is imperative that society understand that crime does not pay, that violators will suffer the consequences of their deeds, and that law-abiding citizens have nothing to fear!

Parents, educators, judges, etc. have been too lenient for too long. A return to the biblical view of law and justice is in order. The biblical approach tempers justice with mercy, but that does not mean that the offender should get off scot-free, or with a slap on the wrist.

-Roger



TEACHERS

Material for the Junior Summer Series is available in the library.

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RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Michael Morgan will be our devo speaker this Wednesday evening.

We are all familiar with the expression "time flies," and that has certainly been true this year. It's the first Sunday in May, and I have just three more Sundays with you before my retirement kicks in. As you should know by now, I'll be speaking at both assemblies throughout the month. **Hunter** will be teaching both adult classes in the auditorium.

After more than 34 years as the speaker on our radio program, *Truth for Today*, I concluded my work with that program last Sunday. **Hunter's** first message was aired today. I hope you will make a point of tuning in whenever you are able.

This coming Thursday I am scheduled to join **Johnny Wharff** for his "Talk of the Town" program. I believe that it is on from 9:00 to 9:15. We will be talking about the program and my time with it.

Last week our *Thursday Ladies Class* concluded our study of Genesis. God willing, class will resume October 5 with **Hunter** as the teacher. When my family and I moved here 38 years ago, I was told that it would be my responsibility to teach that class, and I can honestly say that it has been one of the most enjoyable tasks I have ever been asked to undertake. Ladies, thank you for allowing me the privilege of teaching this class each week. During our time together we covered every book of the Bible at least once, and many of them twice, we studied all the women of the Bible, and most of the men mentioned in the book, and dealt with other subjects too.

Also, I wanted you to know that you contributed \$1,798.16 to the *Women's Care Center* baby bottle campaign. Thank you for your generosity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer for those willing to be greeters Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please see **Alan Ralston**.