

## Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750



July 16—**Brenda Kirkbride**  
July 17—**Linda Hughes, Mahala Johnson**  
July 19—**Hunter Melott**  
July 20—**Nathaniel Bailey**  
July 22—**Rachel Bettinger, Lesa Casto**



July 16—**Eric & Misty Smith**  
July 21—**Ray & Sharon Anderson, Michael & Lindsay Morgan**

### 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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July 16, 2023

Sixth and Washington Sts., Marietta, Ohio 45750...Office Phone (740) 373-3240



### ELDERS

Tom Eddy    Kurt Harrison  
Todd Hague

### DEACONS

Mark Harris    Michael Morgan  
Paul Jacoby    Alan Ralston  
Tim Loughry    TJ Wells

### MINISTER

Hunter Melott

## Why?

Why do you follow God? Why do you read your Bible? Why do you own a Bible? Why do you believe that Jesus Christ existed? Why do you believe in the things he said? Why do you believe in the testimony of others concerning the things he said? Why do you come to church? Why do you believe church is a thing you should come to? Why do you believe you should worship God? Why do you take your kids to church? Why don't you allow your children to believe what they want to believe? Why are you a Christian? Why aren't you a Muslim? Why aren't you a Buddhist? Why aren't you an atheist? Why do you walk by faith? Why do you believe faith is important? Why? Why? Why?

Sometimes we need to ask why. The beliefs we have in life may indeed be true, but until we flesh out the *why* of our beliefs, we will never be able to fully appreciate why we believe what we believe. Some things we do and believe without much thought. Routine things are mundane and not everything has some deep existential meaning, like brushing our teeth or folding our laundry for

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### SCHEDULE - July 23, 2023

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** Tim Wells  
**PM:** Jim Zetterberg

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** Greg Cline  
**PM:** Paul Jacoby

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Darrell Hague  
Christian Bettinger  
**PM:** Albert Baltzer  
Mark Harris

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** Coen Eddy  
**PM:** Harry Ogletree

**CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:** J. Forshey/J. Bradford

#### Wednesday—July 26, 2023

**SONG LEADER:** Greg Cline

**PRAYER:** Alan Ralston/Tom Eddy

**SS Speaker:** Matt Dunbar

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Kurt Harrison

#### STATISTICS—July 9, 2023

Sunday Bible Class	80
Morning Worship	169
Evening Worship	75
Wednesday Classes	111
Contribution	\$4,248

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

**BIBLECALL (740) 373-3222**

**WEBSITE [www.sawcoc.org](http://www.sawcoc.org) (Please note that videos from our sermons are now available on our website)**

**PANTRY ITEMS OF THE WEEK—Canned Fruit**



## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Eat While You Fast  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: Matt. 6:16-18

**PM:** Religious Relativism  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: Matt. 16:13-19

## 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

Memorial: **Junior Nolan**

**Judy Spindler** (Glenda Stanley's sister & Pat Love's sister-in-law) had surgery July 6th and is now at Cleveland Clinic Edwin Shaw Rehab Hospital in Copley, Ohio.

**Sharon Brooks** is scheduled to have outpatient surgery for tumors on her kidneys Tuesday at memorial.

## PRAYER LIST

**Patty Toothman** (Oakwood Road congregation)

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

**Kathryn Venham**

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for **Bill Wharton**, Friday, August 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the Hadley Funeral Home in Reno with visitation Thursday, August 10th 6-8 p.m.

## ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

There will be an elders and deacons meeting today at 4:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room.



## SUNDAE SUNDAY

Please join us for a Sundae Sunday fellowship today following the evening service in the multipurpose room. Ice cream will be provided. If you have any questions, please see **Mark Harris**.

## NEW DIRECTORY

Pictures for our new directory will be taken by Universal Church Directories **August 21st, 22nd & 23rd**. We would like to encourage everyone who attends to please schedule a time to have your picture taken. The directory and app are very beneficial tools to help us get to know each other and be able to reach out to each other. Each individual/family that has a picture taken will receive a directory as well as a complimentary 8 x 10.

You can schedule online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Our church code is **OH2666** and the password is **photos**. Scheduling is also available prior to and after Sunday worship services through July, or you are welcome to contact the office and appointments can be scheduled for you.

We are in need of volunteers to help with scheduling photo appointments as well as volunteers to help sign people in for the days of photos. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the foyer for both of these.

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example. However, beliefs that will influence our entire lives must be deeply considered.

Listen to the words of Jesus:

*Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Lest, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So then, none of you can be my disciple who does not give up all his own possessions. (Luke 14:27-33)*

What was Jesus meaning by this? Simply, Jesus is urging us to seek deeper meaning before we make our decisions in life. Consider the impact that a belief or decision will have on your life, count the cost, weigh it out, ask the questions, search for answers, and then make the decision.

I must confess, I have seen many people throw themselves into careers, life altering medical procedures, and even religions without so much as asking the question why. Many times, these people become discouraged and end up with ruined careers, devastating health problems, and become apostates. Do not follow this line of reasoning: "If it was good enough for my \_\_\_\_\_, then it is good enough for me!" Think as an individual. Ask the important questions and make a decision that is based on your own study and meditation.

Jesus wants us to know why we believe what we believe, and why we do what we do. If Jesus himself asked you today, "Why do you follow me?" would you be able to give him a proper answer?

-Hunter

## 2023 SUMMER SERIES

Please join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. for our 2023 Summer Series. The theme this year is:

### **God is: A study of the nature of God**

July 19—God is God of gods—**Ed Melott**

July 26—God is a consuming fire—**Matt Dunbar**

August 2—God is not a man—**Tim Hatfield**

August 9—God is knowable—**Charles Pugh III**

August 16—God is just—**Doug Petty**

August 23—God is gracious—**Jeff Darby**

August 30—SING—**T.B.A.**

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SUMMER SERIES

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium for our Sunday morning adult Summer Series. The theme this year is **Sermon on the Mount**. Our thanks to **Alan Ralston** for teaching this morning. Next Sunday morning will be **Mark Harris**.

## JUNIOR SUMMER SERIES

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room for our Junior Summer Series. The theme this year is **Sermon on the Mount**.

## THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Paul & Barbara Hickman**.



## GOLF SCRAMBLE

Please join us for a golf scramble Saturday, August 12th. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see Fellowship Deacon, **Mark Harris**.