

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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August 13—**Luke Hall**
 August 17—**Jesse McNutt**
 August 18—**Karen Burton**



August 16—**Harry & Darlene Ogletree**

Church of Christ

August 13, 2023

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ELDERS

Tom Eddy Kurt Harrison
 Todd Hague

DEACONS

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

MINISTER

Hunter Melott

Troubling Texts: 1 John 3:6

“Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.”

The text which you see above has been the cause of many troubled souls. This is not to say that the word of God is ill-sufficient for comforting the Christian. The word of God is living and active (Hebrews 4:12) and is part of “everything” that God has granted us pertaining to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

With this being said, some translations of God’s word have been known to bring confusion. This is not to excoriate translation committees. The method of translation is very difficult, and knowing how to translate a particular phrase or word is not always made clear. Therefore, we humbly approach this topic seeking to give glory to God and appreciation to the translators of our Bibles. It is because of them that we have such bounty of God’s word in our language today.

When John wrote those two sentences in verse six, what was he trying to teach his readers? Did he want them to believe that in order to be in Christ one

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SCHEDULE - August 20, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Hague

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Tim Wells

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Dennis Dye

PM: Paul Jacoby

PRAYER

AM: Christian Bettinger

Adam Burkhart

PM: John Dollison

Darrell Hague

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Albert Baltzer

PM: John Dollison

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jake Bradford

Wednesday—August 23, 2023

SONG LEADER: Jim Zetterberg

PRAYER: Joe Crone/John Forshey

SS Speaker: Jeff Darby

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Todd Hague

STATISTICS—August 6, 2023

Sunday Bible Class	90
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Morning Worship	170
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Evening Worship	81
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Wednesday Classes	83
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Contribution	\$4,291
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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 ITEMS OF THE WEEK—Applesauce

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: "Speaking in Tongues"

Minister: **Hunter Melott**

Reading: I Cor. 12:7-11

PM: "Sin That Doesn't Lead to Death"

Minister: **Hunter Melott**

Reading: I John 5:16-17

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: **Elsie Bowens** had a heart cath Wednesday.

Camden Clark: **Arlene Shepperd (Herma Eddy's sister)**

Mary McCracken was in the hospital and is now at Harmar Place. No visitors at this time please. Cards are appreciated.

Debbie Lane had outpatient surgery Thursday at memorial. Please keep her in your prayers.

Myra Reich fell July 29th and has a cracked wrist.

PRAYER LIST

Ray Anderson

Anyalynn Antill

Sharon Armstrong (Mary Lauck's daughter)

Added to prayer list: **Deborah Williams**—fell; **Cole Williams**

LADIES TEA

Please join us for our Annual Ladies Tea Saturday, September 9th, at 2:00 p.m. with guest speaker, **Morgan Ball** from Pickerington church of Christ. The theme will be "*Amazing Grace for a Woman's Heart*". Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the foyer for those willing to help and those who will be attending. Please see **Bev Dollison** with any questions. Flyers are available in the foyer.

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Please join us for our Annual Friends & Family Day, Sunday, September 10th, with guest speaker, **Josh Ball** from Pickerington church of Christ. The theme will be "*The Kingdom - Entering the Kingdom, Living in the Kingdom, and Longing for the Kingdom*". Bible Class will be at 9:00 a.m., Worship at 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Meal at 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. A Capella Song Service, and 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship Service. **There will be no 5:00 p.m. service September 10th.** Flyers are available in the foyer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOS

Men of the congregation, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for Wednesday Night Devos September—December 2023. If you have any question, please see Worship Deacon, **Tim Loughry**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for directory picture days, Sunday greeters, and Open/Close the building for November 2023. Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer.

WORLD CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING

We will be collecting individual donations to add to a contribution from the congregation for World Christian Broadcasting through the month of August. Please turn donations into the office. Please mark checks "WCB" in the memo line. If you have any questions, please see Mission Deacon, **Alan Ralston**.

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must reach a state of perfection? Some would have us believe that this was his argument: "*Christ was sinless, and if you are to be found in him, you must also be sinless!*" Such an argument lacks context, for it was also John who wrote this: "*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us...If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us*" (1 John 1:8, 10).

The Bible makes it abundantly clear that all have sinned and will sin in this life (Romans 3:23; 7). John, speaking by the Holy Spirit, concurs. Why then do we read a seemingly contradicting statement in John's letter? In order to answer this question, we must consider the Greek verb tenses.

The tenses which John uses are present and continuous in nature. The text is not pointing to an occasional event, but rather, a continuous lifestyle. A lifestyle of habitual and continuous sin is not consistent with the message and character of Jesus. It is, however, consistent with the message and character of Satan. And so, John's contrast is made abundantly clear: "*By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious...*" (1 John 3:10). Anyone living in sin is not of God, anyone living in righteousness is not of Satan.

Consider this translation of the text: "*No one who remains in Him sins continually; no one who sins continually has seen Him or knows Him*" (NASB2020).

Thanks be to God that he does not require perfection! If he did, we would all be lost eternally. If you are walking in the light, the sin which you commit is cleansed by the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7). When you sin, confess your sin (1 John 1:9), and strive to continue in righteousness.

-Hunter

THANK YOU

A thank you note is on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Sharon Brooks**.

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

August 16—God is just—**Doug Petty**

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

August 30—God is not mocked—**Josh Ball**

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 **Dennis Dye** for teaching this morning. Next Sunday morning will be **Albert Baltzer**.

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**.

PANTRY

Six families received food from our pantry last month.

The pantry item of the week is applesauce.

NEW DIRECTORY

Thank you all for signing up for directory pictures and to those that have volunteered to help with this effort. An alphabetical list of directory picture appointments is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. **Please arrive 5-8 minutes prior to your appointment time to fill out information for the directory.** Just a reminder, pictures will be taken by Universal Church Directories **August 21st, 22nd, & 23rd, and September 1st and 2nd.**