

## 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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October 4—**Hannah Reynolds, Dean Thompson**  
October 7—**Valerie Jacoby**



There are no anniversaries on the calendar for this week.

### SCHEDULE - October 8, 2023

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Hague

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** T.J. Wells

**PM:** T.J. Wells

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** Joe Crone

**PM:** Jim Zetterberg

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Greg Ludolph

Adam Burkhart

**PM:** Greg Cline

Harry Ogletree

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** Christian Bettinger

**PM:** Owen Morgan

**CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:** John Forshey

#### Wednesday—October 11, 2023

**SONG LEADER:** Greg Cline

**PRAYER:** Paul Jacoby/Todd Hague

**Devo:** Darrell Hague

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Hunter Melott

#### STATISTICS-September 24, 2023

Sunday Bible Class 76

Morning Worship 157

Evening Worship 74

Wednesday Classes 79

Contribution \$4,630

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**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—Crackers**

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October 1, 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

## Baptism: *Salvation*

A preliminary matter that we must first address is the criticism that is often given to those who believe baptism to be a salvific act. I am not suggesting in this article that baptism is the supreme doctrine of the New Testament. I am also not claiming that baptism is of more importance than Christ, God, the church, faith, repentance, or any other thing that the Christian should hold on to. Ultimately, our salvation is reliant upon Christ, and baptism is a mode in our obeying Christ.

Jesus said toward the end of his time on earth, *“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned”* (Mark 16:16). From this passage we gather that in order to be saved at least two things must occur: *belief* and *baptism*. We are not entitled to take the word baptism out of Jesus’ statement. If belief is characteristic of one who is saved, then according to this passage, so is being baptized.

Consider another passage: *“...baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt*

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## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** "Eve"  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: Genesis 3:20

**PM:** "Wisdom: Before The Earth"  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: Proverbs 8:12-21

## 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: **Gary Smith** had a light stroke.  
**Betty Boswell** had right knee replacement surgery Thursday.  
**Paul Miller** had an ablation on his heart Tuesday at Cleveland Clinic. The procedure went well.  
**Lou Fryman** is at home recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
**Ann Thomas** broke a bone in her foot. She is at Rockland Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for rehab.

## PRAYER LIST

**Joe & Nancy Riggs**  
**Mike Runals** (relative of **Ruth Stewart**)  
**Hailey Russell** (**Dorothy Wilkinson's** great niece)

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

October 1st—3rd—Fall Gospel Meeting—S. Main church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Scott Pfetscher**

October 1st—4th—Gospel Meeting—Henderson church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Tim Hatfield**

October 13th—15th—Gospel Meeting—Lubeck church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Eric Lyons**

October 22nd—25th—Gospel Meeting—Pursley church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Austin Woodfin**

October 22nd—26th—WV School of Preaching 29th Annual Lectureship

## MEN'S EVENTS

October 7th—Men's Encouragement Day—Cambridge church of Christ—Registration is at 8:00 a.m.—Guest Speaker: **Roger Rush**

## WOMEN'S EVENTS

October 7th—Ladies' Inspiration Day—Norval Park church of Christ—9—1—Guest Speaker: **Laura Tonkery**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 15th 12:30 p.m.—Women's Care Center Annual Walk for Life, Parkersburg City Park

\*Flyers are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer

## THANK YOU

Thank you cards are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Kate Venham** and **Dorothy Wilkinson**.

## INFORMATION

Please check the table in the multipurpose room for your dishes/containers/etc. left from funeral meals, taking meals to others, and fellowship meals.

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*from the flesh, but an appeal of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21). So how does baptism save? Well, it is not by some bath by which we wash the dirt from our physical flesh, but a bath in which sin is washed away from our spiritual person. This is only possible because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is through baptism that we reenact the death burial and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6:1-9).*

It is important to note that faith also saves us. I do not want to be guilty of suggesting that one singular act, alone, can produce salvation for us. We are commanded to do many things in our obedience to Christ. Baptism is no more important than faith, but they are different. Baptism is the culminating act of obedience, and faith is a lifelong disposition toward God. Faith is the major part of how we are to live as Christians, baptism is the culminating act in becoming a Christian.

When one says that baptism is necessary for salvation, they are not saying anything that the Bible doesn't already say.

-Hunter



## MARIETTA CITY SCHOOLS ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

We will be collecting coats for the children in Marietta City Schools. If you would like to participate, you may make a monetary donation or purchase **NEW** kids coats. The sizes needed are: Small, Medium, Large, or X-Large. Please turn donations into the office by Sunday, October 29th. Please make a note in the check memo line: COATS. Coats will be distributed in early November.

## PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Crackers

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

The new directory is currently being organized. New directories should arrive around December.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOS

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

## BIBLE SCHOOL

Please join us for Bible Class. Classes are available for all ages. Young Children (Under Pre-K), Early Elementary (Pre K—1st Grade), Elementary (2nd—6th Grade), Young Adult (7th—12th Grade), and Adult.

## THURSDAY LADIES CLASS

Please join us for Thursday Ladies Class beginning October 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room. The study will be 1 John.

## DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

Benevolence—**Paul Jacoby/Alan Ralston**  
Building & Grounds —**T.J. Wells/Mark Harris**  
Education—**Michael Morgan/Mark Harris**  
Fellowship & Youth Activities—**Mark Harris/Paul Jacoby**  
Finance—**Tim Loughry/Alan Ralston/Mark Harris**  
Local Evangelism & Missions—**Alan Ralston/T.J. Wells**  
Visitors—**Alan Ralston/all deacons**  
Worship—**Tim Loughry/Michael Morgan**