

## 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.



September 24—**Ted Patterson**  
September 25—**Albert Baltzer, Sherri Hendrickson**  
September 26—**Traci Parks**  
September 27—**Myriah Johnson**  
September 28—**Aaron Anderson, Melinda Crone**  
September 30—**Brent Kirkbride**



September 26—**Eric & Bethany Brown**  
September 30—**Luke & Kimberly Hall**

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September 24, 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: A Work of God

For many years theologians have tried to deny the efficacy of baptism by claiming it as a work of man. We know that the Bible teaches that by works no man will be saved (Ephesians 2:8-9). So, their argument goes like this: "Since baptism is a work of man, and no work of man can save one's soul, it therefore follows that baptism cannot save and is unnecessary in regard to salvation."

Consider this, however; belief is a work, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (John 6:29). Would one dare suggest that we do not even have to believe in Jesus Christ before receiving salvation? Most would not hold to such a doctrine. Without belief baptism is without scruples, and without baptism, belief seems just as silly. For if you truly believe, you will bear fruit from that belief. Jesus said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

I am not claiming that baptism equals merit. There is no possible way that any human could ever, under any circumstances, earn their salvation. The Scriptures

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### SCHEDULE - September 24, 2023

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Hague

#### SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells  
PM: John Forshey

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Harry Ogletree  
PM: Kurt Harrison

#### PRAYER

AM: Greg Ludolph  
Randy Feisley  
PM: Dennis Dye  
Paul Jacoby

#### SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Greg Cline  
PM: Mark Harris

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Lane

#### Wednesday—September 27, 2023

SONG LEADER: Greg Cline

PRAYER: Mark Harris/T.J. Wells

Devo: Jim Zetterberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hunter Melott

#### STATISTICS-September 17, 2023

Sunday Bible Class	86
Morning Worship	180
Evening Worship	80
Wednesday Classes	76
Contribution	\$3,693

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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—Instant Potatoes

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Popularity in Decline  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: Matthew 4:24

**PM:** God Calls For Obedience  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: James 1:22

## 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. No visitors at this time please. Prayers are appreciated.

**Lou Fryman** had knee replacement surgery Tuesday.

**Ann Thomas** broke a bone in her foot. She was in the hospital and is now at Rockland Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for rehab.

## PRAYER LIST

**Junior Nolan**

**Lester Ralston** (Alan's brother)

**Heather Ray** (friend of Karen Thompson)

## PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Instant Potatoes

## THANK YOU

We want to extend our thanks to **Tim Wells** for his years of leading singing at the congregation here. Today will be **Tim's** last day leading singing for us as he will be returning to Harmar Hill church of Christ.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

September 24th—27th—Gospel Meeting—Sistersville church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Jerry Toothman**

September 24th—27th—Gospel Meeting—Sunrise church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Bob Vincent**

September 24th—28th—Gospel Meeting—Bates Hill church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Clint Rowand**

September 24th—28th—Gospel Meeting—Chester, WV church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Charles Pugh III**

October 1st—Friends & Family Day—Lower Paw Paw church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Steve Fuchs**

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

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—26th—WV School of Preaching 29th Annual Lectureship

## MEN'S EVENTS

September 29th & 30th—North End church of Christ Men's Retreat—Wood County 4H Camp

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**

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are abundantly clear that salvation is a free gift (Romans 6:23)! But gifts must be received, and baptism is one way we receive the gift that God freely gives to us. Furthermore, baptism is not a work we do, it is a work done to us! It is God's work on the believer (Colossians 2:12).

Who gets the glory for Israel's exodus? God parted the Red Sea, but in order to escape, Israel had to walk through it to the other side. Is such a narrative telling of Israel's glory, or of God's? Did Israel save themselves by walking through the Red Sea, or did God save them by allowing them passage through the Red Sea? Here is the point: God ultimately saves us by whatever means he wishes. We must simply put our faith in him and obey.

God's wonderful work is done to us through baptism. All glory to God for giving us the means of salvation!

-Hunter

## THANK YOU

A thank you card is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Bruce Rose** (June's son).



## CARD SHOWER

**Beth Arman** is turning 100 years young October 8th. Please shower her with cards for her special day.

## INFORMATION

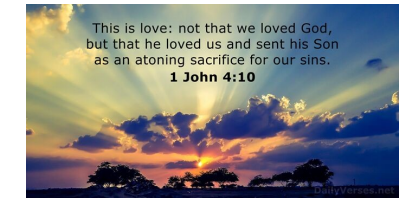
Please check the table in the multipurpose room for your dishes/containers/etc. left from funeral meals, taking meals to others, and fellowship meals.

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Rolland Thompson** (Karen's father). Memorial services were held Friday at Leavitt Funeral Home in Belpre.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

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



## THURSDAY LADIES CLASS

Thursday Ladies Class will resume October 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room. The study will be I John.

## 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**.

## 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.