

## 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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November 12—**Beverly Hague, Walter Mincks, Teresa Schoolcraft**

November 13—**Gary Antill**

November 14—**Walter Thomas**

November 15—**Pat Ralston**

November 16—**Linda Smith**

November 17—**Abby Willman, Andy Willman**

November 18—**Don Becker, Misty Smith**



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

# Church of Christ

November 12, 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

## The Providence of God

Life on this earth can be a harsh, cruel, and unforgiving reality. Loved ones get sick and die, jobs get lost with regularity, and peace among the inhabitants of the world is nothing more than a sweet dream that seems real for a moment, and then swiftly comes to an end. Such pains and sufferings make many ask the question, "How could there ever be a God, and if there is, what is He doing?" God works today as He has always worked (John 5:17). It is important, however, to understand how He does work, and what the result of it is.

When the word providence is brought to mind there are a myriad of definitions it is given. Gareth Reese says, "...providence is God's everyday care and preservation and government of His creation..." (72). Simply put, God cares for His creation, and He works through the world when He sees it is best to do so. To scoff at God's government of the universe is foolish. God upholds the universe by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3), he has formed man intricately (Psalm 139), and He will destroy the earth when He desires (2 Pet. 3:10). God is always in con-

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### SCHEDULE - November 19, 2023

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** John Forshey

**PM:** Greg Cline

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** Albert Baltzer

**PM:** Michael Morgan

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Harry Ogletree

Randy Feisley

**PM:** Alan Ralston

Dennis Dye

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** Tim Loughry

**PM:** John Dollison

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

#### Wednesday—November 22, 2023

**SONG LEADER:** Michael Morgan

**PRAYER:** Darrell Hague/Adam Burkhart

**Devo:** Todd Hague

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Hunter Melott

#### **STATISTICS**-November 5, 2023

Sunday Bible Class 82

Morning Worship 169

Evening Worship 78

Wednesday Classes 71

Contribution \$8,617

**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 Soup**



## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** "The Lord Does Not Change"

Minister: **Hunter Melott**

Reading: Malachi 3:6

**PM:** "Repeated Lies Do Not Produce Truth"

Minister: **Hunter Melott**

Reading: Jeremiah 7:8-10

## 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

Cleveland: **Mark Casto**

**Dave Bowen** was in the hospital and is now at home.

**Phyllis Bowersock** (**Susie Patterson's** mother) and **Ann Thomas** are now at home.

## PRAYER LIST

**Karen Mullen White** (**Donna Moseley's** niece)

**Jon Wiblin** (**Nancy Ward's** son)

**Cole Williams & Deborah Williams**

## PANTRY

Five families were helped by our pantry last month. The pantry item of the week is canned soup.

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Arlene Sheppard** (**Herma Eddy's** sister). There will be no memorial service.

Celebrating the simple depths of  
**baptism**



## BAPTISM

**Carter Brown** was baptized last Sunday following the morning worship service. Please welcome **Carter** to our church family.

## THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Machell Hague**, **Fairley Bowens**, and **Ruth Otto**.

## GOSPEL MEETINGS

November 12th—15th—Gospel Meeting—Bridg Street church of Christ, New Martinsville, WV— Guest Speaker: **Phil Sanders**

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

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

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trol. Generally, God providentially runs the world. He changes times and seasons (Daniel 2:21), He clothes the grass of the field (Matt. 6:30), He feeds the birds of the air (Matt. 6:26), He uses nations for His purposes (Obadiah 1:1), and He institutes authorities throughout the world (Rom. 13:1). But what does God do for the Christian?

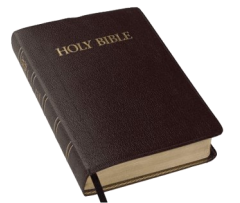
Although, because of man's wickedness, the world is seemingly in a constant state of degradation, the Christian can find hope and peace because of God's special providence. Jesus told His disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). The Christian can have peace because of the hope they are given. This hope comes not only from the assurance of being with Christ one day, but also from the confidence that God is providentially with them now. Jesus ensured that a person of God has no need to worry about clothing, food, or shelter, because all of these things would be provided by the Father (Matt. 6:33). What a beautiful revelation of God's providence that Jesus gave to us! David said, "I have been young, and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread" (Psalm 37:25). Truly, God will never forsake His children.

God providentially provides the Christian with spiritual blessings as well. For instance, prayer is a vital part of the Christian life. James says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously without reproach, and it will be given him" (James 1:5). If the Christian doubted that God would be able to answer his prayers, however, why would he even ask at all? In regard to this, James said, "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind" (James 1:6). In order for God to answer the Christian's prayers, He must work providentially. God works providentially in helping Christians escape temptations. God is faithful, and He will not allow man to be tempted beyond his limits (1 Cor. 10:13).

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This promise gives comfort to the Christian. In times of testing and trials, God is with His children each step of the way. Therefore, there are two aspects of providential care: General providence and Special Providence (Reese). Generally, God provides for the earth and man, but specially, God provides personal care for His children. What comforting words Peter gives, "Casting all your anxieties upon him, because he cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:7).

—Hunter



## 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 at 10:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room. The study is I 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**