

## 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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December 17—Rae Thomas  
December 21—T.J. Wells



December 18—Douglas & Vonda Brown

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December 17, 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

## Jesus is For The Whole World

There is a belief which suggests that Christianity is a “white man’s religion.” Across many campuses our youth are being taught that Jesus is inherently for white people. They have even gone so far as to say that American missionaries are trying to colonize countries like Africa—Africa is a country of focus for many missionary teams.

Throughout history flawed men have done things in the name of Christ that were not moral, and such is a sorrowful reality, but this does not mean that Jesus’ person, message, or aim should be brought under criticism. Though Christianity is touted by some to be a “white man’s religion,” it is certainly far from it. Jesus is for the whole world. Let’s consider some passages.

Read the bookends of Matthew, Mark, and Luke:

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and make disciples of *all the*

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### SCHEDULE - December 24, 2023

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** Michael Morgan

**PM:** T.J. Wells

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** Greg Cline

**PM:** Paul Jacoby

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Darrell Hague

Christian Bettinger

**PM:** Albert Baltzer

Todd Hague

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** Coen Eddy

**PM:** Harry Ogletree

**CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:** Jon Lane

#### Wednesday—December 27, 2023

**SONG LEADER:** John Forshey

**PRAYER:** Tim Loughry/Greg Cline

**Devo:** Tom Eddy

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Hunter Melott

#### **STATISTICS-December 10, 2023**

Sunday Bible Class 79

Morning Worship 176

Evening Worship 84

Wednesday Classes 65

Contribution \$3,585

**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—Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce**



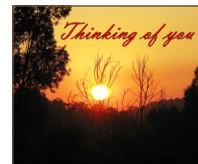
## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Weak Fools Without Honor  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: I Cor. 4:9-14

**PM:** The Implications of The Bible  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: Ecclesiastes 12:12

## 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

**Kurt Harrison** had knee replacement surgery Tuesday at Selby and is now at home.

**Junior Nolan** was in the hospital and is now at home.

## PRAYER LIST

**Don Jobes** (Gertie Fryman's nephew & Lou's cousin)

**Valerie Kampmeier** (Darlene Ogletree's niece)

**Patty Kehl** (Sue Biehl's niece) & **Ralph Kehl** (Sue Biehl's brother)

Added to prayer list: **Sherri Dawson** (Connie Houser's sister-in-law)

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Marge Stacy**. Memorial services will be held today at 1:00 p.m. at the building with visitation from noon until the time of service.

## BENEVOLENT PROJECT

We will be collecting individual monetary donations to purchase fuel cards to be used for benevolence in 2024. If you would like to donate, please turn checks into the office by December 31st. Please mark in the memo "fuel cards". If you have any questions, please see, Benevolent Deacon, **Paul Jacoby**.

## THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Barbara Casto** and **Wilford & Elaine Wallace**.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOS

The sign up sheet for 2024 Wednesday Night Devos is on the bulletin board in the foyer for the men of the congregation. If you have any questions, please see Worship Deacon, **Tim Loughry**.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for volunteers to be greeters, open & close the building, prepare communion cups, and baking communion bread for 2024.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

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

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(Matthew 28:18-19).

"...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15).

"...So it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46-47).

It seems rather ridiculous to suggest that a "white man's religion" was founded by a Palestinian Jew who lived over 2,000 years ago. Not only does Christianity originate from the east, but its scope is universal, as was seen in prior passages, but consider this passage as well, "...you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

I hope by these Scriptures we become better equipped to dismantle the notion that Christianity is fundamentally a white religion. Jesus was not white, the apostles were not white, the earliest Christians were not white, the message is not white, and the church is not exclusively for people who are white. Jesus is, once again, for the whole world. No matter what color, race, tradition, or ethnicity you are, Jesus wants you to be in his kingdom. His kingdom is a kingdom without borders, it is a spiritual kingdom for spiritual people. A kingdom in which color holds no importance.

—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. **There will be no Ladies Class December 28th. Class will resume January 4th. These dates were inadvertently left off the January calendar.**

## GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Holy Spirit's Word: I Corinthians 2:12-13

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10

## 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**