

## 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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January 1—Donna Born, Ben Clovis  
 January 2—Don Badgley  
 January 4—Tom Eddy, Kristy Vernon  
 January 6—David Lauck, Elizabeth Loughry



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

# Church of Christ

December 31, 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

## Son or Slave

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever practices sin is a slave of sin" (John 8:34). If we practice sin, we are slaves of it, and a slave of sin does not remain in the house of God. Jesus was never a slave of sin; He was a servant of righteousness and the Son of God. We must follow Jesus' example, and not be a slave of sin, but a son of God.

Paul spoke to the Galatians about being sons of God:

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is a master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son, and if

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### SCHEDULE - January 7, 2023

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Hague

#### SONG LEADER

AM: Jim Zetterberg

PM: Greg Cline

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: George Goddard

PM: Alan Ralston

#### PRAYER

AM: Christian Bettinger

Albert Baltzer

PM: Dennis Dye

Adam Burkhart

#### SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Coen Eddy

PM: Greg Ludolph

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: John Forshey

#### Wednesday—January 10, 2024

SONG LEADER: T.J. Wells

PRAYER: Paul Jacoby/John Dollison

Devo: George Goddard

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hunter Melott

#### STATISTICS-December 17, 2023

Sunday Bible Class	85
Morning Worship	179
Evening Worship	58
Wednesday Classes	65
Contribution	\$4,198

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—The pantry is well stocked at this time. Thank you for your donations.

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Planning For The New Year  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: John 19:14

**PM:** The Providence of God at Malta  
Minister: **Hunter Melott**  
Reading: Acts 27:39-44; 28:1

## 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

**Ruth Stewart** is at Harmar Place, Room 201.

## PRAYER LIST

**Dawn Michael** (friend of **Dorothy Wilkinson**)  
**Brenda Nesselroad** (Lloyd & Esther's daughter)  
**Karen Nixon**

## PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

The pantry is well stocked at this time. Thank you for your donations.

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Stephen Beck**. Memorial services are incomplete at this time.

## 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 today. Please mark in the memo "fuel cards". If you have any questions, please see, Benevolent Deacon, **Paul Jacoby**.



## 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 February.

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son, then an heir of God through Christ. (Gal. 4:1-7)

The Galatians were baptized: "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27). Therefore, they were Christians under the New Covenant. They had formerly served idols (Gal. 4:8), then became Christians, but they very quickly turned back to sin. They were free as sons, but they became slaves of sin after going back to the elementary principles of the world.

The Galatians' actions resulted in apostasy. They had fallen away from grace because they chose a covenant that did not have grace. This was the worst mistake they could have ever made.

We must not become slaves of sin. We know that we will sin (Rom. 3:23), and the wages of those sins are death (Rom. 6:23). However, if we continue to walk in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse us from those sins (1 John 1:7). If we let sin consume us, it will become our master, and we will become its slave. We can only serve one master (Matt. 6:24). Let us serve our true Master—God.

Once we become sons, we have the wonderful opportunity to call God our Father. We do not want to be slaves. Being a slave of sin gives you nothing but destruction, but being a son of God grants you freedom, love, protection, salvation, companionship, family, and eternal life. The most important question: Why wouldn't we want to be a son of God?

A spiritual slave has no honor. The end to spiritual slavery is spiritual destruction in Hell. However, there is no greater honor than to be called a son of God, and the end to spiritual Sonship is eternal life in Heaven. Let us be children of God, and not submit to a life of spiritual slavery.

—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**