

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 23—Rick Colvin
January 25—Stacy Smith



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

Church of Christ

January 21, 2024

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

The God of Hope

Hope is something that all men wish they could possess. Whether it be the person laying on a hospital bed diagnosed with terminal cancer, or the average working man trying to get his next paycheck to feed his family; all people want hope. Some look to their job for hope, others try to gain hope by health, but one thing is for certain: Men cannot gain hope in themselves.

Without God, we are tarnished with sin. In fact, without God's grace, none of us even have a chance to be righteous before God. Sin stains our souls, and all of us have sinned (Rom. 3:23). The wages of these horrible sins are death (Rom. 6:23). Paul wrote, "*None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks God*" (Rom. 3:10-11).

So, how do we find hope in the midst of all of our sin? The only source for true hope is Jesus Christ. Jesus came into the world to take away this sin (1 John 3:5). Jesus gave all men the chance to be free through his death.

We should be ever joyful and thankful that all men can have the chance at

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SCHEDULE - January 28, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: Michael Morgan

PM: T.J. Wells

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Albert Baltzer

PM: Dennis Dye

PRAYER

AM: Darrell Hague

Randy Feisley

PM: Paul Jacoby

Greg Ludolph

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Adam Burkhart

PM: George Goddard

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jon Lane

Wednesday—January 31, 2024

SONG LEADER: John Forshey

PRAYER: Joe Crone/Greg Cline

Devo: Michael Morgan

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hunter Melott

STATISTICS-January 14, 2024

Sunday Bible Class 64

Morning Worship 138

Evening Worship 55

Wednesday Classes 48

Contribution \$3,626

OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909

BIBLECALL (740) 373-3222

WEBSITE 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: Looking To Jesus
Guest Speaker: **Harry Ogletree**
Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

PM: My Lord My God
Guest Speaker: **Harry Ogletree**
Reading: John 20:24-29

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

Memorial: **Donald McCain (Dorothy Wilkinson's brother-in-law)**

PRAYER LIST

Joe & Nancy Riggs

Mike Runals (relative of **Ruth Stewart**)

Hailey Russell (**Dorothy Wilkinson's** great niece)

PANTRY

Five families received food from our pantry last month. The pantry is well stocked at this time. Thank you for your donations.

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Kurt Harrison**.

SECRET SISTER

We are going to start Secret Sisters again. Forms are available in the library. If you have any questions, please see **Kaitlyn Forshy, Danetta Harrison, or Lura Wilcoxon**. Please complete and return forms to one of these ladies today.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 26th—27th, 2024—Teen Ohio Winter Lectures—Fishinger church of Christ

January 26th—27th, 2024—Ohio Winter Lectures—"Faith on fire: Igniting Spiritual Growth and Unity" - Fishinger church of Christ

2024 Youth Monday Night Merge—February 5th—March 11th

Saturday, March 2nd—9:30 a.m.—noon—Ladies' Day "Our Spiritual Life Needs a Playlist"—Church of Christ at Rio Grande—Guest Speaker: **Rachel DeHainaut**

Saturday, March 2nd—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Church of Christ on Fishinger Road—Ladies' Day "Step Out of the Boat" - Guest Speaker: **Lacey Crowell**

*Flyers are on the bulletin board in the foyer

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hope. No matter how poor, rich, healthy, sick, tall, or short; every single soul can have hope through Jesus Christ. We can have this hope because of his blood which was shed. If we have this hope, what should we feel as a result of it?

The God of hope can fill us with joy. Solomon said, *"The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish"* (Prov. 10:28). When we were outside of grace, we had nothing to be truly joyful about. However, when we gave our life to the God of hope, we gained a new joy through what we were able to attain. What more joy can there be than to know that we are children of God who are one day going to heaven because we gave our life to the God of hope? Truly, through the God of hope, we can have joy!

The God of hope can also fill us with peace. While on Earth, some can have a temporary peace while everything is going well. However, when things start to turn sour, peace seems to remove itself from them. Through the God of hope, however, we can have a peace no matter what happens in our life. Jesus said, *"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). This peace is something not of this world.

Even at moments when we feel anguished, we can cast our anxieties upon Jesus. Peter said, *"Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you"* (1 Pet. 5:7). God does not want us to feel anguished or sorrowful at heart. He wants us to be free from worries: *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"* (Matt. 11:28-30). Through the God of hope, we can find joy and peace. This is a God I want to serve! Nowhere in the entirety of the world can we find such amazing hope. We as Christians should always be thankful for the wonderful hope that he has given us!

—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.

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**