

## 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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August 18—**Karen Burton**  
August 21—**Sinda Isner**  
August 22—**Makin Brewer**  
August 23—**Robert Patterson, Jr.**



August 24—**Paul & Valerie Jacoby**

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August 18, 2024

Sixth and Washington Sts., Marietta, Ohio 45750...Office Phone (740) 373-3240, M-Th 9-2



### MINISTER

Bill Deem

### ELDERS

Tom Eddy    Kurt Harrison  
Todd Hague    Lloyd Westbrook

### DEACONS

Michael Morgan    Alan Ralston  
Paul Jacoby    TJ Wells  
Tim Loughry

## *Finish the Race...Fight the Fight*

The 2024 Olympics are in the books. Did you watch them? There were those who did not watch them for various reasons, but there were many who did. Whether you were one who watched, or one who didn't, the games always seem to be filled with memorable moments.

The Summer Olympics usually amass more athletes than their winter counterpart. There were about 2,900 competitors at the last winter games compared to 10,500 at this year's summer offering! Yet out of all those elite athletes less than 2,150 medals were awarded; more than three quarters of those competing went away empty handed!

Either the apostle Paul was a sports fan, or maybe he simply appreciated the rich spiritual parallels that can be gleaned from athletic events. In First Corinthians 9.24-27 he uses an analogy, ***“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every ath-***

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### SCHEDULE - August 25, 2024

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lloyd Westbrook

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** Jim Zetterberg  
**PM:** Michael Morgan

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** John Dollison  
**PM:** Mark Harris

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Darrell Hague  
Randy Feisley  
**PM:** Greg Ludolph  
Albert Baltzer

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** Adam Burkhart  
**PM:** George Goddard

**CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:** Kurt Harrison

#### Wednesday—August 28, 2024

**SONG LEADER:** T.J. Wells

**PRAYER:** Joe Crone/Greg Cline

**SS Song Service:** Various Song Leaders

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Lloyd Westbrook

#### **STATISTICS**-August 11, 2024

<u>Sunday Bible Class</u>	<u>73</u>
<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>165</u>
<u>Evening Worship</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Wednesday Classes</u>	<u>117</u>
<u>Contribution</u>	<u>\$3,385</u>

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

**BIBLECALL (740) 651-2400 or (304) 420-2416**

**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—Crackers**



TODAY’S SERMONS

**AM:** The Greatest Commands: “The Lord is One”  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: Matthew 22:35-40

**PM:** Walking in the Light  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: I John 1:5-10

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

**Mark Casto** was in the hospital and is now at home.

**Alicia McIntyre** (**Herma Eddy’s** granddaughter) is now at home. She is scheduled to have radiation August 20th at OSU James.

**Lloyd Westbrook** is recovering at home from surgery.

Please keep **Lisa Westbrook Smith** (**Lloyd & Shirley’s** daughter) in your prayers. She will begin radiation therapy and chemotherapy in the near future.

PRAYER LIST

**Brenda Nesselroad** (**Lloyd & Esther’s** daughter)  
**Karen Nixon**  
**Junior Nolan**

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Howard Dutton** (**Cora Marshall’s** brother & **Donna Moseley’s** nephew). Memorial services were held Wednesday at Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home in Lowell.



COLLEGE STUDENTS

**Hannah Deem** and **Anthony Hillard** will both be going to Ohio University this week. Please keep all our college students and their families in your prayers as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24th-25th—Happiness Is...A Workshop of The Beatitudes—Sistersville church of Christ

August 25th—Welcome Home Sunday—Fishinger church of Christ

August 30th 7-8 p.m. —10th Annual WV School of Preaching Sing and Pie “Fling”

September 12th—14th—Small Town Old Time Revival—Ellenboro Townhall—Hosted by Harrisville church of Christ—“Honoring the Old Paths”

September 13th—14th—Autumn of Spiritual Awakening—Workshop Featuring: **Phil Sanders & Matthew Morine**

\*Flyers are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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*lete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”*

In 2 Timothy, when faced with the executioner’s sword, Paul said, *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing,”* (4.7-8).

Consider that only a handful of people walk away from the Olympics with any medals. They all put in the work. Hours of sacrifice, blood, sweat and tears, only to go home with nothing but souvenirs and photos to show. I wonder how a person would feel. Many would likely be thankful for the opportunity that they had just been given. Still others will see that just being able to compete on such a stage is a rare opportunity. But undoubtedly there are those who may have only been a fraction of a second from winning the prize. That would be difficult to grasp.

But, in this spiritual race, we do not compete against each other. Rather, we follow Jesus, and by taking his lead, we will not go away empty handed. No, we will not receive anything like a participation trophy, but instead we will receive the victor’s crown. The athletes of Paul’s day would contend for a crown made of olive leaves, which would dry within days. Our crown is imperishable. It will not fade in a few days, but rather it will shine just as brightly as the moment we first received it. Are you running the race? Are you fighting the fight? In Christ, you will have an eternal crown of victory.

—Bill

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Mark & Lesa Casto** and **Kevin & Anita Offenberger**.

TEACHERS

Bible school material for fall quarter is in the library. Fall quarter begins Sunday, September 1st, and Wednesday, September 4th. Class promotions will be September 1st. Classes are available for all ages:

Young Children (Infant—3)  
Pre-Elementary (3-Kindergarten)  
Elementary (Grandes 1-4)  
Middle School (Grades 5-8)  
High School (Grades 9-12)  
Adults

SUMMER SERIES

Please join us for our Annual Summer Series on Wednesdays. The theme is ***Heroes and Heroines of the Faith***. A schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Copies are available for you to invite family and friends. **Eddie Cooper** will be speaking August 21st. His topic is ***Jesus-Son of God***.

JUNIOR SUMMER SERIES

Please join us for our Annual Junior Summer Series on Wednesdays. The theme is ***Young Heroes of Scripture***. Flyers are available in the foyer for you to invite family and friends.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS SUMMER SERIES

Please join us Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for our Annual Adult Bible Class Summer Series. The theme is ***Living A Life That Matters***. Our thanks to **Bill Deem** for teaching this morning. **Dennis Dye** will be teaching the final week of our Sunday Morning Summer Series on ***Living Expeditiously***.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVO SCHEDULE

Men of the congregation—Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for September—December 2024 Wednesday Night Devos. If you have any questions, please see **Tim Loughry**, Worship Deacon.