

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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September 1—**Kathy Dye**
 September 5—**Ben Deem**
 September 6—**Ray Anderson, Eric Brown, Emily Hall, Phyllis Johnson, Gary Smith**
 September 7—**Jacob Reynolds**



September 4—**Lloyd & Esther Nesselroad**
 September 5—**Jesse & Jennifer McNutt**

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September 1, 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

BILL'S BYTES: BIBLICAL MUSINGS ON LABOR DAY

Tomorrow is the big day! The official end of summer (though it seems likely that summer will debate that for a few more weeks). As we celebrate Labor Day it seems fitting to reflect on the spiritual significance of work and rest.

From page one of the Bible, the importance of work is emphasized. Genesis 2:15 says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." There are those who misinterpret work as a curse. But that is not true at all. Work was always part of the deal, and it was blessed. If we believe that life in the Garden was some sort of vacation, then we are mistaken. However, it was after Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden that a curse was placed upon our work. We would toil in our labor – which is the only reality that we have lived since that day recorded in the third chapter of Genesis. Humanity is created and called by God to be working. In fact, through labor we are able to participate in God's creation, contributing to the well-being of not only our families but our communities and even the world in which we live. Work is not a curse but a divine calling. It is through our labor that we participate in God's creation, contributing to the well-being of our communities and the world.

Proverbs 6:6-8 offers wisdom on the importance of our labor: "Go to the ant,

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SCHEDULE September 8, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: T.J. Wells
 PM: Jim Zetterberg

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Mark Harris
 PM: John Dollison

PRAYER

AM: Greg Ludolph
 Adam Burkhart
 PM: Tim Loughry
 Harry Ogletree

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Christian Bettinger
 PM: Owen Morgan

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jon Lane

Wednesday—September 11, 2024

SONG LEADER: Greg Cline

PRAYER: Paul Jacoby/Todd Hague

Devo: Tom Eddy

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tom Eddy

STATISTICS-August 25, 2024

Sunday Bible Class	73
Morning Worship	153
Evening Worship	78
Wednesday Classes	83
Contribution	\$4,943

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

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

WEBSITE www.sawcoc.org (Please note that videos from our sermons are now available on our website)

PANTRY ITEMS OF THE WEEK—Toilet Paper

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: The Greatest Commands: "Heart"

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: Mark 12:28-31

PM: Old Yet New

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: I John 2:7-11

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

Memorial: **Robert Coil**-ICU

Alicia McIntyre (Herma Eddy's granddaughter) was in the hospital and is now at home.

Lloyd Westbrook had his stent removed Monday.

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

PRAYER LIST

Joe & Nancy Riggs

Mike Runals (relative of Ruth Stewart)

Hailey Russell (Dorothy Wilkinson's great niece)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Toilet Paper

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Harry & Darlene Ogletree, The Phyllis Bowersock Family, and Lloyd Westbrook.**

TEACHERS

Fall quarter begins today. Class promotions are today and Wednesday, September 4th. Classes are available for all ages:

Young Children (Infant—3)

Pre-Elementary (3-Kindergarten)

Elementary (Grades 1-4)

Middle School (Grades 5-8)

High School (Grades 9-12)

Adults

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the office will be closed Monday, September 2nd, to observe the Labor Day Holiday.



INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

We are collecting individual donations to help with fuel expenses for **Lisa Westbrook Smith**. She will begin radiation therapy in a few weeks and will be traveling for these treatments. Please turn donations into the office by Sunday, September 22nd. Please make checks payable to church of Christ with "**Lisa**" in the memo.

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you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest." This passage encourages us to be diligent and proactive in our work, preparing for the future while also recognizing the need for rest.

The Apostle Paul also highlights the dignity of work in Colossians 3:23-24: *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."* This passage reminds us that our work, no matter how mundane it may seem, gives glory to the Lord when done with a heart devoted to God. Furthermore in 2nd Thessalonians 3.10-12, he shows us the consequences of idleness rather than earning our own living.

While we consider work, we would be remiss not to think of its counterpart: rest. Again, looking back to Genesis, we see that God gives us the example of resting (Genesis 2.2-3). Of course, God did not rest because He was tired – but He did so to set the precedent and rhythm for His creation. Labor Day also prompts us to consider the importance of rest. In the creation narrative, God Himself sets the example by resting on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2-3). Rest is a gift that gives us the time to temporarily cease from our labors and to rejuvenate our bodies and spirits.

Jesus reiterates this principle in Mark 2.27 when He says, *"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."* Rest is essential for our well-being, allowing us to reflect, recharge, and hopefully take the time to strengthen our connection with God. It is a reminder that our worth is not solely based on our productivity but on our identity as beloved children of God.

Labor Day also encourages us to find a balance between work and rest. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."* This balance is crucial for a healthy life and mind that seeks to glorify God. If the balance is not struck, then we

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may suffer burnout, which can lead to various difficulties.

Finally, Labor Day is a reminder that our work is an opportunity to serve others. Ephesians 4:28 says, *"Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need."* Our labor is not just for personal gain but for the benefit of others, reflecting the love and generosity of Christ.

As we observe Labor Day, let us remember the spiritual lessons it offers. May we approach our work with a heart for our Creator, embrace rest as a divine gift, seek balance in our lives, and use our labor to serve others. In doing so, we honor God and fulfill our calling as His faithful stewards.

—Bill

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6th 7:00 p.m.—Friday Night Sing—Bridge Street church of Christ, New Martinsville, WV

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**