

## 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 8—**Jessica Dailey**

September 9—**Kylee Dailey, Molly Fryman**

September 10—**Evie Wells**

September 12—**Drew Ullman**

September 13—**Crissy Brewer**

September 14—**Adam Burkhart, Tim Loughry, Myra Reich**



September 12—**Tim & Kathi Gerber**

September 14—**Kurt & Danetta Harrison**

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September 8, 2024

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



## MINISTER

Bill Deem

## ELDERS

Tom Eddy    Kurt Harrison  
Todd Hague    Lloyd Westbrook

## DEACONS

Michael Morgan    Alan Ralston  
Paul Jacoby    TJ Wells

## Bill's Bytes

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1954 (70 years ago today) Richie Ashburn of the Philadelphia Phillies took a walk. The Phillies lost that day to the Cincinnati Redlegs by a margin of 9-3.

What was so meaningful about that specific walk? Ashburn had a three balls, two strikes count on him – a full count. Typically, the next pitch would be a walk, a strike out or a base hit. There is a fourth option, however: the foul ball. For the next fourteen pitches, Ashburn slapped away anything that came close to the plate, and then on that fifteenth pitch, he took ball four and was awarded first base. The Phillies were home that day, so the “booing” from the stands would have probably been minimal – but it would have been a tense stand off between batter and pitcher.

Of course, some would think that such an at bat would be horribly boring. Yet, it truly is one of those instances in sports that a life lesson can be learned. Both pitcher and batter needed to have such a resolve that both would be deter-

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### SCHEDULE September 15, 2024

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Hague

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** Michael Morgan

**PM:** John Forshey

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** Albert Baltzer

**PM:** Paul Jacoby

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Harry Ogletree

Joe Crone

**PM:** Dennis Dye

John Forshey

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** George Goddard

**PM:** John Dollison

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

#### Wednesday—September 18, 2024

**SONG LEADER:** Jim Zetterberg

**PRAYER:** Tim Loughry/Adam Burkhart

**Devo:** Kurt Harrison

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Todd Hague

**STATISTICS**-September 1, 2024

Sunday Bible Class 79

Morning Worship 155

Evening Worship 70

Wednesday Classes 83

Contribution \$3,025

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**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—Instant Coffee**



TODAY’S SERMONS

**AM:** The Greatest Commands: “Soul”  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: Matthew 16:25-26

**PM:** Don’t Love the World?  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: I John 2:15-17

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, Junior Nolan, Kelly Gray**

Please keep **Ray Anderson** in your prayers. He had a procedure Thursday at Memorial and is scheduled to have another procedure this Thursday.

Please keep **JoAnn Legleitner** in your prayers. She fell and is recovering at home.

PRAYER LIST

**Ginny Scholl** (**Machell Hague’s** mother)  
**Don & Patty Schuler** (**Kristin Antill’s** parents)  
**Dolly Smith** (**Dorothy Wilkinson’s** cousin)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Instant Coffee

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Gary & Cora Marshall**.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Brenda Nesselroad (Lloyd & Esther’s** daughter). Memorial services will be held in Loveland, Ohio.

WCB/MCS SUPPLIES

Thank you for all your individual donations for World Christian Broadcasting and Marietta City School Supplies.

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

We are collecting individual donations to help with fuel expenses for **Lisa Westbrook Smith**. She is beginning radiation therapy 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.

POWER FOR TODAY

Copies of the October-November-December Power for Today are available in the foyer.

TEACHER SCHEDULE

A copy of the teacher schedule for fall and winter quarters is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer outside the office. If you have any questions, please see Education Deacon, **Michael Morgan**.

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

Please join us Sunday, September 22nd, for our Annual Friends & Family Day. **Clay Brown** will be our guest speaker. We will have Bible Class at 9:00 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by a fellowship meal, acapella sing at 1:00 p.m., and Afternoon Worship Service at 1:30 p.m. **There will be no 5:00 p.m. Worship Service on September 22nd.** Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for the fellowship meal. Meat & rolls will be provided.



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mined to win out. The pitcher, trying to get an out while the batter trying to reach base. Both are doing all they can to help their teams. Even though it eventually came to an end, neither one of them gave up.

One lesson that is easily learned from this is the importance of perseverance. “Keep on keepin’ on!” “One foot in front of another!” “This, too, shall pass.” are just few of the ways that we encourage one another to persevere.

In, life, just like in that Baseball game, even our perseverance may not produce the desired results. Here, the pitcher worked hard to get Ashburn out, but ultimately was unable to do so and gave up a walk. On the other hand, Ashburn’s efforts held no influence on the outcome of the game as his team was on the losing side. We may persevere and endure hardship to obtain a certain result – but those results may elude our grasp. That does not mean that we should surrender just because we may not accomplish what we intend.

However, it must be said that our spiritual walk with Christ will never be done for nought. There are many verses that encourage us to persevere. We can think of James 1.12 which says, “*Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.*” This verse reminds us of a couple of other texts, “*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 me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing,*” (2 Timothy 4.7-8). Or, “*Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold the devil is about to throw some of you into prison that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life,*” (Revelation 2.10). This is just a small sampling of God’s encouragement to us to persevere.

So, what is it that you are going through

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right now? Our God knows that life can be and is difficult. Not only does He know, but He sees you in your struggles, in your conflicts. He knows that sometimes it feels like you are barely holding on – but be encouraged to never let go of that faith. Keep holding the hands that hold you, no matter what it is that has thrown everything at you to knock you out. Persevere! Endure! Your fortitude may just inspire someone who is struggling to persevere as well. There is coming a great day in which all of our sufferings will be a distant memory, and we will be in the presence of our King for Eternity wearing that crown of life.

—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 8th—11th—Gospel Meeting—Church of Christ, East Liverpool, Ohio—Guest Speaker: **Randy Cook**

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

September 13th at 7:00 p.m.—Sunrise church of Christ Sing

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

\*Flyers are available in the foyer