

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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October 7 - **Valerie Jacoby**

October 8 - **Beth Arman**

October 10 - **Katelyn Patterson**

October 11 - **Kathy Grimes, Laura McNutt**

October 12 - **Kelly Gray, Paul Miller**



October 12—**Mark & Julie Harris—
50th Anniversary**

Church of Christ

October 6, 2024

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MINISTER

Bill Deem

ELDERS

Tom Eddy Kurt Harrison
Todd Hague Lloyd Westbrook

DEACONS

Michael Morgan Alan Ralston
Paul Jacoby TJ Wells

Bill's Bytes

A few weeks ago, there was a news report that stated that a message in a bottle was discovered at an archaeological dig in France. You can imagine the excitement that must have been experienced by all who were apart of that discovery – especially to discover that it was over two hundred years old, and it was left there by another archaeologist in order to be uncovered sometime in the future!

The message read simply, *“PJ Ferret, a native of Dieppe, member of various intellectual societies, carried out excavations here in January 1825. He continues his investigations in this vast area known as the Cite de Limes or Caesar’s Camp.”* The message is not profound or even notable to most of us – though it is for those in that field for various reasons.

Archaeology can be much more exciting than finding messages in a bottle. Did you know that this field of study has proved the veracity of the scriptures time and again? There have been many times that biblical skeptics have had to

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SCHEDULE October 13, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lloyd Westbrook

SONG LEADER

AM: Michael Morgan

PM: John Forshey

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: George Goddard

PM: John Dollison

PRAYER

AM: Tim Loughry

Joe Crone

PM: Greg Cline

Nathan Deem

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Christian Bettinger

PM: Owen Morgan

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jon Lane

Wednesday—October 16, 2024

SONG LEADER: Michael Morgan

PRAYER: Albert Baltzer

Devo: Todd Hague

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lloyd Westbrook

STATISTICS—September 29, 2024

Sunday Bible Class 79

Morning Worship 170

Evening Worship 67

Wednesday Classes 70

Contribution \$4,995

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—Canned Vegetables

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Portraits of the Church: The Body of Christ

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-13

PM: Abiding in Christ

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: I John 2:28-29

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

Barb Hickman is undergoing therapy for knee replacement.



PRAYER LIST

Janet Walk (relative of **Ruth Stewart**)

Ashley Wallace (**Ruth Johnson's** niece)

Karen Mullen White (**Donna Moseley's** niece)

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for volunteers to open & close the building and prepare communion for 2025. Volunteers are still needed to be Sunday Greeters for 2024 (the sign up sheet looks like a calendar on the bulletin board in the foyer). If you have any questions, please see one of the deacons.

THURSDAY LADIES CLASS

Please join us for Thursday Ladies Class at 10:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room. All ladies are welcome to join this class. The class will be *"Women in the Bible."*

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **The family of Robert Coil, World Christian Broadcasting Corporation, and Marietta City Schools.**

BULLETIN CORRECTION

Last weeks' bulletin was inadvertently dated September 22nd instead of September 29th.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

The Washington County Life Chain will be today, October 6th, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Marietta on St. Rt. 60 in front of Greenleaf Landscapes. There are also locations in Beverly and Belpre. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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walk back on statements that they have made concerning the historical truthfulness of God's Word.

The accuracy of our Old Testaments was confirmed in 1947 when archaeologists found "The Dead Sea Scrolls" on the West Bank in Israel. These scrolls contained Old Testaments scriptures dating to one thousand years older compared to what was in hand previously. The thing that shocked skeptics was that those manuscripts agreed with the "younger" ones 99.5% of the time – meaning that the scribes who had copied them did their job incredibly well. The .5% differences are simple spelling differences and sentence structure that does not change the meaning of the sentence.

But what about the New Testament? In fact, while there are those who like to spout that the Bible has been corrupted and changed over the years – no serious historian believes that to be true. The New Testament is humanity's most reliable ancient document. All manuscripts in ancient time were recorded on papyrus which did not have a very long shelf life, so people would hand copy the originals to maintain the message and circulate it to others.

Here are a couple of comparisons to help us understand how accurate our New Testaments are. Plato wrote The Republic in 380 BC. Few people doubt that this is true. However, the very earliest copy we have of Plato's Republic is from 980 AD. That is a 1,300 year difference between the original the earliest text in possession! There are only seven copies in existence.

Gallic Wars was written by Caesar somewhere between 100-44BC. The earliest manuscripts that is in possession is around 900AD. Currently, and for a long time, there are only ten in existence.

Consider the New Testament manuscripts. The twenty-seven books and letters that we have in our scriptures were written between 50-100 AD (some would say it was completed a few decades prior to this). There are more than 5,000 known copies, and all of them are within 50-225 years of the original writing. The scribes

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(usually monks) who copied the New Testament manuscripts were very meticulous in their work. They would check and re-check to make sure that it perfectly matched, and of course other scribes would check each other's work. What we have in the Bible today, particularly the New Testament is the best preserved of anything handed down to us in writing from antiquity. We can be more certain of what we read about Jesus' life and teachings than we can about Plato, Caesar, Aristotle or Homer!

So, yes the message in the bottle must be fascinating to many. But the message in the Bible is far more so, and the more we read, study and submit to it, the more we discover – but instead of looking back into the past only, the Bible was written in our past, to guide us through our present to prepare us for a never ending future!

-Bill

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6th-9th—Fall Gospel Meeting—The church of Christ at Sardis—Guest Speaker: **Wayne Speer**

October 6th—9th—Fall Gospel Meeting—Bridge Street church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **JD Connley**

October 7th—11th—Gospel Meeting—Henderson church of Christ—Guest Speaker: **Ed Melott**

October 11th - 12th - Church of Christ on Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio - Analog Faith in Digital Babylon - A workshop for Christians & Families - Guest speaker: **Jason Helton**

October 12th 7:00—9:00 p.m.—Sing to God: A Gospel Singing—7th Street church of Christ, McConnelsville, OH

October 13th - 16th - Gospel Meeting - Summerfield church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Sam Bartrug**

October 13th - 17th - Gospel Meeting - Bates Hill church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Roger Rush** *Flyers are available on the bulletin board in the foyer