

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.



December 1 - Junior Nolan - *90th Birthday*
December 3 - Sharon Brooks
December 4 - Bill Boswell
December 6 - Jayleigh Baltzer, Brad Forshey
December 7 - Dennis Dye, Mark Harris



There are no anniversaries on the calendar for this week.

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December 1, 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

Most of us are in pursuit of something, and those who are in pursuit of the ways of Christ discover something truly beautiful. Over eight years ago, a game called "Pokémon Go" was released as an app for smartphones. This game uses augmented reality to tell players where Pokémon are located. They might be found at a park, a church building, a hospital, or anywhere, really. If a player is interested, they would go to wherever the Pokémon is and attempt to capture it. Adults and children alike played it, and many still do! Of course, there were those who ridiculed people who played it, but at least people were enjoying themselves and getting out from behind their screens, even if the screen was still involved.

There are pursuits that consume all of our lives, and in the end, they yield nothing of eternal value. Truly, there are those who have sacrificed everything in the pursuit of worldly wealth. Mammon has become their god, and they have enslaved themselves to it. Others pursue education to be seen as successful in

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SCHEDULE December 8, 2024
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Todd Hague
- SONG LEADER**
AM: Michael Morgan
PM: Jim Zetterberg
- WAIT ON THE TABLE**
AM: John Forshey
PM: Paul Jacoby
- PRAYER**
AM: Greg Ludolph
Jim Zetterberg
PM: Tim Loughry
Harry Ogletree
- SCRIPTURE READER**
AM: Bill McFarland
PM: Owen Morgan

- CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:** Darrell Hague
- Wednesday—December 11, 2024**
SONG LEADER: T.J. Wells
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Todd Hague
DEVO: Kurt Harrison
CLOSING PRAYER: Tom Eddy
- STATISTICS**-November 24, 2024
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| Sunday Bible Class | 95 |
| Morning Worship | 185 |
| Evening Worship | 81 |
| Wednesday Classes | 62 |
| Contribution | \$5,307 |
- 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—Peanut Butter & Jelly

TODAY’S SERMONS

AM: Lesser Known Characters: Huldah
Minister: **Bill Deem**
Reading: II Chronicles 34:22-28

PM: Reflecting on Time
Minister: **Bill Deem**
Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

Elaine Wallace and **Janet Thompson** (**Karen’s** mother) are at Belpre Landing Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714

PRAYER LIST

Bud & Mary Michael (friends of **Karen Thompson**)
Donna Moseley
Karen Nixon
Added to prayer list: **Olen Watson** (**Paul Jacoby’s** brother-in-law)

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Walter Thomas** and **Beverly Hague**.

PANTRY

Four families received food from our pantry in October.

The pantry items of the week are Peanut Butter and Jelly.



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the eyes of the world. One pervasive thing in our culture is the pursuit of athletic excellence. Time, money, and often even a relationship with God are sacrificed to grasp the often empty promises that athletics offer.

However, there is a greater pursuit that leads to lasting fulfillment and eternal value—the pursuit of a relationship with Christ. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* When we prioritize our relationship with Christ, we find true satisfaction and purpose.

In Philippians 3:7-8, Paul wrote, *“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.”* Paul recognized that the greatest treasure is knowing Christ and being found in Him.

Pursuing Christ means laying aside our earthly desires and focusing on what is truly important. Colossians 3:2 encourages us to *“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”* This shift in focus transforms our lives and aligns our priorities with God’s will.

When we pursue Christ, we also find joy and peace that surpass all understanding. Philippians 4:7 promises, *“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* This peace and joy are not dependent on our circumstances but are rooted in our relationship with God.

In conclusion, while the world offers many pursuits that promise happiness and fulfillment, they often lead to emptiness and dissatisfaction. The pursuit of Christ, however, leads to a life of purpose, joy, and eternal value. Let us commit to seeking Him above all else and experience the true beauty of a life devoted to Christ.

--Bill

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOS 2025

Men of the congregation, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for Wednesday Night Devos for January-May 2025.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Wednesday, December 4th, all age groups will go straight into class at 7:00 p.m. The first bell will be 7:35 p.m., second bell 7:40 p.m. Everyone will return to the auditorium for devo, invitation song, announcements, and closing prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - church of Christ Roller Skating - Lind Arena, Zanesville, Ohio

January 24, 2025 - January 25th, 2025 - Ohio Winter Lectures - Fishinger church of Christ - “Navigating Today’s Crossroads: Culture, Faith, and Society in Harmony

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

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

Benevolence—**Paul Jacoby/Alan Ralston**
Building & Grounds —**T.J. Wells**
Education—**Michael Morgan**
Fellowship & Youth Activities—**Paul Jacoby**
Finance—**Alan Ralston**
Local Evangelism & Missions—**Alan Ralston/T.J. Wells**
Visitors—**Alan Ralston/All Deacons**
Worship—**Michael Morgan**