

## 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 15 - **Elsie Bowens**  
 December 16 - **Todd Hague**  
 December 17 - **Rae Thomas**  
 December 21 - **T.J. Wells**



December 15 - **Bill & Hope Deem**  
 December 16 - **Charlie & Lori Houser**  
 December 18 - **Douglas & Vonda Brown**

# Church of Christ

December 15, 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

Imagine, if you will, that a message from another planet has been intercepted by our space-age listening devices. It is not very lengthy, but it is evident that an intelligent mind is behind it. Linguists would work around the clock in an attempt to decipher the language. Astronomers would focus on pinpointing the origin of the communication. The twenty-four-hour news networks would follow the story ad nauseam. Citizens of every nation would be interested in the meaning of it. Even if it happened to be something as mundane as a restaurant order – we would be amazed.

Now, I ask you, why don't we treat the Word of God with that kind of awe and even more? Why don't we study it with such fervor? It is a message from Someone who is infinitely greater than E.T. It is a message from the One who created the universe and all things living in it. He invites us to come to know Him and His ways. He desires that we come to Him for life. So, study the Word (2 Timothy 2:15; cf. Acts 17:11), for without coming to know who God is, we face destruction (Hosea 4:6).

--Continued on Page 3

### SCHEDULE December 22, 2024

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lloyd Westbrook

#### SONG LEADER

AM: T.J. Wells  
 PM: Coen Eddy

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: George Goddard  
 PM: Tim Loughry

#### PRAYER

AM: Darrell Hague  
 Christian Bettinger  
 PM: Albert Baltzer  
 Harry Ogletree

#### SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Coen Eddy  
 PM: Greg Ludolph

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jon Lane

#### Wednesday—December 25, 2024

SONG LEADER: Colton Eddy

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lloyd Westbrook

DEVO: Elders

CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Cline

#### STATISTICS-December 8, 2024

Sunday Bible Class	90
Morning Worship	161
Evening Worship	70
Wednesday Classes	62
Contribution	\$3,284

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—Applesauce

## TODAY'S SERMONS

**AM:** Lesser Known Characters: Jael  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: Judges 4:17-22

**PM:** All things Beautiful...in its Time  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:9-11

## 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: **Junior Nolan**

**Bill McFarland** and **Rick Butler** are recovering at home from knee surgeries.

**Gertie Fryman** is now at home.

**Janet Thompson** (Karen's mother) is at Belpre Landing Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714.

**Judy Jones** is recovering at home from a fall.

## PRAYER LIST

**Joe & Nancy Riggs**

**Mike Runals** (relative of **Ruth Stewart**)

**Hailey Russell** (**Dorothy Wilkinson's** great niece)

Added to prayer list: **Wanda Hazelwood** (**Darlene Ogletree's** sister)

## THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Donna Moseley** and **June Rose**.

## PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Applesauce



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

### SCHEDULE

On Wednesday, December 25th, there will be no Bible classes. We will have acapella singing and the elders will be speaking.

On Wednesday, January 1, 2025, we will be having a normal service.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

## CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Another year is almost gone. Some of you will make New Year's resolutions. If this is your custom and you haven't already been reading God's Word, please be encouraged to begin doing so. There's no need to wait for the first of January; you can begin today! There are many resources available that will guide you in your quest to come to know God, and reading His Word is an excellent place to start. Of course, you don't have to read the Bible in a year. Read it at your own pace. Some are quicker at reading it, and some take longer; it doesn't matter – just as long as you are spending time in the Word! If you prefer, you can also listen to the Bible on our phones (or tape, CD or MP3 players). Studying the Bible is one of the greatest blessings that we can enjoy while we live here on earth. Through it, we can come to know who God is and to learn of His will. By it, we can have a better understanding of who we are.

Of course, another great opportunity is to study the Bible with others. Obviously, the congregation offers opportunities to do just that. A good goal is to spend so much time in the Bible that it just flows from our hearts and into our words and actions. Engaging with others who are also seeking to understand God's Word can provide new insights and perspectives. As Proverbs 27:17 states, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Fellowship with other believers and discussing Scripture together can deepen your faith and knowledge.

Moreover, let's remember the words of Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." God's Word not only guides us but also illuminates our way, giving us wisdom and direction in our daily lives. It is essential to approach the Bible not just as a book of history or moral stories but as the living Word of God that actively speaks into our lives today.

Finally, as we grow in our knowledge of the Scriptures, let's not keep this treasure to ourselves. Share what you learn with others. Encourage your family, friends, and co-workers to explore the Bible. Be like the early Christians who "devoted themselves

## CONTINUED FROM PAGE THREE

to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). By spreading the Word and living out its teachings, we can influence others and help them experience the life-changing power of God's message.

--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.



## OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed most of the last two weeks of the year for vacation time and the holidays.

## 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**