

Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750



January 19 - **Linda Dailey**
January 20 - **David Bowen**
January 23 - **Rick Colvin**
January 25 - **Stacy Smith**



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

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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January 19, 2025

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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

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth," (Genesis 1.1).

This verse is so well known by the vast majority of people, and hardly anyone gives it much thought. However, there is a lot of stuff that needs to be unpacked in this verse. For our purposes here, we will focus in on the fourth word, ***"God."*** The word that is translated from Hebrew to English as ***"God,"*** is ***"Elohim."*** This is not a personal name for God and on the surface it can be somewhat confusing.

In the Hebrews language, the suffix ***"im"*** acts to make a word plural. Sometimes a transliterated word will make it into our English translations. For example, you will see words for different spiritual beings such as ***"cherubim"*** (Exodus 25.19) or ***"seraphim"*** (Isaiah 6.2, 6). It is clear from the passage cited in Exodus that ***"cherubim"*** is the plural form of ***"cherub."***

Obviously, it would be incorrect for the translators of the Bible to take the word, ***"Elohim"*** and interpret it as "gods" in English. But how does it work? To

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SCHEDULE January 26, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Hague

SONG LEADER

AM: Michael Morgan

PM: Jim Zetterberg

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Darrell Hague

PM: T.J. Wells

PRAYER

AM: Nathan Deem

Randy Feisley

PM: Alan Ralston

Albert Baltzer

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Adam Burkhart

PM: Owen Morgan

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jon Lane

Wednesday—January 29, 2025

OPENING PRAYER: Bill Deem

SONG LEADER: John Forshey

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Todd Hague

DEVO: T.J. Wells

CLOSING PRAYER: Joe Crone

STATISTICS - January 12, 2025

Sunday Bible Class 91

Morning Worship 152

Evening Worship 59

Wednesday Classes 44

Contribution \$3,642

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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—The pantry is well stocked at this time. Thank you for your donations.

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: The Character of God: Longsuffering

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: Nehemiah 9:16-17

PM: Unexpected Mercy

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: Jonah 1:17

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: **Ray Anderson**

Mt. Carmel East: **Delores White (Kaitlyn Forshey's grandmother)** suffered a stroke.

Joyce Ross is at Belpre Landing. Visitors are welcome. There is a COVID outbreak at Belpre Landing and you are required to wear a mask at this time.

Junior Nolan was scheduled to return home January 16th.

Karen Dowler (Carol Ware's sister) is now at home.

Barb Hickman is dealing with shingles.

Stephanie Adams broke her arm.

PRAYER LIST

Dean Thompson

Melanie Wagner (Herma Eddy's niece)

Janet Walk (relative of Ruth Stewart)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATION

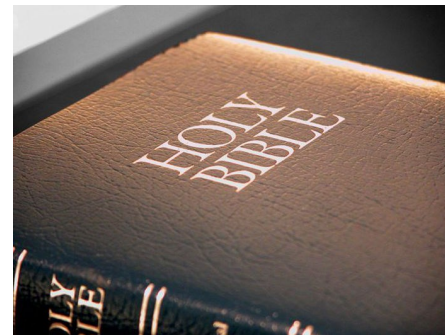
January 24th-25th - Ohio Winter Lectures - Fishinger church of Christ - "Navigating Today's Crossroads: Culture, Faith, and Society in Harmony"

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January 24th-25th - 2025 Teen Ohio Winter Lectures - Fishinger Road church of Christ

2025 Mid-Ohio Valley Monday Night Merge - Importance of Worship - February 3, 2025 - March 10th, 2025

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



GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

Divine Love: John 3:16

God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8

Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9

Holy Spirit's Word: I Corinthians 2:12-13

Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31

Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3

Sinner's confession: Romans 10:10

Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16

Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37

Christian's Work: James 2:24

Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24

Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10

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begin answering this question, it may be helpful to see how the ancient Hebrews understood it. Of course, they knew the word to be grammatically plural. "Elohim" is derived from the Hebrew root "El," meaning "very strong," or "powerful." And, while this name for God is plural in form, it is always used with singular verbs and pronouns. But this still does not answer our original question.

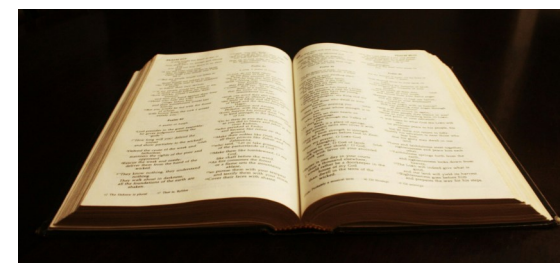
The usage of the word "Elohim" is often referred to as "the plural of majesty or excellence." In other words, it depicts God as "one powerful God who has many facets." We have been covering the identity of God from Exodus 34.6-7 from the pulpit for the past few weeks. In those verses we are told of some of God's attributes that we must consider. However, those verses do not contain an exhaustive list of God's characteristics. The rest of the Bible will flesh these out in greater detail, while also helping us to see even more of his traits.

There is one more thing that the name "Elohim" may be pointing to which we must not overlook, and that is the Trinity or the Godhead. For example, we read, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," (Genesis 1.26). Similar language is used in Genesis 11.7 in the context of the Tower of Babel.

While there will be hints about the triune nature of God through the rest of the Old Testament, it is not until the New Testament scriptures that this facet of God's existence is fully revealed.

When we think of this name, "Elohim" may we feel a sense of wonder towards this God, three in One, which will take an eternity to fully know.

--Bill



THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Penny & Kelly VanWey** and **Don & Sharon Brooks**.



SECRET SISTER REVEAL

Please mark your calendars for the Secret Sister Reveal March 8th. More details will be available as we get closer to the date.

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.

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**