

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.



January 6 - David Lauck, Elizabeth Loughry  
January 7 - Becky Giffen  
January 8 - Fred Burton, Marge Schramm  
January 9 - Joyce Ross  
January 11 - Karen Thompson



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

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January 5, 2025      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

A theme that is found throughout much of the scripture is that of renewal. There are dozens of passages that show the need for “renewal” or “refreshing.” In fact, it is promised by God to those who are in Christ. The first two chapters of the Bible is the only place that we can read of everything in a state of new-ness, and of course God declared all of creation to be “very good.” However, in the third chapter, that which was “very good” was ruined by the “curse of sin.” Yet, in the immediate aftermath of that tragedy, God’s first promise of renewal was made, and He has been redeeming and reclaiming that which was lost ever since.

As we read in Genesis, sin and death had their day, and because perpetual violence was the offspring of that partnership, God destroyed the world that then was, (*Genesis 6-9*). However, the flood was more like a “pause” or a “slow down” because it was not the solution to the sin problem. As Noah and his family disembarked, clean animals were sacrificed - for sin and death were still

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SCHEDULE January 12, 2025  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lloyd Westbrook

**SONG LEADER**  
**AM:** John Forshey  
**PM:** T.J. Wells

**WAIT ON THE TABLE**  
**AM:** Jim Zetterberg  
**PM:** Paul Jacoby

**PRAYER**  
**AM:** Christian Bettinger  
Randy Feisley  
**PM:** Tom Eddy  
Nathan Deem

**SCRIPTURE READER**  
**AM:** Owen Morgan  
**PM:** Albert Baltzer

**CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:** Kurt Harrison

**Wednesday—January 15, 2025**  
**OPENING PRAYER:** Bill Deem  
**SONG LEADER:** Michael Morgan  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Lloyd Westbrook  
**DEVO:** Dennis Dye  
**CLOSING PRAYER:** Tim Loughry

**STATISTICS-December 15, 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—The pantry is well stocked at this time. Thank you for your donations.**



TODAY’S SERMONS

**AM:** The Character of God: Compassion  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: Exodus 34:5-7

**PM:** Running from God  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: Jonah 1:1-3

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.



PRAYER LIST

**Gene & Susan Strauss**  
**Beverly Swaney** (friend of **Gertie Fryman**)  
**Marj Teague**

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **June Rose**.

PANTRY

The pantry is well stocked at this time.  
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UPCOMING EVENTS

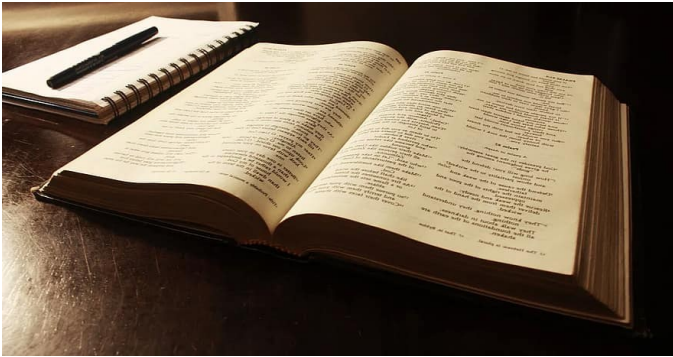
CONGREGATION

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

YOUTH

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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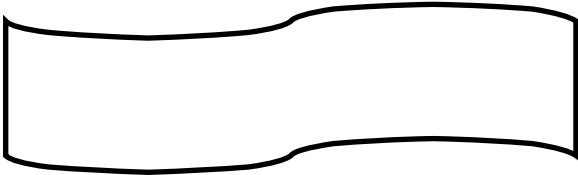
prevalent.  
In fact, the story of Noah closes in tragedy with his own sin of drunkenness followed by an atrocity committed against him by his son Ham (**Genesis 9.20-27**). A curse (like the one that Cain received) was then placed upon Ham’s descendants.

According to the math, the Tower of Babel was built about 100 years after the flood, meaning Noah is still alive (though no longer in the narrative) when Nimrod leads humanity to disobedience (**Genesis 11**). Truly, the history of humanity is varying shades of darkness. But despite the utter disregard and blatant disrespect for God and His laws, He has been faithful to His Word to us.

The promise of renewal and refreshing is found only in Jesus (**Acts 3.19-20**). The prophets spoke of the **new** covenant (**Jeremiah 31.31-34; cf. Ezekiel 36.26-27; 37.26-27; Isaiah 55.3, 59.21**) which was ratified and sealed by the blood of Christ (**Matthew 26.28; Mark 14.24; Luke 22.20; 1 Corinthians 11.25**). When one enters into this covenant, they become a new creature (**2 Corinthians 5.17**). Therefore, those who are in Christ will enjoy an eternity in what the bible calls the new heavens and new earth, “where righteousness dwells” (**Isaiah 65.17-19; 66.22; 2 Peter 3.13; Revelation 21.1-5**).

So, as we begin this “new year” you may feel a sense of newness – sometimes it does feel like a fresh start. But be encouraged to remember this, and to have hope: *“the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning”* (**Lamentations 3.22-23**) therefore, every day should be seen as a fresh start in 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.



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**