

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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February 2 - **Mary Thomas**
 February 3 - **Layla McNutt**
 February 7 - **Madison Smith**
 February 8 - **Donna Moseley**



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

Church of Christ

February 2, 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 tapestry of names that reveal God's character and nature in the Bible, "*El Shaddai*" stands out as a insightful tribute to His omnipotence and sufficiency. In most modern translations, it is explained as "*God Almighty*" or "*The All-Sufficient One.*" *El Shaddai* captures a divine promise of protection, provision, and power. This name, rich in meaning and significance, is first introduced in the book of Genesis and can be found throughout the Scriptures.

The first occurrence of *El Shaddai* is found in Genesis 17:1, where God reveals Himself to Abram. "*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, 'I am El Shaddai; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.'*" Here, God establishes a covenant with Abram, promising to make him the father of a multitude of nations. This introduction of God as *El Shaddai* underscores His limitless power and His ability to fulfill His promises despite human limitations.

The name *El Shaddai* is a compound of "El," meaning God, and "Shaddai," which scholars suggest has roots in the Hebrew word "shad," meaning "breast,"

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SCHEDULE February 9, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: John Forshey

PM: T.J. Wells

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Michael Morgan

PM: Alan Ralston

PRAYER

AM: Christian Bettinger

Randy Feisley

PM: Tom Eddy

Nathan Deem

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Owen Morgan

PM: Albert Baltzer

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jon Lane

Wednesday—February 12, 2025

OPENING PRAYER: Bill Deem

SONG LEADER: Jim Zetterberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kurt Harrison

DEVO: Darrell Hague

CLOSING PRAYER: Tim Loughry

STATISTICS - January 26, 2025

Sunday Bible Class	70
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Morning Worship	137
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Evening Worship	74
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Wednesday Classes	56
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Contribution	\$4,948
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BIBLECALL (740) 651-2400 or (304) 420-2416

WEBSITE www.sawcoc.org (Please note that videos from our sermons are available on our website)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK—Toilet Paper

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: The Character of God: Faithful

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: Psalm 103:6-13

PM: A Prayer from the Depths

Minister: **Bill Deem**

Reading: Jonah 2:1-9



SICK

Memorial: **Ray Anderson**

Gertie Fryman is now at Encompass. If you mail cards, please use home address as return address.

Mark Casto is receiving hospice at home now and is in the final stage of heart failure.

Joyce Ross is now at Elison, C15.

Janet Thompson (Karen's mother) is now at Elison.

Anita Offenberger is scheduled to have knee surgery February 3rd.

PRAYER LIST

Jon Wiblin (Nancy Ward's son)

Cole Williams

Deborah Williams

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Delores White (Kaitlyn Forshey's grandmother)**. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 4th 5-7 p.m. and Wednesday, February 5th from 10-11 a.m. prior to the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at the Pickerington church of Christ.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mark Casto**. Memorial services are incomplete at this time.

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Barb Hickman**.

NIFTY 90S

If you are 90 or will be turning 90 this year, please let the office know.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 16th. More information will be available in next weeks' bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATION

February 15th - 9:00-11:15 a.m. - Contemporary Concerns Seminar - Fishinger Road church of Christ

March 15th-16th - New Matamoras church of Christ Centennial Celebration Weekend

YOUTH

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

April 5th - Bible Bowl 2025 - Alkire Road church of Christ

April 25th-26th - 3rd Annual Midwest Youth Rally - Hosted by Churches of Christ in Central Ohio - Theme: God Is Alive

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symbolizing sustenance and nourishment. This portrayal of God as a nurturing and life-sustaining force is complemented by another interpretation that links Shaddai to an ancient Akkadian word "shadu," meaning "mountain," which emphasizes God's strength and stability. Combined, **El Shaddai** conveys the image of a powerful and nurturing deity who provides for and protects His people.

Throughout the Old Testament, the significance of **El Shaddai** is echoed in various passages. In Genesis 28:3, Isaac blesses Jacob, saying, "*May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples.*" This blessing not only reiterates God's promise to Abraham but also emphasizes God's role as the source of all blessings and abundance.

Similarly, in Genesis 35:11, God reaffirms the Abrahamic covenant with Jacob, declaring, "*I am El Shaddai; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a company of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants.*" The recurring theme of God's almighty power and His ability to bring forth life and prosperity is a testament to His unwavering faithfulness.

The book of Job offers a profound exploration of **El Shaddai's** character in the context of suffering and restoration. Throughout the dialogues, Job refers to God as El Shaddai multiple times, reflecting his understanding of God's supreme power and sovereignty. In Job 5:17, Eliphaz counsels Job, saying, "*Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.*" This acknowledgment of **El Shaddai's** discipline and guidance highlights the divine balance of power and compassion.

Moreover, in Job 42:2, after experiencing immense suffering and restoration, Job declares, "*I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.*" Job's journey of faith, characterized by his interactions with **El Shaddai**, reinforces the message that God's power is unmatched, and His plans are infallible.

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In the New Testament scriptures, the imagery of **El Shaddai** is embodied in the person of Jesus Christ. Colossians 2:9-10 states, "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority." Jesus, as the incarnate El Shaddai, provides spiritual nourishment, protection, and salvation to all who believe in Him.

In conclusion, **El Shaddai** is a name that encapsulates the essence of God's character as both powerful and nurturing. It serves as a reminder of His all-sufficiency and His unwavering commitment to His people. Whether through the covenants with the patriarchs, the trials of Job, or the life of Christ, **El Shaddai** stands as a beacon of hope, strength, and divine provision.

--Bill

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.



TEACHERS/HELPERS

A draft schedule for Spring and Summer 2025 teachers/helpers is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please check the draft schedule to confirm that it will work for you. Please see **Michael Morgan** if you have any questions.

If you would like to be a teacher/helper or need to update your preferences, please complete a Teacher Preference Form (2025) and turn them into the office.