

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 9 - **Colton Eddy, Jennifer McNutt**
 February 10 - **Vernon Reich, Lura Wilcoxen**
 February 13 - **Joe Riggs**
 February 14 - **Glen "Lefty" Cline**



There are no anniversaries on the calendar this week.

Church of Christ

February 9, 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

Valentine's Day approaches! When we go to the department stores, one could almost say that this is Christmas 1.2. The cards, the chocolates, the flowers all call out to us to be sure to celebrate our love towards the end of this week! It is little wonder that some Valentine's Grinches declare that this holiday was conjured up by the card companies. However, beneath the surface of this widely celebrated day lies a deep and enduring message about love and relationships. For a few moments, let's go beyond the commercialization of this day and see what its really all about.

Valentine's Day has its origins in both Christian and ancient Roman traditions. One of the most popular legends traces the day back to "St." Valentine who lived during the third century in Rome. According to the legend, Valentine defied Emperor Claudius II's decree that young men remain single to serve as better soldiers by performing secret marriages. For his defiance, Valentine was imprisoned and ultimately put to death. While in prison it is said that he would receive and send notes to people which he signed, "Your Valentine." While it is obvious why romantic love is celebrated on Valentine's Day, we must not overlook the importance of recognizing and honoring love in all its forms.

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SCHEDULE February 16, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Hague

SONG LEADER

AM: Michael Morgan

PM: John Forshey

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: T.J. Wells

PM: Greg Cline

PRAYER

AM: Joe Crone

Albert Baltzer

PM: Greg Ludolph

Darrell Hague

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: George Goddard

PM: Harry Ogletree

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.: Jon Lane

Wednesday—February 19, 2025

OPENING PRAYER: Bill Deem

SONG LEADER: Michael Morgan

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Todd Hague

DEVO: George Goddard

CLOSING PRAYER: John Dollison

STATISTICS - February 2, 2025

Sunday Bible Class	70
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Morning Worship	162
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Evening Worship	73
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Wednesday Classes	41
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Contribution	\$5,354
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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 available on our website)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK—Pancake Mix

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Omnipotence of God
Minister: **Bill Deem**
Reading: Isaiah 14:26-27

PM: A Second Chance
Minister: **Bill Deem**
Reading: Jonah 3:1-3

SICK

Ray Anderson, David Schafer, and Junior Nolan were in the hospital and are now at home.

Gertie Fryman is now at home. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Joyce Ross is at Elison.

Anita Offenberger had knee surgery February 3rd and is recovering at home.

Please keep **Lisa Westbrook Smith** in your prayers. She had an MRI February 3rd.

PRAYER LIST

Ray Anderson

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Mabel Bennett (friend of **Dorothy Wilkinson**)

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Donna Born, Robert Spindler,** and **Hope for Haiti's Children.**

PANTRY

Eleven families received from our pantry last month. The pantry item of the week is pancake mix.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 16th, at 4:00 p.m. Elders and deacons will meet at 3:30 p.m.

RADIO PROGRAM

We have discontinued the radio program at this time. We are looking into having a podcast. More information will be available soon.

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foundation of our relationships with family, friends, and even our communities. It is a force that binds us together, fosters empathy and understanding, and inspires us to care for one another.

The Word of God provides numerous insights into the nature of love. One of the most well-known passages on this subject comes from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7: *"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."*

Love is not merely a feeling but it is in fact, an action. Love calls us to practice patience, kindness, humility, and forgiveness. Love, in its truest form, is selfless and enduring.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, let's make a conscious effort to embrace the spirit of love in our daily lives. Here are a few ways to do so:

Express Gratitude: Take time to express gratitude to those who have made a positive impact on your life. A simple note, a heartfelt conversation, or a small act of kindness can go a long way in showing appreciation.

Acts of Kindness: Perform acts of kindness for others without expecting anything in return. Whether it's helping a neighbor, volunteering, or simply offering a listening ear, these acts of love can brighten someone's day.

Strengthen Relationships: Invest time and effort in nurturing your relationships. Communicate openly, practice active listening, and be present for your loved ones. Strong relationships are built on trust, respect, and mutual support.

Self-Love: Remember to practice self-love as well. Take care of your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. When we love and value ourselves, we are better equipped to love others.

So, if you are feeling put out in any way when it comes to this holiday, just take a

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deep breath and pray. Look for the good things and be encouraged!

--Bill



THINKING OF YOU CARD EXCHANGE

Please remember to check the card exchange in the foyer, especially if it is near your birthday or anniversary. Please note the card exchange is to help with the cost of postage, please continue to mail cards to shutins.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please check the bulletin board in the foyer for various sign up sheets.

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. Several nights are still available.