

## Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750



April 20<sup>th</sup> – Tammy Beck  
April 21 – Nathan Deem  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Danetta Harrison  
April 25<sup>th</sup> – Beverly Dollison



April 21<sup>st</sup> – Jim & Charlotte Jordan

### 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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### SCHEDULE April 27, 2025

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

#### SONG LEADER

**AM:** Jim Zetterberg  
**PM:** Michael Morgan

#### WAIT ON THE TABLE

**AM:** George Goddard  
**PM:** Alan Ralston

#### PRAYER

**AM:** Nathan Deem  
Randy Feisley  
**PM:** Alan Ralston  
Albert Baltzer

#### SCRIPTURE READER

**AM:** Harry Ogletree  
**PM:** Owen Morgan

**CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:**  
Jon Lane

### Wednesday—April 30, 2025

**OPENING PRAYER:** Bill Deem

**SONG LEADER:** T.J. Wells

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tom Eddy

**DEVO:** Nathan Deem

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Joe Crone

#### STATISTICS – March 13, 2025

Sunday Bible Class	74
Morning Worship	156
Evening Worship	64
Wednesday Classes	51
Contribution	\$3,328

**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 available on our website)  
**PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK**—The pantry is well stocked at this time. Thank you for your donations.

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April 20, 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

In the pages of the Old Testament, the fatherhood of God is first introduced, however, it is done so in a more collective sense than what we are used to under the New Covenant. There, He is seen as the Father of the nation of Israel (Exodus 4.22-23), the disciplinarian (Deuteronomy 8.5), and provider and sustainer, as He provides for Israel's needs while delivering them from their bondage in Egypt and sustaining through their wanderings in the wilderness.

On the other hand, in the pages of the New Testament, as was written, it is shown that God's Fatherhood is deeply personal through Jesus Christ. In contrast to the Old Testament, God is also revealed by Jesus to be "**Abba,**" which is a term of endearment, intimacy and trust. In fact through Christ, Christians are invited to call God "Abba Father" (Romans 8.15; Galatians 4.6), showing that we have been adopted into His family, and that we have a close personal family. God, as our Father, gives us unconditional love. In the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15.11-32), Jesus portrays God as a loving and forgiving Father who rejoices over His children when they are restored.

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TODAY’S SERMONS

**AM:** Jesus: Returning Lord  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: II Thessalonians 1:5-10

**PM:** Jesus is Lord  
Minister: **Bill Deem**  
Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

**SICK**  
Memorial: **Junior Nolan Ray Anderson** had his feeding tube removed Monday.  
**Vern Reich** and **Joe Dailey** are awaiting surgeries.  
**Pat Ralston** is recovering at home from hip replacement.  
Please keep **Adam Burkhart** in your prayers.  
**Adam** began cancer treatments Thursday, March 6th, for seven weeks.  
Please keep **Dean Thompson** in your prayers.

**PRAYER LIST**  
**Lisa Westbrook Smith**  
**Roger Smith (Darlene Ogletree’s nephew)**  
**Ruth Stewart**

FUNERAL MEALS – LEADER NEEDED

We are in need of an additional leader for funeral meals. If you are interested, please let the office know.

MEN OF THE CONGREGATION

We are in need of men to teach the summer Sunday Adult Bible Class. The Theme will be “The Book of Judges”. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Michael Morgan**.

JUNIOR SUMMER SERIES

We are in need of volunteers to teach/help with the summer Wednesday night Junior Summer Series. *The Theme will be “The Many Names of Jesus”*. Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see **Michael Morgan**.

UPCOMING EVENTS - CONGREGATION

April 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gospel Meeting – Ullman Street church of Christ – Guest Speakers: **Aidan Klinger, Randy Baker, Colin Morrison, Sam Bartrug**

April 20th - 24th - Gospel Meeting - Virginia Avenue church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Emmanuel Daugherty**

April 25<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m. – Spring Sing – 7<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ, McConnelsville

April 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – Don’t Be A Victim – Camden Avenue church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Sheriff Rick Woodyard**, Wood County Sheriff’s Office

April 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Gospel Meeting – Blueville church of Christ, Grafton, WV – Guest Speaker: **Ron Laughery**

April 27th - Friends and Family Day - Little Hocking church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Michael Moore**

April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Gospel Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> & Clairmont church of Christ, Cambridge, OH – Guest Speaker: **Ed Melott**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2025 Day of Edification – Chapel Hill church of Christ, Gallipolis, OH – Guest Speakers: **Jack Gilchrist, Joshua McAnulty, Robert Leedy, & Alan Cole**

May 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – Friends & Family Day – 36<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ – “Singing with the Spirit” – Guest Speaker: **Myron Bruce**

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1-4:30 p.m. – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Apologetics Lectures - The Gender Identity Crisis – Camden Avenue church of Christ – Guest Speaker: **Daniel Stearsman**

May 10th - Mid-Western Caring Hearts 5K Run/Walk

May 19th-23rd 6:30-8:00 p.m. - Gospel Revival - Cambridge City Park - Guest Speakers: **Daniel Curry, “DJ”, Terry Townsend, Colton Ferrell, Phil Grear, John Keith**

Connect Conference – July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> – Crieve Hall church of Christ, Nashville, TN – Keynote Speakers: **Hiram Kemp, Justin Rogers, & Dan Chambers** \*Flyers are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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That term, “Abba Father” is one of the most tender expressions in all of the Bible. It offers us a glimpse into the loving and intimate relationship that God desires to have with His people. It is a phrase that conveys both affection and reverences – both of which are necessary to understanding our relationship with God; personal yet awe-inspiring.

In Matthew 7.11, Jesus compares God’s love and generosity to that of earthly parents. Even flawed human fathers understand how to provide for their children’s needs. How much more, then, can we trust our perfect heavenly Father to care for us? Calling upon God in such away reminds us that we can come to Him with confidence for we know that He delights in meeting the needs of His children.

Mark 14.36 shows us the depths of Jesus’ relationship with the Father. In His hour of sorrow, facing the burden of the cross, Jesus cried out in prayer, “Abba, Father!” Jesus demonstrates how to bring our deepest struggles to God, trusting His wisdom and will despite the difficult path that is ahead of us.

In Galatians 4.6, Paul teaches of the incredible truth that we have been given adoption through Christ. When we place our faith in Jesus and obey His gospel, we are no longer alienated from God. We are no longer His enemies. The gulf that separated us has been removed by the cross of Christ. The Holy Spirit moves with in us, and it is because of this that we have enabled to cry out, “Abba, Father!” Our identity is now in Him, as sons and daughters

May the term “Abba Father” transform the way we see God and strengthen our relationship with Him. He is nether distant nor indifferent. He is a Father who invites us all into His presence with open arms. May the relationship that you have with God be a source of great comfort. Rest in the assurance of His love, guidance and unshakable commitment to our salvation. Through Christ, we can approach God as our Father, no matter the trials we face.

--Bill

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

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MEN

May 30th - 31st - Men’s Retreat - Guardians of Truth - Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp - Guest Speaker: **Donnie DeBord**

LADIES

April 26th 9:00- Noon - Mid-Ohio Valley Inspirational Ladies’ Day - 36th Street church of Christ - Guest Speakers: **Denise Kashorek & Julie Garner Moser**

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Day – Steelton church of Christ, New Martinsville, WV – Guest Speakers: **Brenna Board & Emaleigh McGreevy**

May 17th 9:00 a.m. - Ladies’ Inspiration Day - Harrisville church of Christ (Ellenboro Town Building) - Guest Speaker: **Marsha Robison**

May 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Ladies Inspiration Day – Blueville church of Christ, Grafton, WV – Guest Speakers: **Karen Tucker, Megan Currey, & Tanya Lanning**

March 7, 2026 - Save The Date - Fishinger Rd. Ladies’ Day - Guest Speaker: **Tracie Shannon**

Transformed – July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup> – Crieve Hall church of Christ, Nashville, TN

YOUTH

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

OVCYC – Senior Week (June 15-20), Intermediate Week (June 22-27), and Junior Week (June 29-July 3) – Camp Barbe in Elizabeth, WV – ovcyc.com

September 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Rally - Sunrise church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Lonnie Jones**

GRADUATE RECEPTION

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, following the evening worship service for our graduate reception. We will be celebrating **Ben Deem** as he graduates from high school.

THANK YOU

A thank you note is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Herma Eddy**.