

Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750



May 1 – Scarlett Reich, Linda Thomas
(inadvertently left off of last weeks' calendar)
May 4 – Sharon Anderson
May 5 – Jim Falkenberg, Kaitlyn Forshey, Casey Hague
May 9 – Spencer Crone
May 10 – Sharon Holter



There are no anniversaries on the calendar for 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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SCHEDULE May 11, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: Jim Zetterberg
PM: Michael Morgan

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Christian Bettinger
PM: Greg Cline

PRAYER

AM: Paul Jacoby
Randy Feisley
PM: Harvey West
Alan Ralston

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Owen Morgan
PM: Jacob Holdren

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:
Jon Lane

Wednesday—May 14, 2025

OPENING PRAYER: Bill Deem

SONG LEADER: T.J. Wells

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tom Eddy

DEVO: John Forshey

CLOSING PRAYER: Harvey West

STATISTICS – April 27, 2025

Sunday Bible Class	78
Morning Worship	163
Evening Worship	75
Wednesday Classes	54
Contribution	\$3,572

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—Crackers

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May 4, 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

If you are on social media, you may have taken one of those personality tests that compares you to a specific kind of animal based on the answers that you gave to their questions. If you have, do you remember what your animal is/was? Perhaps you were compared to a mighty lion, a majestic eagle, or even a playful otter. I have taken a couple of those tests, myself. Once I was honored to receive an owl – which was pretty neat. The next time, I was looking forward to getting something similar, but instead of an owl, or another reputable animal, I was compared to a toad!! Talk about a slice of humble pie with a side of frog legs. You know, the Bible says that we are all most like “sheep.” I will trust God’s Word’s analysis far more than a silly social media test.

To be called a sheep is not particularly ego boosting. In fact, the term “sheeple” has been coined to bring the idea that so many people blindly follow without an ounce of skepticism. While that term is certainly insulting – it does capture a deep truth about humanity.

You see, when we are discussing what the most intelligent animal on Earth is, sheep are never on the list! They are notoriously dim witted. If they are not being

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TODAY’S SERMONS

AM: The Holy Spirit: The Comforter
Minister: **Bill Deem**
Reading: John 14:16-17

PM: What is a Christian?
Minister: **Bill Deem**
Reading: Romans 12:1-2

SICK
Memorial: **Paul Jacoby** was in a car accident.
Herma Eddy fell and has a fractured rib.
Randy Nolan has been diagnosed with cancer.
Phyllis Johnson (Kathy Grimes’ aunt) is on Hospice.
Vern Reich is scheduled to have surgery May 14th in Cleveland.
Joe Dailey’s first procedure is scheduled for May 7th.
Please keep **Lisa Westbrook Smith** and **Dean Thompson** in your prayers.

PRAYER LIST
David & Winnie Gerken (friends of **Dorothy Wilkinson**)
Wanda Hazelwood (**Darlene Burke-Ogletree’s** sister)
Timmy Helmick (friend of **Ann Thomas**)

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**.

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Alan & Pat Ralston** and **Pat Love**.

UPCOMING EVENTS - CONGREGATION

May 4th – 6th – Spring Gospel Meeting – S. Main church of Christ, New Lexington, OH – Guest Speaker: **Tony Tarole**

May 4th – 7th – Spring Gospel Meeting – Bridge Street church of Christ, New Martinsville, WV – Guest Speaker: **Allen Webster**

May 8th 1-4:30 p.m. – 12th 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 11th – 16th – Spring Gospel Meeting – East Cambridge church of Christ – Guest Speaker: **Brian Price**

May 12th – 15th at 7:30 p.m. – Gospel Meeting – Crum Ridge church of Christ – Guest Speaker: **Sam Bartrug**

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**

May 30th at 7:00 p.m. – Friday Night Sing – Bridge Street church of Christ, New Martinsville, WV

Connect Conference – July 30th – August 1st – 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **John & Kaitlyn Forshey** at the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Grace**, born Friday, April 25th, at 7:48 a.m., weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces, 20 ½ inches long. Mom and baby are doing well. Proud grandpa is **Brad Forshey**, proud aunt is **Sarah Forshey**, and proud Big Brother is **Oliver**.

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watched closely they may consume deadly herbs. When they panic, they are just as likely to run head-long into danger as they are away from it. That is even more trouble for sheep because it was given no natural weapons to defend itself. Shepherds are a must if sheep are to survive and thrive.

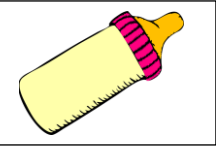
So, if we are like sheep – then God is like a shepherd. That is the main thrust of the twenty-third Psalm. In those verses, King David, Himself a former shepherd, shows that God faithfully tends to our needs. The primary meaning of “shepherd” is to feed, tend, to lead, to pasture. In order to do all of that – the Shepherd needs to be “up close and personal” to the flock. Otherwise, he would never be so aware of His flock’s needs. Furthermore, the Shepherd is also the protector of the Sheep, which is why He carries a staff and a rod to fend off predators and to protect the sheep from itself.

What is the job description of the sheep? Theirs is simply to trust the shepherd and follow His guidance. They look to Him to provide for all of their needs.

Yet, even so, sometimes sheep will stray from the flock and from the protective care of the Shepherd. Sometimes we may stray from the Lord – our Good Shepherd. We decide to go our own way, we disrespect Him and we show a lack of trust. It is also a display of pride – thinking that we can find a better way than where He would lead us. When we stray, we open ourselves to unnecessary danger and though we may not intend to – others could be led astray by our unfaithful example.

So, stay close to the Shepherd. Humbly accept His guidance and someday soon, He will guide us into His eternal pasture!

--Bill



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We are collecting monetary donations for the Women’s Care Center Baby Bottle Campaign. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please pick up one of the baby bottles on the table in the foyer. Please return baby bottles with your donation to the office by Sunday, May 18th. If you have any questions, please see **Paul Jacoby**.

MEN

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

LADIES

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

May 17th 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**

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

YOUTH

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 26th-27th - 5th Annual Youth Rally - Sunrise church of Christ - Guest Speaker: **Lonnie Jones**



FERVENT FAMILIES EVENT

The next Fervent Families Event hosted by the Williamstown church of Christ, will be Saturday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. at Discovery World. This is a free event. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



GRADUATE RECEPTION

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

FUNERAL MEALS – LEADER NEEDED

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