

Church of Christ

534 Sixth Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750



July 7 – Mary Lauck
July 8 – Nathan Reich
July 9 – Jim Jordan, Connie Houser
July 11 – Greg Ludolph, Kamden Stoops
July 12 – Eric Smith



July 10 – Walter & Linda Thomas
July 12 – Jon & Debbie Lane, Tim &
Cassandra Loughry, Kirk & Sinda Isner

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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July 6, 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
Mark Harris
Michael Morgan
Alan Ralston
Paul Jacoby
TJ Wells

Bill's Bytes

"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." — Romans 6:22

Freedom is a word that resonates deeply in the human heart, yet Scripture reveals that true freedom is not merely the absence of restriction but the transformation of the soul. Romans 6:22 declares that believers are set free from sin and brought into servitude to God—a paradox that leads not to bondage, but to holiness and eternal life. This freedom is not a license to live according to our desires but a liberation from the tyranny of sin and its consequences.

Jesus expands on this theme in John 8:34-36, where Jesus states, *"Everyone who sins is a slave to sin...if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* Sin holds people captive, shaping desires, blinding minds, and distorting priorities. It is not merely actions of wrongdoing but a force that corrupts hearts and estranges people from God. Yet Christ, through His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, breaks these chains and restores believers to a new life in Him.

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SCHEDULE July 13, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Eddy

SONG LEADER

AM: T.J. Wells

PM: Jim Zetterberg

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Christian Bettinger

PM: Greg Cline

PRAYER

AM: Paul Jacoby

Randy Feisley

PM: Harvey West

Adam Burkhart

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Owen Morgan

PM: Jacob Holdren

CONTROL ROOM AM/PM/Wed.:

Jon Lane

Wednesday—July 16, 2025

SONG LEADER: Michael Morgan

OPENING PRAYER: Tim Loughry

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tom Eddy

SS SPEAKER: Dale Parsley

CLOSING PRAYER: Harvey West

STATISTICS – June 29, 2025

Sunday Bible Class	90
Morning Worship	157
Evening Worship	93
Wednesday Classes	98
Contribution	\$3,998

OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240

CARE LINE (740) 373-3909

BIBLECALL (740) 651-2400 or (304) 420-2416

WEBSITE <https://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: In Christ: I am Loved
Minister: **Bill Deem**
Reading: Romans 8:38-39

PM: At the Cross
Minister: **Bill Deem**
Reading: Matthew 27:35-44

SICK
Memorial: **Gary Antill** had a procedure Wednesday.
Alan Stacy is at Belpre Landing.
Please keep **Mary Lauck** in your prayers. She is dealing with health issues.
Joe Dailey is scheduled to have surgery July 8th at OSU.
Phyllis Johnson (**Kathy Grimes’** aunt) continues on Hospice.

PRAYER LIST
Justina Thomas (**Bob Patterson’s, Jr.’s** granddaughter)
Dean Thompson
Melanie Wagner (**Herma Eddy’s** niece)

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Nancy Ward**. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 19th 12-2 p.m.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Bill Beck** (**Tammy’s** stepson). A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the Fearing Township Volunteer Fire Department.

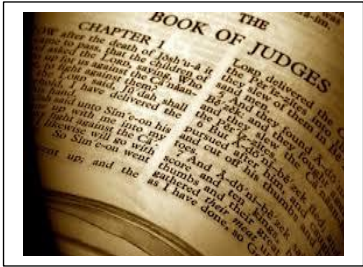
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVO SIGN UP SHEET

Men of the congregation - The sign up sheet for Wednesday Night Devos September-December 2017 is now on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have not done a Wednesday Night Devo, or it has been a while since you have done a Wednesday Night Devo, please consider signing up. Many hands make light work.



PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK

Toilet Paper



SUNDAY ADULT SUMMER SERIES

Please join us Sunday mornings through August 31st, for the Adult Summer Series. The theme will be **“The Book of Judges”**. Thanks to **Harvey West** for teaching today’s class. **Alan Ralston** will teach next week. His topic will be **“Gideon’s Legacy”** – Judges 8:22-9:57.



WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES

Please join us for our Annual Summer Series and Junior Summer Series through August 27th. The theme is **“The Many Names of Jesus”**. Flyers are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer and copies are available for you to invite friends and family. July 9th – **Peter Ray Cole** will be speaking for the Adult Summer Series and **Darlene Ogletree & Lura Wilcoxon** will teach the Junior Summer Series. The topic will be **“The Bread of Life”** – John 6:35 for both classes.

THANK YOU

Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer from **Kelly Gray, The Women’s Care Center** (Individual Donations from the congregation - \$855.18), and **Carol Ware**.

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

There will be an elders and deacons meeting today at 4:00 p.m.

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This transformation is described in 2 Corinthians 5:17: *“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”* The freedom Christ offers is not simply forgiveness, but also renewal. Sin’s dominion is shattered, and the Christian enters a life of holiness—living no longer under the influence of sin but under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This shift is what Paul calls being *“slaves to righteousness”* (Romans 6:18), a surrender that does not diminish joy but fulfills the deepest longing of the soul.

Yet, this freedom calls for diligence. Galatians 5:1 warns, *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”* While Christ has made freedom possible, believers must actively walk in it, rejecting sin’s enticements and embracing the sanctifying work of the Spirit.

True freedom is not found in self-indulgence but in surrender to God’s grace. In that surrender, the chains of sin fall away, and the believer walks in the light of holiness, looking forward to the eternal life promised by God. This is the freedom Christ offers—and if the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed.

--Bill



WIDOW & WIDOWER’S LUNCHEON

Please mark your calendars for the Widow & Widowers Luncheon Saturday, August 2nd, at 12:00 p.m. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer for attendees and helpers. We encourage our young people to sign up and help serve at this meal.

A REALLY BIG WORD

There is a word that perhaps we all use more than we realize. It is a small word, but it is a big word. The word is *if*.

We might say “if” I had done this or that, things would be different. *If* I didn’t have a flat tire, I would have been on time. The word “if” sates a condition.

The New Testament uses the word 602 times. Almost half of them are in the section of Jesus’ biographies. The Bible makes some things conditional.

If we forgive others, we can be forgiven by God (Matthew 6:14).

If we hold fast the word, we will be saved (I Corinthians 15:2).

If we faint not, we shall reap in due season (Galatians 6:9).

If we endure, we shall reign with Him (II Timothy 2:12).

If we add the Christian virtues, we shall never stumble (II Peter 1:10).

If we walk in the light, Christ’s blood keeps us cleansed (I John 1:7).

--Harry Goff

WHAT’S THE USE?

To have a good time tonight at the expense of a good conscience tomorrow?

To lose the temper at the expense of losing a friend?

To cheat a corporation at the expense of robbing the soul?

To go to church services in the morning if we are planning to go with the devil in the evening?

To have an enemy if we can have a friend?

To sow wild oats if we must buy our own crop?

To spend the last half of life in regret for the first half?

To be discourteous, irreverent, or cynical?

To give God the husk of the heart?

To live at all unless we live for all?

--Charles M. Sheldon

“Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.” Proverbs 4:26