



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY
 Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Evening Worship 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

August 14, 2016

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Tom Eddy Tim Gerber
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Harry Ogletree

BAPTIZED BELIEVERS

It seems hard for many people to grasp, but the New Testament clearly teaches that one is not a Christian until he has been baptized. We are baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27) We are baptized into His body (1 Corinthians 12:14). We are baptized for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38). We are baptized to be saved (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21). Jesus demanded the new birth of water and the spirit (John 3:3, 5, 7). Baptism was clearly a part of the new birth experience, and that was the meaning attached to Jesus' words regarding the new birth from the beginning of the church.

Baptism clearly involved the immersion of the convert in water. In a Christian context, it never meant the sprinkling or pouring of water upon an individual. The meaning of the word is indisputable, and if correctly translated, would be translated immersion. Our English word is not a translation but a transliteration of the Greek word. The translators, by and large, have refused to translate the word because doing so would be devastating to those who have substituted the practice of sprinkling or pouring for the Biblically mandated act of immersing the convert. Baptism

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SCHEDULE

August 21, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Crone

WAIT ON THE TABLE

AM: Tim Loughry
 Todd Hague

PM: Brad Forshey
 Russ Schramm

PRAYER

AM: Harry Ogletree
 Close—Randy Feisley

PM: Earl Schramm
 Close: Darrell Hague
 8/24—Les Mills

SCRIPTURE READER

AM: Tyson Brewer
PM: Kurt Harrison

SONG LEADER

AM: Tim Wells

PM: Tim Wells

Wed. 8/24—Greg Cline

STATISTICS—August 7

Sunday Bible Class.....	88
Morning Worship.....	176
Evening Worship.....	105
Wednesday Classes.....	95
Contribution.....	4,558

OFFICE PHONE (740) 373-3240 CARE LINE (740) 373-3909

WEBSITE

<http://sixthandwashingtonchurchofchrist.org>

BIBLECALL (740-373-3222)

PANTRY ITEM OF THE WEEK — Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce

TODAY'S SERMONS

AM: Effective Parenting
Reading: Gen. 2:18-25

PM: Don't Laugh
Reading: Gen. 18:1-15

PROGRAMS

WJAW FM 100.9—Sunday 8:30 a.m.
WJAW AM 630—Sunday 9:00 a.m.
WMOA AM 1490—Sunday 11:00 a.m.
SEARCH—WTAP—Sunday 7:30 a.m.

SICK

Don Otto is at Belpre Landing, 915 Hill Street, Belpre, OH 45714.

John Farley is at the Muskingum Valley Nursing Home in Beverly.

Riverside: **Alonzo "Lonnie" Love (Janice Brown's father)** is recovering from a stroke.

Selby: **Betty Rossiter, Susan Strauss'** mother, has a broken leg

SHUT-INS

Barbara Harris—Home

Wilma Burke (Darlene's sister)—Home

Jerry Westbrook —Arbors

PRAYER LIST

Dennis Celenica (friend of **Jim & Carolyn Falkenberg**)

Jim Crandell

Harper Cunningham (cousin of **Janet Antill**)

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS

The Friday Night Sings scheduled for August 19 will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the WV School of Preaching, and the Pursley, Southgate, and Groveport churches of Christ.

BIBLE QUESTION/ANSWER

Enter not into the path of the _____,
and go not in the way of _____.
Fill in the missing words from Proverbs.

Answer next week/Answer to Last weeks' question: **My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments—Proverbs 3:1**

SINGING

I stand amazed at how much the Bible speaks about singing and how little we say about it. I have at times heard folk speak of "only singing" as though it were purely optional. Beyond that, seldom is it seemingly understood as a genuine expression of worship to our Lord and God.

Passages abound in Psalms. A small sampling includes: Psalms 30:4; 47:6; 59:16; 89:1.

The New Testament is far from silent about singing. Ephesians 5:19 speaks of it as "from the heart." Colossians 3:16 tells of "gratitude in the heart." Romans 15:9 says to sing "to the name of the Lord." I Corinthians 14:15 stresses the "understanding" of what we sing.

Look into the Revelation and see how singing is a vital portion of the heavenly scenes, such as in Revelation 5:9; 14:3; 15:3-4. The emphasis in each instance is on the singing as directed to God. In singing we extol and praise God for who He truly is. Such praise is at the very heart of what we call worship!

There is little emphasis on the "music" and what is said focuses on the "heart" of the singer. It is noted that we understand and put emphasis on the message in singing.

It does not so much require a beautiful voice but a gratitude-filled heart to sing as God desires us to sing. It is not the sound produced but rather the inner "praise" that is expressed.

Singing is worship! It is a sublime expression of something God desires.

—Austin Emery

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is described as a burial followed by a resurrection to new life (Romans 6:3, 4; Colossians 2:12). It involved a going down into and a coming up out of water (Acts 8:38, 39). John baptized converts at Aenon near Salim because there was much water there (John 3:22). Jesus was immersed (Matthew 3:16). Jesus commanded baptism (John 4:1, 2). Every complete account of conversion in the book of Acts culminated in baptism (Acts 2:38, 41; etc.).

Although nearly every religious institution professing allegiance to Christ practices some formal ceremony called baptism, the majority do not believe baptism has any real relevance to one's eternal salvation. Thus, baptism has nothing to do with the remission of sins, and is not essential to our eternal well-being. It is argued that to make baptism essential to man's salvation is to make salvation a matter of works and not of grace. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Baptism is not a meritorious work, but a loving response to the gracious offer of pardon through Jesus. There is not a single example in all the Bible where a man's faith was blessed without the expression of that faith in some act of compliance to the Divine will. Hebrews 11 offers a brief overview of the truthfulness of the previous statement. No one is a Christian who has not expressed his faith through baptism.

I am quick to point out that baptism is not the culmination of our relationship with Christ, it is the beginning point. That's why it is called the new birth! Are you a baptized believer, or are you just a make believer?

---Roger



WORK PARTY

There is a work party scheduled for August 27 at 9:00 a.m. to help clean up and fix things around our building. Lunch will be provided. Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer.

RAMBLINGS

--By Roger

Our thanks to **Nathan Green** for his message last Wednesday evening. Our *Summer Series* speaker this Wednesday evening will be **Terry Varner**. Most of us have known **Terry** for a long time. He worked with the Harmar Hill congregation for many years, and now preaches and serves as one of the elders for the West Union congregation in West Virginia.

Thanks to **Harry Ogletree** for teaching our class this morning from Philippians 4. God willing, **Tim Loughry** will teach next Sunday from Ephesians 4.

The *Annual Father-Son Campout* at Wolf Run State Park was last weekend, and our *Annual Church Picnic* was yesterday. Our special thanks to all of you who work behind the scenes to see that activities like those we just enjoyed go so smoothly. Please know how much we all appreciate your efforts.

We will soon begin a new quarter in our Bible School program. The beginning of a quarter is an excellent time to start attending Bible class, if you have not been doing so. September 4 we will start a new study in our Sunday morning adult class, and we will resume our study of 2 Corinthians in our Wednesday evening class. Remember, if you are asked to be involved with the Bible school program, please say yes. If you haven't been approached, but would like to be involved, please see **Tom Eddy**. He is always looking for teachers and teacher's helpers.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Dale Patterson (Jerry's brother)** who passed away in Mississippi, and to the family of **Ruth Gardner** who passed away at Marietta Memorial August 6.

Hearts that seek salvation will find rest and strength in God alone.



PANTRY: The pantry item of the week is spaghetti & spaghetti sauce