



Woodsfield Church of Christ
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“Serving others as we serve Jesus.”



Scott McFarland
Minister



Keith Jones
Family Life Minister

Sunday

Worship.....10:00 a.m.

Elders

Jeff Bettinger
Bob Burrow
Keith Jones
Duane Landefeld
Brian Rose

Ronnie Beardmore
Eric Carothers
Dan Christman
Ned Day
Mark Henthorn
Shawn Howell
Butch Lallathin

Deacons

Brent McConnell
Jeff Seidler
Howard Spengler
Andrew Stalder
Jesse Stalder
Dan Watkins

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kevin Mowder (upcoming knee surgery), Lester Jones (back issues), Carley Sue Williams, Bret Tomlin (Traci Alleman’s nephew), Rex McConnell - cancer (J.D.Wiley’s cousin), Amy Long Griffin - breast cancer (friend of Debbie Day), Lakin Carothers and the baby, Melissa Dunphy (upcoming hip replacement, Linda McConnell’s daughter), Joyce Stimpert (Misty Landefeld’s aunt), Nina Christman, Nick Podlasiak (cancer treatments), Kay West, Leah Feasel, Cindy Henthorn, Kimberly Hickenbottom (Jim Hickenbottom’s wife), Jerry & Marie Rose, Glenn Kuhn, Dan Watkins, Elizabeth Trusar (friend of Sue Dearth) upcoming foot surgery, the pregnant women of the congregation—for their health and the health of the children they are carrying.

Jim Mercer passed away Wednesday and services were held Saturday. Please keep Betty and the family in your prayers.

Lois Kenney has been moved to Emerald Pointe nursing home in Barnesville and is in room 110. She can have visitors at the nursing home.

M.A.G.I Project

If you are interested in filling a M.A.G.I box for children in need of a Christmas present this year, please sign up in the foyer with your name, phone number and how many boxes you are filling. There is an item list for the box to help you fill it and a water bottle with pencils to take to put in your boxes. The deadline to return them to the church building is May 16, 2021. If you would like us to reserve a M.A.G.I box for you, please call the office at 740-472-5321.



We will be holding a meeting to examine the cost of holding a V.B.S. this year. The meeting will Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Merna Bettinger.



O.V.U. Event

O.V.U. will be hosting their Quartet Sing on Saturday, June 5, 2021, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Ohio Valley University Campus, Vienna, W.Va.

Changed

If you're reading this, you probably know Abby and I are on vacation at my sister's this coming week. It's not the most ideal vacation—we aren't really doing anything special. I'll probably be doing schoolwork throughout the week and my brother-in-law has to work. It's one of those "get it in while you can" type of deals. Between babies, work schedules, and other conflicts, this was the best our family could do this year. And that's ok.

Recently, I've been thinking a lot about the story in Genesis 32 where Jacob wrestles a being (God? An Angel?) all night long. The story is really fascinating and all sorts of questions could be asked. Who was the participant in the wrestling match—God? An angel? Who won—Jacob? The other? The most important part of the story, however, is the purpose of the match and what happens to Jacob after everything is over. Prior to this encounter, Jacob is running. He's been running most of his adult life—from family, from consequences, from responsibility. When he meets the angel, or God, in chapter 32, he is about to meet his brother Esau again for the first time in years. Jacob is scared because the last time they saw each other it didn't go well—Jacob cheated Esau out of the birthright that was rightfully Esau's. Jacob wrestles with this individual in the story and they end up deadlocked. The character reaches out and dislocates Jacob's hip. After this, the mysterious individual blesses Jacob and announces his name change from Jacob (which means "Deceiver") to Israel (which means "strives with God"). Jacob walks away with a permanent limp, and his life is never the same. From that story on, Jacob's dealings with people are different. He reconciles with his brother. He doesn't run anymore. He is changed.

Similarly, when we truly encounter God in our own lives, we are changed. We find forgiveness and mercy, and we become more forgiving and merciful. God convicts us of our anger, deception, anxiety, gossip, pettiness, idolatry, lust, and other vices. We begin to understand what it means to live in His image and God works on us through His Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and minds.

At least, that's how it should be. If it isn't, questions need to be asked. Why? Are we missing out on something God is offering? If we go years in our walk with God and little to no transformation is seen, what is wrong? Have you been changed? Are you a different person because you met God? God wants to change you, but He won't force you. The change happens when we open ourselves up to the work God is trying to do in our lives by His Spirit.

April 11, 2021

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

April 4, 2021

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| Sunday Morning Bible Classes | 103 |
| Attendance at the building | 173 |
| Bible Hour Attendance | 50 |
| Sunday morning Live feed views | 35 |
| Post-Sunday sermon online views | 63 |
| Wednesday Devotional views | 28 |
| Post Wednesday devo online views | 67 |
| Budget | \$4,959 |
| Contribution | \$10,807 |
| Tithe.ly app Contribution (03/23-03/29) | \$ 1,631 |

**J.O.Y. Bus Attendance
04/04/2021**

7 Riders
4 Workers

**BIBLE HOUR
PowerPoint Schedule**

April 11
Kalista Friday
April 18
Kirsten Friday



There will be a bridal shower for Kirsten Friday, Sunday, April 18th at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. It is open to all the ladies of the congregation to attend. If you would like to give on a gift please see, Sue Dearth, Dawn Watkins, Abby Friday, or Abby McFarland.



There will be a bridal shower luncheon for Brianna Lallathin, Sunday, May 16th in the Fellowship Building, immediately after services. It is open to all the ladies of the congregation to attend. If you would like to give on a gift, please see Merna Bettinger, Patti Spengler, Leah Hickenbottom, or Debbie Day.

