



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



**Scott McFarland**  
**Minister**

**Sunday**

**Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.**

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

**Sunday Evening Bible Class....6:00 p.m.**

**Elders**

**Jeff Bettinger**  
**Bob Burrow**  
**Keith Jones**  
**Duane Landefeld**  
**Brian Rose**



**Keith Jones**  
**Family Life Minister**

**Wednesday**

**Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.**

**Deacons**

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

**Butch Lallathin**  
**Brent McConnell**  
**Jeff Seidler**  
**Howard Spengler**  
**Jesse Stalder**  
**Dan Watkins**

## **Prayer Requests**

Pattie Norris, upcoming surgery; Mike Hogue, recovery from an accident; Gavin Matz, recovering from Covid; Carol Bartilson (Naomi Ault's granddaughter); Hank Seidler (Jeff & Jo Ellen Seidler's grandson); Darlene Winland; Sharon Workman, tests; Gary Holland, stage 5 kidney disease; Megan (Alice Keylor's niece), in Hungary working with refugees; Marilyn Martin; Terry Caldwell, spot on lung; Marie Rose; the widows of the congregation; John McWilliam (friend of a lady that comes to the clothes closet) is not doing well.

Please pray for the family of Austin Lafferty; he passed away on Monday.

Please pray for Ruth Spence, Lois Kenney's sister. Ruth is currently in a nursing home and not doing well. She would appreciate prayers and cards; the address is: Ruth Spence, 410 Wynncrest Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

**Those battling cancer** – Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Misty Robinson (friend of Alice Keylor); Rex McConnell, chemo & radiation (J.D. Wiley's cousin); Pam Jones, stage 4 pancreatic cancer (J.D. Wiley's sister-in-law); Dave Hamilton (friend of J.D. Wiley); Brian Ady (Doris Ady's son), recovering from esophageal cancer; Nina Christman.

**\* Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.

## **Pregnancies**

Kirsten Rouse, Jacklynn Rose; for their health and the health of the children they are carrying.



## **Congratulations**

Mike and Julie Jones are the proud new grandparents to a baby girl. Corey and Laikyn had Avery Wren Jones on May 16, 2022, she weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and is 18.75 inches long.

They are home and doing well.

## **Elders/Deacons Meeting**

The Elders and Deacons will hold their meeting jointly, today at 4:00 p.m. in the main auditorium.

## **Widow/Widower Ministry**

The widow/widower ministry will meet Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> immediately after morning services at the front of the main auditorium.

## The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail

As many of you know, our family was in Marysville last weekend to help them celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation. This past week, I was reflecting on the ages of the two churches I've been blessed to serve. Marysville was founded in 1922 by a group of families meeting in the home of one of the members. Although the Woodsfield congregation may have existed a few years prior, the completion of its first building in 1856 marks the beginning of our congregation's history, now spanning over 165 years. Both of those numbers are impressive. As I was reflecting on the 100+ years of ministry the congregations of Marysville and Woodsfield have provided to their towns, I was reminded of a passage from Matthew 16. In verses 13-20, Jesus and Peter have a conversation where Peter reveals his belief in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." To this confession, Jesus exclaims, "...and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Whether or not the congregations of Marysville or Woodsfield exist in another 100 or 165 years, the reality is the church will exist for all eternity. The gates of hell will not prevail against it. New local congregations are planted and old congregations close, but the work God is doing in the world through His people, the church, will never stop.

So, the next time you read about a congregation closing, or a fellowship's numbers shrinking, don't forget the promise. What the church looks like or where it meets may change, but "the gates of hell will not prevail against it!"

-Scott McFarland

**May 22, 2022**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

May 15, 2022

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	83
Attendance at the building	143
Bible Hour Attendance	28
Sunday morning Live feed views	20
Post-Sunday sermon online views	50
Sunday night Bible Class	38
Wednesday Bible Class In Person	48
Wednesday Live online views	13
Post Wednesday online views	28
Budget	\$ 5,000
Contribution	\$ 5,961

**J.O.Y. Bus Attendance**

**05/15/2022**

5 Riders

3 Workers

**BIBLE HOUR**

**PowerPoint Schedule**

**May 22**

Kirsten Rouse

**May 29**

Kalista Friday

**Sunday Night Small  
Group Attendance  
(05/15)**

Bettinger	8
Burrows	9
McFarland	10
Seidler	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

**Senior Sunday**



We will be honoring our high school graduates on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please have a baby picture and a senior picture turned into the office by Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, or email them to: [thewoodsfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:thewoodsfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com). There is also a signup sheet in the foyer on the bulletin board for, Kindergarten, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school students. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Lallathin.

**V.B.S. Meeting**



The next V.B.S. meeting will be Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Also, V.B.S. needs 5 more volunteers, not leaders, just volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please see Merna Bettinger.



There will be a bridal shower for Olivia Gauding, Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, immediately after evening services in the Fellowship Building. If you would like to give on a gift, please see Tina Jones or Sherry Lallathin.



There will be a baby shower for Jacklynn Rose Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately after morning services. If you would like to give on a gift, please see Chris Christman, Stephanie Gauding, or Linsey Colvin.