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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**

Jim & Lil Swarthout, their health; Dean Manning's 9 yr. old granddaughter, cancer behind her eye; Dan Fussell, back issues; Sharon Workman, recovery from surgery; Marilyn Martin; Marie Rose; the widows of the congregation.

Chris Christman is home recovering from her knee replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she is still in a lot of pain.

Rose Saffle fell and broke her hip in 2 places last week. She is currently at the Arbors recovering; please keep her in your prayers.

**Those battling cancer** – Sue Thornberry (friend of Bev Jones); Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Misty Robinson (friend of Alice Keylor); Pam Jones, stage 4 pancreatic cancer (J.D. Wiley's sister-in-law); Dave Hamilton (friend of J.D. Wiley); 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**

Kelci Harmon and Kirsten Rouse, for their health and the health of the children they are carrying.

### **Elders & Deacons Meeting**

The Elders and Deacons will have a joint meeting Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

### **Office Vacations**

Scott will be on vacation Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>. Keith will be on vacation Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> through Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>.



### **Teen Girl Camping Trip**

Amanda Bates and Megan Britton will be having a teen girl overnight camping trip at the Lamping Homestead on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Amanda Bates or Megan Britton.

## Following at a Distance

As people talk about the last hours of Jesus' life, much discussion has been made of the disciples' absence. In the Garden, as Jesus was being arrested, Mark says, "they all left him and fled." (Mark 14:50) A few verses later, however, it appears that not everyone left. Peter, to his credit, "followed him at a distance" (15:54) and ended up in the courtyard outside the high priest's house where Jesus was being put on trial.

I've thought a lot about this response of Peter's throughout the years. On one hand, perhaps we should admire him for at least staying in the game when the other disciples left for good. On the other hand, Peter displays a sort of hesitancy to get involved, which becomes more apparent the further the story goes. As he stands in the courtyard, he is asked by multiple people if he knows Jesus. Given the opportunity to associate with Jesus and put himself closer to his best friend's cause, Peter declines by first denying, then cursing in an attempt to put as much distance between himself and Jesus as possible.

This story in many ways serves as a metaphor for life. There are several responses to Jesus—outright rejection and running the other direction, full on acceptance and total commitment, or hesitant acceptance hinging on certain conditions. Peter seems to fall into the latter. He can't quite give up on the idea just yet, but when pressed by others in the courtyard, he falls apart. He was willing to follow so long as he didn't have to commit to anything.

How about you? Do you struggle with hesitancy and noncommitment? Does your decision to follow Jesus hinge on certain conditions: answered prayers, fulfilled dreams, a certain standard of living, etc.? Or, do you follow Jesus and let everything fall where it may. My prayer for myself is that my pursuit of Jesus will never have any conditions and that, when pressed, I would be able to hold to my faith. Instead of "following at a distance," I want to be following closely.

**July 17, 2022**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

July 10, 2022

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	94
Attendance at the building	174
Bible Hour Attendance	34
Sunday morning Live feed views	22
Post-Sunday sermon online views	36
Sunday night Bible Class	40
Wednesday Bible Class In Person	54
Wednesday Live online views	9
Post Wednesday online views	24
Budget	\$ 5,000
Contribution	\$ 8,547

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

**07/10/2022**

3 Riders

4 Workers

**BIBLE HOUR**

**PowerPoint Schedule**

**July 17**

Kirsten Rouse

**July 24**

Kalista Friday

**Sunday Night Small  
Group Attendance  
(07/10)**

Bettinger	10
Burrows	7
McFarland	13
Seidler	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>

**Congratulations**



Congratulations to Jared and Jacklynn Rose on the arrival of their son, Hudson. He was born Monday, July 11, 2022, and weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.



There will be a baby shower for Kirsten Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> immediately after morning services. If you would like to give on a gift, please see Merna Bettinger, Patti Spengler, Leah Hickenbottom, or Debbie Day.

**HAPPY Anniversary**

**You're Invited!**

Rudy and Stephanie Gauding's children are hosting a celebration in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at the Stop Nine Youth Center, 60330 Southgate Road, Byesville, Ohio. Everyone is invited; please RSVP to Paige Gauding by August 6<sup>th</sup> at 740-213-4413. No gifts are necessary.