



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

**Scott McFarland**  
Minister

**Keith Jones**  
Family Life Minister

**Sunday**

**Wednesday**

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.  
Worship.....10:00 a.m.

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

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

Office Hours – Sherry Lallathin – Mon – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Elders**

**Deacons**

Jeff Bettinger  
Bob Burrow  
Keith Jones  
Duane Landefeld  
Brian Rose

Ronnie Beardmore  
Eric Carothers  
Dan Christman  
Shawn Howell  
Butch Lallathin

Brent McConnell  
Jeff Seidler  
Howard Spengler  
Jesse Stalder

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Duane Landefeld, upcoming carpal tunnel surgery; Dave Matz (open heart surgery recovery); Suzanne Grose, knee replacement surgery recovery; Sue Hooper; Karen Ault (kidney transplant recovery); Sandra Sheesley (Sue Dearth's sister) upcoming tests; Jamie Sheesley, hip replacement recovery (Sue Dearth's nephew); Dan Fussell, shoulder surgery recovery; Betty Edgington (open heart surgery soon); Kim Hickenbottom, trouble with her diabetes; Sandy Resecker, heart issues; widows and widowers of the congregation.

Please keep the family of Butch Lallathin in your prayers. He passed away unexpectedly Monday night.

Andy Copley had a PET scan and it showed a good response to all of the treatments so far. New testing is now needed on the liver. Hopefully he will have an MRI and possible biopsy this week of the liver. He appreciates all of the prayers.

Kylee Jones will be having spinal surgery on November 8<sup>th</sup>. This surgery will hopefully help with pain and also improve mobility in the future. She will be in Nationwide Children's Hospital for almost 3 weeks. The family would appreciate your prayers.

**Those battling cancer** – Lisa Jones (stage 3 lung cancer); Logann Kehrer (a friend of Bob Burrow's co-worker), diagnosed with terminal cancer; Marion Gorrell stage 4 cancer (former coworker of Carla Rose); Linda Workman; Andy Copley (surgery in November); Patty Norris (friend of Keith Coss); Kevin Guiler (leukemia); Donna Hughes (friend of Naomi Ault); Roger Highman (prostate cancer); Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Nina Christman.

**Pregnancies**

Please keep Amanda Antill in your prayers—for her health and the health of the baby she is carrying.

\* **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.

## There Are No Words

“There are no words.” After the events of this past week and the passing of our beloved Butch, that phrase kept coming up in my head and out of my mouth. As a minister, sometimes you feel like “Bible Answer Man.” People ask you for help remembering a passage they are trying to think of, they ask you if you can send them verses on something they are struggling with, they call you if they’re trying to work through a Bible question or a detail about a Bible story. But, there are times when even the preacher doesn’t have the answer. This would be one of those. I struggle with words to explain how a healthy middle-aged man with a wife, three young daughters and a beautiful grandchild can be making a trip home from work—one he has probably made thousands of times in his life— and be at the wrong place at the wrong time and not make it home. Many of us this past week have asked (or shouted, or cried), “WHY?” I think that’s a perfectly legitimate question, even when shouted. The story of Job has always gotten me. It is a story of tragic loss, illness, and Job’s quest to make sense of it all. We often forget that Job never knew what we know—there was a cosmic argument going on behind the scenes between Satan and God that was the root cause of all of his trouble. In the meantime, Job is left to wonder what is going on. He is told by his friends that it is his fault—he had to have done something wrong. But, Job is innocent and he knows this. At times, Job gets pretty blunt with his friends and with God in arguing his innocence and lamenting his struggle. At one point, in Job 13:15, Job both affirms his faith while at the same time arguing for justice: “Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.” In other words, “I will have faith in God to the very end, but that doesn’t mean I won’t argue my innocence.” I think it’s perfectly normal in these situations to do just that. We can trust God, while at the same time ask “WHY?” God is ok with that. He is ok with Job doing that. A faith that asks the hard questions will, I believe, be deeper and more real in the end. How can it not? We have to let ourselves deal honestly with life, particularly when it’s been unfair.

So, ask the hard questions. Keep your faith in God. You can do both.

Scott McFarland

**November 5, 2023**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

October 29, 2023

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	99	Sunday morning Live feed views	
Attendance at the building	156	Post-Sunday sermon online views	51
Bible Hour Attendance	26		
Sunday night Bible Class	59	J.O.Y. Bus Attendance	
		2 Riders	3 Workers
Wednesday night Bible Class	57		
Budget	\$ 5,100		
Contribution	\$ 5,034		



**Orphan Sunday**

The church will be dedicating Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> to Orphan Sunday with the Orphans Lifeline International organization. There is a special contribution flyer and contribution box available in the back of the foyer, if you would like to give.



The church family Thanksgiving dinner will be Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> immediately after the morning worship service. There are sign up sheets in the foyer, for anyone wanting to help cook a turkey, serve food, bring desserts, or clean up. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Robbins.



***Thank You***

I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, flowers and food during my illness.

Delores Burrow

**Ladies Bible Class**

The Ladies Bible class will be next Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship building. Every lady is welcome to come and enjoy the class.