

# NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

## December 10, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 am  
 Bible Classes - 10:45 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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**The Past**  
 by Mark Aites



“No man is rich enough to buy back his past.” – Oscar Wilde

As badly as we might want to, we know that it is not possible to change the past. Hollywood continues to make movies that explore time travel, but to return to the past and change it is simply not possible.

How should we view the past? One could go through life with a melancholy or morose spirit and not let go of the things that have already happened. You can fret and despair over words and deeds but clinging to it will rob you of joy. Instead, we should learn from our past that it might improve our future.

That principle was given by the apostle Paul concerning Israel's past. “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4). “Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come” (1 Cor. 10:11).

Yes, we can learn from the mistakes of the past. It is simply not wise to continue to cling to the past. Remember Paul's optimistic statement to the church at Philippi. “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus had also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:12-14). Forgetting what we did or failed to do in the past is not easy. I dare say it may not be possible; but we don't want to continue to cling to the past. Even Paul struggled with this remembering what he did to the saints before becoming a Christian (Phil. 3:6). But Paul did not allow his past experiences to keep him from moving forward for Christ, and neither should we!

### SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM	Dec. 10	Dec. 17
Announcements	Hamm	Meredith
Song Leader	Smith	Vaughan
Opening Prayer	C. Miller	Mathers
Scripture	Duncan	G. Kupfner
Lord's Supper	Clark	Butterfield
Usher - Auditorium	J. Aites	Warne
Usher - Foyer	G. Kupfner	Sailor
Usher - Security	L. Cook	J. Miller
P.A. System Audio	Ferrebee	E. Kupfner
P.A. System Video	McIntire	E. Grose
Pick up cards	Miller/Miller	Duncan/Duncan
Pick up cards	Duncan/Duncan	Cook/Vaughan
Door Greeters	Duncan	Eaton
SUNDAY PM	Sun. PM	Sun. PM
Announcements	Kerns	Ullom
Song Leader	Smith	Vaughan
Opening Prayer	Hoschar	Kerns
Scripture	E. Kupfner	Hoschar
Closing Prayer	Kidder	Oblisk
Lord's Supper	Merrill	Ferrebee
Door Greeters	Malone	G. Kupfner
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 13	Dec. 20
Announcements	Kerns	Ullom
Song Leader	Aites	Ja. Eaton
Opening Prayer	Kerns	Ullom
Invitation	Ullom	Aites
Door Greeters	Meredith	Petty

If you are unable to serve call Dave Butterfield at 304-482-8917

\*Those serving as ushers, PA and pick up cards are only shown on AM, but they are the same for PM & Wed.

### SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**Chance Gordon** (grandson of Ken & Parma Heaney)  
**Chandler Hamilton** (grandson of Jeff & Mary Smearman)  
**Allen Hardbarger** (nephew of Ruth Dickson)  
**Nicholas Linville** (grandson of Jim Kerns)  
**Andrew Miller Jr.** (grandson of Curtis Dickson)  
**Dustin Miller** (brother of Chris Miller)  
**Nate Ruble** (son of Patty Ruble)  
**Josie Thomas** (sister of Jen Miller)

### AREA EVENTS

**Ohio Winter Lectures:** January 26 & 27, 2024 Church of Christ, Fishinger Road, Columbus, Ohio. More information on the bulletin board.

**Ladies Inspiration Day:** April 27, 2024, Camden Ave. church of Christ, speaker: Hannah Colley

### Youth Events

**Traveling Youth Group:** December 31st, Barlow Vincent church of Christ, Vincent, OH - 5:00 pm



**WTAP - Sunday, 7:30am**

**December 10 - Miraculous Gifts Today?**

**December 17 - When Your Heart Breaks**

### OUR GROWTH FOR 2023

Baptisms.....2  
 Request for prayers, Restored.....6  
 Placed Membership.....10

Our Record	Dec. 3	Average 2023
Sunday AM Worship	127	139
Sunday Bible Class	107	111
Sunday PM Worship	87	102
Wednesday Bible Class	99	104

### MISSIONS

**Congregational Mission Efforts**

**Dalraida church of Christ**  
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**Greenville Church of Christ**  
 Greenville, OH

**Indian Missions**

**Panama Missions**

**Aldrin Peter Anson Paul**  
 India

**Andy Robison**  
 WV School of Preaching

**Search TV**  
 Edmond, OK

**Mike Tincer**  
 Seth, WV

**West Virginia School of Preaching**  
 Moundsville, WV

## Prayer List

### Our Members

Mark Berry  
Karen Blair  
Richard & Eva Cook  
Cathy Clegg  
Curtis & Ruth Dickson  
Fran Egnor  
Van & Ronnie Ferrier  
Ken Long  
Sue Mahan  
Ethel Mathers  
Helen May  
Lana McFee  
Marvin & Joan Petty  
Sharon Pugh  
Leonard Shears  
Mary Rose Talbott  
Barb Walker

### Family & Friends

Christian Bradley (*Dickson*)  
Cindy Fox-Bell (*Dickson*)  
Wilda Clark (*Clark*)  
Steve Johnson (*Malone*)  
Sandra Keith (*Dickson*)  
Yvonne Keith (*Dickson*)  
Mack Kupfner (*B. Kupfner*)  
Mike Morlan (*Morlan*)  
Pat Morris (*Long*)  
Tony Police (*Carter*)  
David Rice (*B. Kupfner*)  
Jeff Romine (*Egnor*)  
Gary & Loretta Sawyers (*Shockey*)  
Ayden Seagraves (*C. Miller*)  
Brian Sims (*Smearman*)  
Elsie Smith (*May*)  
Fred Steed (*Steed*)  
Chris & Jessica Tuley (*Clark*)  
Brent West (*West*)

## Remember In Prayer

**Mark Berry** had cataract surgery last week. He has a follow-up appointment in Columbus on Tuesday.

**Doug Jones** had knee replacement surgery last week. Doug is recuperating at home and began physical therapy on Friday.

**Joan Petty** has an appointment in Morgantown on December 20th for a CT scan and biopsy.

**Leonard Shears** was able to be discharged from the hospital and is doing much better.

**Mack Kupfner**, brother of Buster Kupfner and DeDe Cook, had surgery last Sunday to remove a portion of his colon.

**Don Ogden**, father of Rick Ogden and Tracy Eaton, has been moved to Rockland Ridge Rehabilitation in Belpre. Cards would be appreciated. You can send them to Don's house at: 808 24th Street, Vienna, WV 26105

**Isaac Patterson**, sixteen year old son of Jon and Marybeth Patterson, underwent surgery to remove a baseball size tumor at the base of his brain. He is in Children's Hospital in Columbus.

**Fred Steed**, son of Winona Steed, was admitted to the hospital on Thursday with breathing trouble.

**Mark Welch**, friend of John and Megan Duncan, had surgery on Thursday to remove a blood clot from his abdomen.

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### **The Power of Prayer**

A breath of prayer in the morning  
Means a day of blessings sure –  
A breath of prayer in the evening  
Means a night of rest secure.

A breath of prayer in our weakness  
Means a clasp of a rock-steady Hand  
A breath of prayer when we're lonely  
Means Someone to understand.

A breath of prayer in rejoicing  
Gives joy and added delight.  
A breath of prayer at anytime  
Connects us to God's great might.

## Announcements

**Attendance Cards:** Members, fill out a tan attendance card. Visitors, fill out a blue card. Please pass them to the aisles.

**Sermons:** Mark's lesson titles for today are: AM - "Jesus Calms The Storm" PM - "The Fall Of Nineveh"

**Young Adult Bible Class:** The young adult Bible class taught by Randy Meredith, will meet with the auditorium class today.

**Opportunity Cards:** Group two will pick up their opportunity cards today. Send a card, make a visit, or a phone call.

**Food Pantry:** The food pantry is in need of, *jelly, canned fruit, canned meat, pasta, pasta sauce*. These items can be placed in classroom two.

**Shut-In Care Packages:** Items for the care packages need to be here by this Wednesday, December 13th. Our youth will be assembling the packages on Wednesday and will deliver them on Saturday, December 16th.

**CYC:** If you signed up to attend CYC the money is due on Wednesday, December 13th. If anyone is in need of assistance with the cost, please see one of our elders.

**Secret Sister:** Any ladies interested in participating in the Secret Sisters program for 2024, can fill out a form (located on the table in the foyer) and turn it in to Lisa West by December 24th.

**Door Greeters:** For those that have signed up to be door greeters, there are visitor packets in a basket by the front doors. Please give one of these packets to our visitors.

**Thank You:** To our North End family, Thank you for helping us honor our mom's long Christian legacy. We take comfort in the confidence that the reunion with Dad, Elsie and Gene in paradise was joyful. There were so many expressions of comfort and strength to ease the pain of our loss. We continue to covet your prayers as we find our way to our new normal. Thanks to so many who worked behind the scenes to make the days run smoothly. No words can express how much all of the acts of kindness mean to all of the family. In Christian love, *The Houser family*

**Thank You:** Thank you for the care package that I received. The goodies are much appreciated while I am away preparing for final exams. *Tyson Maze*

### Elders

Mark Berry  
Kevin Grose  
David Hamm  
Randy Meredith  
Harvey West

### Elder Meetings

December 17 - 5:00 pm

### Deacons

Dave Butterfield  
Ron Cook  
Harley Cox  
John Duncan  
Ken Grose  
Jim Kerns  
Josh Kupfner  
Dan Lyons  
Dennis Miller  
Mike Oblisk  
Jim Ullom  
C.J. Vaughan

### Minister

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### Today's Scripture

**AM ~ Mark 4:35-41**

**PM ~ Nahum 3:1-7**