

# NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

## January 22, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 am  
 Bible Classes - 10:45 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study - 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

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### Hated By The World

by Mark Aites

So, you think you want to follow Christ? Are you willing to accept the cost that comes with that choice? (cf. Luke 14:25-33)

Jesus said, "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed" (John 3:19-20). If we then seek to be the light of the world, we can expect to be hated (Matt. 5:16; John 8:12).

This is a hard cost in seeking to be a disciple of Jesus. No one likes to be hated, or to have terrible things said of them. When it happens, and it will, remember the words of Jesus: "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matt. 5:11-12).

It seems that in the day in which we live that hatred of Christians is multiplying. The sad reality is we are seeing the very thing which Isaiah addressed, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil" (Isa. 5:20). It is frustrating to preach the truth, and uphold the love of God, only to have the world turn against you. Remember, preaching truth and manifesting God's love did the very same thing with our Lord and Master. "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Pet. 2:21-23).

When the apostles were threatened, the Bible records, "So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name" (Acts 5:41). It is unfortunate that suffering accompanies those who would follow Jesus (2 Tim. 3:12). But if we truly love Him, we must accept that the world will hate and despise us. And when they do, we must emulate the apostles and praise God that we are able to suffer shame for our Lord's blessed name. Remember, if they hate you, they hated the Master before you!

## SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Announcements	Hamm	Berry
Song Leader	T. Jones	Oblisk
Opening Prayer	Heaney	Mathers
Scripture	Dean	Clark
Lord's Supper	D. Jones	McIntire
Usher - Auditorium	Hofmann	Shears
Usher - Foyer	Kerns	Heaney
Usher - Security	J. Miller	J. Cook
P.A. System Audio	McIntire	Ja. Eaton
P.A. System Video	R. Cook	Lyons
Pick up cards	Duncan/Duncan	Cook/Vaughan
Pick up cards	Miller/Miller	Duncan/Duncan
Door Greeters	Meredith	Hamm
SUNDAY PM	Sun. PM	Sun PM
Announcements	Butterfield	Kv. Grose
Song Leader	T. Jones	Song Service
Opening Prayer	Houser	Kidder
Scripture	Kv. Grose	Song Service
Closing Prayer	D. Miller	C. Miller
Lord's Supper	Shears	Ferrebee
Door Greeters	Meredith	Hamm
WEDNESDAY	Jan. 25	
Announcements	Butterfield	
Song Leader	Hoschar	
Opening Prayer	Butterfield	
Invitation	Aites	
Door Greeters	Meredith	

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 & Dianna 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 27-29, Fishinger Road church of Christ, Columbus, OH

**Ladies Inspiration Day,** April 1, Rio Grande church of Christ, Speaker: Sheila Butt

### Youth Events

**Teen Ohio Winter Lectures:** January 27-28, 2023, Fishinger Road church of Christ, Columbus, OH, Speakers: Lonnie Jones; Eric Lyons; & Matthew Morine

**Traveling Youth Group:** January 29th, Dewey Ave. church of Christ, 5:00 pm

**2023 Monday Night Merge:** February 6, North End, 7:00 pm

**CYC** - February 24 - 26

**Youth Rally:** March 10-11, North End, Speakers: Ben Hayes and Travis Creasey

**Youth Rally:** March 25, Lubeck church of Christ, Washington, WV, Speaker: Joe Wells



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

**January 22 - Ironies of the Cross**  
**January 29 - The Word "Must"**

### OUR GROWTH FOR 2023

Baptisms.....0  
 Request for prayers, Restored.....0  
 Placed Membership.....0

Our Record	Jan. 15	Average 2023
Sunday AM Worship	148	142
Sunday Bible Class	122	116
Sunday PM Worship	110	110
Wednesday Bible Class	114	112

### MISSIONS

**Congregational Mission Efforts**

**Chimala School of Preaching**  
 Chimala, Tanzania

**Greenville Church of Christ**  
 Greenville, OH

**Panama Missions**

**Aldrin Peter Anson Paul**  
 India

**Andy Robison**  
 WV School of Preaching

**Search TV**  
 Edmond, OK

**Mike Tincher**  
 Seth, WV

**Jim Waldron**  
 India

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

## Prayer List

### Our Members

Mark & Candy Berry  
Karen Blair  
Art Clegg  
Richard & Eva Cook  
Evelyn Dean  
Fran Egnor  
Van & Ronnie Ferrier  
Greg Kupfner  
Ethel Mathers  
Helen May  
Greg & Randi Michael  
Marvin & Joan Petty  
Sharon Pugh  
Jimmy Sailor  
Mary Rose Talbott  
Jim Ullom  
Barb Walker

### Family & Friends

Morgan Barrett (*Vaughan*)  
Patty Buck (*Talbott*)  
Wanda Burks (*Malone*)  
Addie Cameron (*Cameron*)  
Kelly Clark (*Shockey*)  
Dennis Cooper (*Cooper*)  
Christopher Life (*Smearman*)  
Chuck Parsons (*Shockey*)  
April Range (*Warne*)  
Loretta Sawyers (*Shockey*)  
Elsie Smith (*May*)  
Donnie Teters (*McHenry*)  
Delmas Tingler (*Cox*)  
Dearll Vincent (*P. Kupfner*)  
Brent West (*West*)

## Remember In Prayer

**Karen Blair** asks for our prayers as she deals with new medications for her breathing issues.

**Evelyn Dean** is scheduled to have surgery on her kidney January 24th in Morgantown. She will be in the hospital several days.

**Van Ferrier** will have surgery on her wrist on January 30th.

**Dianna Kerns** continues to undergo rehabilitation at Encompass Health. She is in room 213-1.

**Ken Long** got the results from his CT scan. It showed his liver is not functioning as it should. He will be undergoing more testing.

**Helen May** is in Ohio Valley Health Care, room 100. She is still very weak. It is requested she have no visitors.

**Jim Ullom** is scheduled to have the stent removed from his kidney on January 25th.

**Rosellen Allen**, aunt of Pam Kupfner, fell down basement steps and broke her neck. She is in the hospital in Morgantown. She has no paralysis but has other issues that are being dealt with.

**Owen Bucy**, grandson of Penny Cross, had surgery to replace a heart valve. The surgery went well, and he is home recuperating.

**Addie Cameron**, granddaughter of Bob and Rita Cameron, had surgery last week. The surgery was successful, and Addi is home.

**Cameron Coffman**, the young man that comes with Dennis and Pat Miller, has been very sick with bronchitis for several months. He is now having stomach issues.

**Laura King**, a friend of Debby Warne, is suffering with a neurological disease and has requested our prayers.

**Rick Murphy**, cousin of Ron Cook, Kelly Jones, Eydie McIntire and Debby Warne, was in the hospital last week in Memphis with lung and heart issues. He is now home but will continue undergoing testing.

**April Range**, the niece of Kris and Debby Warne, learned her cancer has spread. If you would like to send April a card her address is: 1286 Lakeview Road NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

## Announcements

**Attendance Cards:** Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the aisles. Visitors fill out the blue cards, members fill out the tan cards. Our young men will pick the cards up.

**Groups:** Inserted in today's bulletin is a list of our three groups. The elders are instituting the group program again. More information is forthcoming. If your name was accidentally left off, please let Eydie know.

**Sermons:** Mark's lesson titles for today are: AM "Scales of Justice", PM "Revive Us Again"

**Bible Class:** Mark Aites will be teaching the Sunday morning Bible class in the auditorium for the next several weeks. He will continue the study on 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

**Wednesday Afternoon Class:** This is a reminder that we have a Bible class on Wednesday afternoon's at 1:00 pm. The class is taught by Ken Heaney and the study is on the book of John.

**Youth:** Monday Night Merge will be hosted by North End on February 6th at 7:00 pm. The theme this year is, "Take a Stand". There will be food served following the devotional in our multi-purpose room.

**Youth Devotionals:** There will be a devotional for our younger youth on Saturday, January 28th at 6:00 pm. The location will be announced at a later date.

**Love & Care:** We are responsible for the services at Love and Care on Sunday, February 5th and Thursday, February 9th. We are in need of men to conduct these services, please sign the list located on the table in the foyer. If you have any questions, see Dan Lyons.

**Valentine Dinner:** We will have a Valentine Dinner on Saturday, February 11th at 6:00 pm in our multi-purpose room. The cost will be \$12 per person. A sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Please give your money to Kelly Jones or Eydie McIntire. The menu will be: appetizers, home-made lasagna, salad, bread and dessert.

**Thank You:** Many thanks to my Christian family for the thoughts and prayers while we struggle to get Dianna better. Continue to pray for Dianna. She needs the strength gained through prayer to return to her normal health. *Jim and Dianna Kerns*

### Elders

Mark Berry  
Bob Cameron  
David Hamm  
Randy Meredith  
Harvey West

### Elder Meetings

Jan. 22 - 5:00 pm  
Feb. 6 - 3:00 pm

### Deacons

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

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### Today's Scripture

**AM~ 2 Corinthians 5:9-11**  
**PM ~ Genesis 35:1-4**