

NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 19, 2024



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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Forgiveness
 by Mark Aites

"To err is human, to forgive divine." – Alexander Pope, *An Essay On Criticism*

"The noblest vengeance is to forgive." – H. G. Bohn, *Hand-Book of Proverbs*

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).

Forgiveness – we are not very good at it. Even in the church, it is surprising how many Christians struggle with the willingness to forgive. One wonders how often the words have been spoken, "I will never forgive _____ for as long as I live." O the sadness to see people enter through different doors to the auditorium just to avoid the person with whom they still hold a grudge.

And those who are in the wrong, and know it, how can they ignore what the sacred text says? "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matt. 5:23-24). And likewise, how can those who need to forgive another also ignore Scripture? "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:14-15).

Jesus said that the badge of discipleship, (the reason folks will know us), is our love for one another (John 13:34-35). It sure sounds strange when brothers or sisters won't even talk to one another, and still agree that we should be known for love. How is it that we allow such inconsistency in the Lord's church?

We would do well to follow in the footsteps of Jesus (1 Pet. 2:21-24). How can we forget what He endured on Calvary, and yet He found it in His heart to forgive. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Like revenge, the unwillingness to forgive can only serve to hurt the one who can't find it in his heart to forgive. They have to live with that bitterness. What a sorrow that they choose such a life of unhappiness. Forgiveness allows us to move on. It was Charles Simons who said it so well, "There is noble forgetfulness – that which does not remember injuries."

MISSIONS

**North End
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 Seth, WV

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 Anson Paul**
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AREA EVENTS

Blood Drive: May 20th Lubeck Church of Christ, Washington, WV, 12:00-6:00 pm

Centennial Celebration: 36th Street Church of Christ, Vienna, WV will celebrate their 100th anniversary with activities in May. See bulletin board.

Tent Meeting: June 2-8, 161 Huber Dr. Parkersburg, hosted by Rosemar Church of Christ, 5:00-8:00 pm nightly. Various speakers

VBS: June 9-13, Little Hocking Church of Christ, Little Hocking, OH, Mon. - Thurs. 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Men's Day: September 28, Lubeck Church of Christ, Lubeck, WV

Area Wide Sings

May 24– 36th St. Church of Christ, Vienna, WV 7:00 pm

Youth Events

Traveling Youth Group: May 26, Sardis Church of Christ, Sardis, OH 6:00 pm

Church Camp: Information is on the table in the foyer



WTAP- Sunday, 7:30 am

May 19 - Till Death Do Us Part
May 26 - Devoted Christianity

OUR GROWTH FOR 2024

Baptisms.....5
 Request for prayers, Restore.....6
 Placed Membership.....0

Our Record	May 12	Average 2024
Sunday AM Worship	154	141
Sunday Bible Class	118	115
Sunday PM Worship	106	101
Wednesday Bible Class	109	101

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM	May 19	May 26
Announcements	Hamm	Berry
Song Leader	Oblisk	Smith
Opening Prayer	Dean	Heaney
Scripture	Merrill	Maze
Lord's Supper	Kv. Grose	Hamm
Usher - Auditorium	Houser	T. Jones
Usher - Foyer	Heaney	Vaughan
Usher - Security	J. Miller	Ferrebee
P.A. System Audio	Ja. Eaton	A. Grose
P.A. System Video	Maze	Oblisk
Pick up cards	Miller/Vaughan	Duncan/Vaughan
Pick up cards	Duncan/Duncan	Miller/Miller
Door Greeters	Long	Meredith
SUNDAY PM	Sun. PM	Sun PM
Announcements	Kerns	Duncan
Song Leader	Oblisk	Smith
Opening Prayer	Ferrebee	Lyons
Scripture	E. Kupfner	G. Kupfner
Closing Prayer	Kidder	Egnor
Lord's Supper	Duncan	De. Miller
Door Greeters	West	Kv. Grose
WEDNESDAY	May 22	May 29
Announcements	Kerns	Duncan
Song Leader	Aites	Devotional
Opening Prayer	Kerns	Duncan
Invitation	McIntire	Devotional
Door Greeters	Duncan	Aites

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, 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)
- Tyler Lipscomb** (grandson of Jeff & Mary Smearman)
- 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)

Prayer List

Our Members

Karen Blair
Nick Berry
Art Clegg
Richard & Eva Cook
Curtis & Ruth Dickson
Fran Egnor
Van & Ronnie Ferrier
Ken Long
Ethel Mathers
Helen May
Lana McFee
Becky Petty
Joan Petty
Sharon Pugh
Jimmy Sailor
Leonard Shears
Mary Rose Talbott
Barb Walker

Family & Friends

Cindy Fox-Bell (*Dickson*)
Wilda Clark (*Clark*)
Caren Edwards (*M. Grose*)
Angela Graham (*Hoschar*)
David Rice (Heaney)
Bill & Carol Richardson (*Cameron*)
Jeff Romine (*Egnor*)
Gary & Loretta Sawyers (*Shockey*)
Brian Sims (*Smearman*)
Eric Strothers (*Dalton*)
Brent West (*West*)
Steve Wilson (*J. Petty*)

Remember In Prayer

Greg Kupfner remains in Camden Clark Hospital. He is improving slowly. He has been on a ventilator and sedated. His doctors are doing a slow dialysis to prevent more damage to his organs.

Mark Shockey is still struggling with medication adjustments. He is in Camden Clark Hospital. He can have no visitors, but cards would be appreciated and can be sent to his home address.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Ken and Michele Long at the passing of Michele's mother, Pat Morris. Pat passed away May 13th. The family will hold a private service in Bridgeport.

Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to Dennis and Pat Miller at the death of Dennis' daughter, Rhonda White. Rhonda passed away May 15th. There will be a celebration of Life in Martinsburg, WV in the near future.

Nancy DeFreitas, who has been attending with us, has requested prayers for her son, **Philip**, who is in prison.

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## **The Greatest Man**

- He had no earthly servants, yet they called Him Master.
- He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
- He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
- He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
- He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
- He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
- He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives.

Source: Bulletin Digest

# 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 - "Casting Pearls Before Swine", PM - "How To Handle Temptation"

**Opportunity Cards:** Group Three will pick up opportunity cards today.

**Vacation Bible School:** There will be a VBS planning meeting tonight following evening services. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. If you have any questions see Ken Heaney.

**Church Camp:** On the table in the foyer is information and registration forms for the two church camps in our area. There are coupons for the North End youth to receive fifty percent off the cost.

**Ohio Valley Christian Youth Camp** is in need of monetary donations to help with the cost of food. Checks can be made out to OVCYC (please put 'food donation' on the memo line), and mailed to Becky Davis 1870 Ross Road, Little Hocking, OH 45742. There is also a tab on the website where you can make donations. The website is: [ovcyc.com](http://ovcyc.com)

**Devotional:** On Wednesday, May 29th, our young men will be conducting a devotional. There will be no Bible classes. Any young men who would like to help with this devotional, please see John Duncan.

**Ladies Dinner and Game Night:** On June 10th at 6:00 pm all ladies are invited to a dinner in our multi-purpose room. You are asked to bring a favorite dish and or dessert. Please give a copy of your recipe to Camille Shaffer and she will have copies for everyone. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer to list your name and the dish and or dessert you will be bringing. We will also play a few games. Ladies and young ladies are encouraged to attend.

### Elders

Mark Berry  
Kevin Grose  
David Hamm  
Randy Meredith  
Harvey West

### Elder Meetings

May 19 - 5:00 pm  
June 3 - 4:00 pm

### Deacons

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

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### Today's Scripture

**AM ~ Matthew 7:6**

**PM ~ 1 Corinthians 10:13**