### **SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS**

SUNDAY AM	Sept. 7	Sept. 14
Announcements	Berry	Hamm
Song Leader	Smith	T. Jones
Opening Prayer	Heaney	Kv. Grose
Scripture	De. Miller	Cooper
Lord's Supper	C. Miller	D. Jones
Usher - <i>Auditorium</i>	T. Jones	J. Miller
Usher - <i>Foyer</i>	Kirby	Da. Miller
Usher - Security	Cook	Kidder
P.A. System Audio	E. Kupfner	J. Aites
P.A. System Video	Ferrebee	Heaney
Pick up cards	Miller/Vaughan	Duncan/Vaughan
Pick up cards	Duncan/Ware	Miller/Drummond
Door Greeters	Cox	Duncan
SUNDAY PM	Sun. PM	Sun. PM
Announcements	Vaughan	Butterfield
Song Leader	Smith	T. Jones
Opening Prayer	Dean	C. Miller
Scripture	Kidder	E. Kupfner
Closing Prayer	D. Jones	Pryor
Lord's Supper	Kerns	Merrill
Door Greeters	Ferrebee	Kv. Grose
WEDNESDAY	Sept. 10	Sept. 17
Announcements	Vaughan	Butterfield
Song Leader	Cameron	D. Jones
Opening Prayer	Vaughan	Butterfield
Invitation	Butterfield	Aites
Door Greeters	Kerns	J. Kupfner

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

### **SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Logan Cascell (grandson of Mark & Liz Berry) 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) Nate Ruble (son of Patty Ruble)

### **Area Events**

Area Wide Sing: Sept. 19, McKinleyville Church of Christ, Wellsburg, WV, 7:00 pm

Gospel Meeting: Sept. 7-10, Church of Christ East Liverpool, OH, Speaker: Bill Watkins, 7:00 pm Gospel Meeting: Sept. 14-17, New Concord Church of Christ, New Concord, OH, Speaker, Rico Brown Gospel Meeting: Sept. 21-24, Bridgeport Church of

Christ, Speaker: Rick Tincher, 7:00pm

Gospel Meeting: Sept. 21-24, Oakwood Rd Church of Christ, Fairmont, WV, Speaker: Charles Pugh 7pm Gospel Meeting: Sept. 21-24, Newport Church of Christ, Newport, OH, Speaker: Dan Jenkins, 7 pm Ladies Tea: Oct. 4, 6th & Washington Church of Christ, Marietta, OH, Speaker: Janie Gallagher 10am Friends & Family Day: Oct. 5, 6th & Washington Church of Christ, Marietta, OH, Speaker: Brent Gallagher. 9:00 am

West Virginia School of Preaching Lectureship: Oct. 19-23. Moundsville, WV

### **Youth Events**

Traveling Youth Group: Sept. 28, North End Church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV 6:00 pm

Youth Rally: Sept. 26-27, Sunrise Church of Christ, Speaker: Lonnie Jones

**39th Annual Bible Bowl**: October 10-11, Camden Avenue Church of Christ, questions will be on James, 1st Peter, and 2nd Peter



WTAP- Sunday, 7:30 am

Sept. 7 - Lord Jesus Sept. 14 - The Kingdom of God

## **OUR GROWTH FOR 2025**

Baptisms3
Request for prayers, Restored 3
Placed Membership10

Our Record	Aug. 31	Average 2025
Sunday AM Worship	151	144
Sunday Bible Class	129	116
Sunday PM Worship	117	96
Wednesday Bible Class	108	99

# NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

# September 7, 2025

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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#### **Cynicism** by Mark Aites

**North End Panama** Mission

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"We can destroy ourselves by cynicism and disillusion, just as effectively as by bombs." – Kenneth Clark

People ask, just what exactly do you mean by cynicism? One source defines it, "A person who believes that people are motivated purely by self-interest rather than acting for honorable or unselfish reasons." Part of this is brought on by the skeptical mind. A life of doubt and self-interest makes one a cynic. One does not trust anyone but himself, after all, self is all that matters anyway. They believe that people only believe what they do to advance their own interests.

The tragedy in this is that the cynical mind finds its way into the church. These individuals can exhibit bitterness and act distrustful of others. They are pessimistic of the Christian's long-held beliefs. And they hold the views of others with contempt. It does not help that they are critical of the elders, the deacons, and the preacher. And it gets tiresome to hear the rhetoric that they are even doubtful of the Bible.

Often we find that their views are tainted by the beliefs of other cynics and skeptics. Everything is questioned and everyone is suspect. This is but a tool of the devil. He wants us to question the Bible. He wants us to question longheld beliefs of faithful Christians. He wants us to question the leadership in the church. He wants us to question the message delivered in the pulpit. He wants us to be skeptics and pessimists. It is an effort to drive a wedge into the church. It gives him a foothold to bring dissension into the ranks.

The Bible promotes faith, trust, and love. These things are foreign to the cynic. Be careful that you do not allow the views of others who hold the church in contempt to infect you. And be warned, this is much more infectious than you may realize. It was Peter who admonished, "...love one another fervently with a pure heart" (1 Pet. 1:22). Remember, the heart of the cynic is NOT

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

# **Prayer List**

# **Our Members**

Karen Blair
Nick Berry
Ann Butterfield
Eva Cook
Curtis & Ruth Dickson
Jeanette Dyer
Fran Egnor
Van & Ronnie Ferrier
Connie Kirby
Lana McFee
Damon Miller
Becky Petty
Joan Petty
Sharon Pugh
Leonard Shears

# Family & Friends

Barb Walker

James Mace (J. Petty)
Greg Sr. & Shirley
Michael (Michael)

Matthew Newlon (Cox)

Kelly Poiani (Ullom)

Jeff Romine (Egnor)

Pat Rine (Cooper)

Gary & Loretta Sawyers (Shockey)

Jill Shaffer (Shaffer)

# Remember In Prayer

<u>Cathy Clegg</u> had a stay in the hospital in Morgantown last week. Her doctor has prescribed medication that will help with blood loss. She is doing better but is still weak.

<u>Jeanette Dyer</u> was admitted to Camden Clark Hospital last week after a fall at Eagle Pointe.

Adam Hoschar saw the specialists in Cincinnati concerning the tumor behind his eye. They believe it is malignant but won't know till after the surgery. Adam has to have a procedure done under anesthetic prior to the removal of the tumor. He is waiting to hear when these surgeries will be scheduled.

**Ken Long** underwent a procedure on his kidney last week. He is scheduled to have another procedure in two weeks.

<u>Karen Pfalzgraf</u> is scheduled to knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, September 9th.

<u>Faith Miller</u>, granddaughter of Curtis Dickson, was in an accident that caused a broken femur and lacerations to her face.

<u>Maj Morlan</u>, sister-in-law of Pam Sailor, had a heart catheterization on Wednesday and four stents were placed.

**Sympathy**: Betty Murphy, the aunt of Debby, Eydie, Ron, and Kelly, passed away September 3rd. Her husband, Gene Murphy, passed away just the week before. Please keep the family in your prayers.

# **Announcements**

<u>Attendance Cards</u>: 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 - "The Need For Involvement" PM - "Declared Righteous".

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

**Evangelism Workshop**: Our monthly evangelism workshop will be today at 5:30 pm in the library. We will be sending cards to those who need encouragement.

<u>Men's Breakfast</u>: All men are invited to meet for breakfast this Tuesday, September 9th at 9:30 am, at Mary B's restaurant on Garfield Avenue.

<u>Hog Roast</u>: Our annual hog roast will take place Saturday, September 20th at 6:00 pm at the home of CJ & Natalie Vaughan. The meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes, desserts, drinks, and lawn chairs.

**CYC**: The Challenge Youth Conference is scheduled to take place February 20-22, 2026. The cost is \$50 per person. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend. See Kevin Grose for more details.

<u>October Activities</u>: In October we have a big weekend planned. There are several activities going on. Mark your calendars!

- Friday, October 10th, we will host the Area Wide Friday Night Sing at 7:00 pm (refreshments to follow)
- Saturday, October 11th, we will host a Community Picnic in the afternoon. We will serve hot dogs and invite those in the community to join us. We will need lots of help with this. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer.
- Sunday, October 12th, will be Friends and Family Day.
   Following Bible classes we will have a fellowship meal.

### **Elders**

Mark Berry

Kevin Grose

David Hamm

Randy Meredith

### Elder's Meetings

September 8th - 4:00 pm September 21st - 5:00 pm

### **Deacons**

Dave Butterfield
Ron Cook
Harley Cox
John Duncan
Jamey Eaton
Ken Grose
Ken Heaney
Jim Kerns
Josh Kupfner
Dan Lyons
Steve McIntire
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## Today's Scripture

AM ~ Nehemiah 2:16-17 PM ~ Romans 4:1-3