

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM	Jan. 11	Jan. 18
Announcements	Meredith	Hamm
Song Leader	T. Jones	Smith
Opening Prayer	Dean	Meredith
Scripture	Hamm	Kerns
Lord's Supper	D. Jones	Kv. Grose
Usher - Auditorium	Duncan	Kenney
Usher - Foyer	Ferrebee	Heaney
Usher - Security	Kidder	Kirby
P.A. System Audio	E. Kupfner	McIntire
P.A. System Video	E. Grose	Ferrebee
Pick up cards	Duncan/Vaughan	Miller/Vaughan
Pick up cards	Miller/Drummond	Duncan/Ware
Door Greeters	Kidder	Duncan
SUNDAY PM	Sun. PM	Sun. PM
Announcements	Kerns	Duncan
Song Leader	T. Jones	Smith
Opening Prayer	Heaney	Hinzman
Scripture	Lyons	Merrill
Closing Prayer	Warne	Da. Miller
Lord's Supper	Merrill	Egnor
Door Greeters	Cooper	Cox
WEDNESDAY	Jan. 14	Jan. 21
Announcements	Kerns	Duncan
Song Leader	Aites	D. Jones
Opening Prayer	Kerns	Duncan
Invitation	Da. Miller	Aites
Door Greeters	Egnor	Ferrebee

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

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

One Day Lectureship: Jan. 18, Bridgeport Church of Christ, Bridgeport, WV

Ohio Winter Lectures: Jan. 23-24, Fishinger Church of Christ, Columbus, OH

Seminar: Feb. 7, Fishinger Church of Christ, Columbus, OH, 9:00 - 11:00 am "What is Trending in Our Culture?"

Ladies Day: Mar. 7, Fishinger Church of Christ, Columbus, OH, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Speaker: Tracie Shannon

Youth Events

Traveling Youth Group: Jan. 25, Barlow Vincent Church of Christ, Vincent, OH, 5:00 pm



WTAP- Sunday, 7:30 am

**Jan. 11 - Do Works Matter?
Jan. 18 - How Jesus Endured**

OUR GROWTH FOR 2026

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

Our Record

Jan. 4

**Average
2026**

Sunday AM Worship	146	146
Sunday Bible Class	117	117
Sunday PM Worship	100	100
Wednesday Bible Class	93	93

North End Church Of Christ

January 11, 2026

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

**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
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Greatness

by Mark Aites

"Greatness lies, not in being strong, but in the right using of strength." – Henry Ward Beecher

It is interesting looking at definitions of the word *great* to find that it refers to that which is above normal or average. But this leaves man with a dilemma, because everyone may have a different perception of what is great, or for that matter, what is average or normal?

In life we have those whom we regard as heroes, and by virtue of what they have done, or continue to do, we elevate them to the status of being great. Sometimes greatness is seen in the status one achieves in life. For example, a poor person may regard a rich man as being great. You may even have a soldier who fought valiantly in battle and we look upon them as great. Or a spouse whom you may see in your eyes as exemplary.

When you look in the sacred text, we find references to things which were great, from the Greek *megas*, referring to big in size. For example, a great age, a great famine, a great number of fish, a great multitude, a great feast, etc. But when it comes to attaining greatness, our Lord alters man's conception: "But he who is greatest (*meizon*, larger) among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Matt. 23:11-12). This runs contrary to man's view of greatness.

Man seeks to exalt those who have others serving him. The more servants, the more slaves, the more subjects – all serves to elevate a man, above others. But again, Jesus says that true greatness comes through service. The Lord regards the humble man as being greater than the proud man.

The disciples squabbled among themselves in an effort to attain greatness. You may recall that even James and John's mother wanted one to sit on the Lord's right hand, the other on the left (Matt. 20:20-28). It is but an example of how little we understand about true greatness.

Prayer List

Our Members

Karen Blair
 Nick Berry
 Cathy Clegg
 Eva Cook
 Curtis & Ruth Dickson
 Sheila Eaton
 Fran Egnor
 Van & Ronnie Ferrier
 Ken Grose
 Adam Hoschar
 Connie Kirby
 Ken Long
 Lana McFee
 Damon Miller
 Betty Morris
 Becky Petty
 Joan Petty
 Sharon Pugh
 Leonard Shears
 Barb Walker

Family & Friends

Gary Boley (*T. Boley*)
 Melanie Cutright (*Cameron*)
 Robbie Hancock (*Hoschar*)
 Richard King (*Blair*)
 James Mace (*J. Petty*)
 Roy Malone (*B. Boley*)
 Joe Maze (*K. Maze*)
 Greg Sr. & Shirley
 Michael (*Michael*)
 Lisa Miller (*Da. Miller*)
 Maj Morlan (*Sailor*)
 Matthew Newlon (*Cox*)
 David Oldaker (*Hoschar*)
 Kelly Poiani (*Ullom*)
 Jeff Romine (*Egnor*)
 Joe Reeder (*Hoschar*)
 Pat Rine (*Cooper*)
 Gary & Loretta
 Sawyers (*Shockey*)

Remember In Prayer

Penny Cross is scheduled to have shoulder replacement surgery on January 22nd in Marietta.

Megan Duncan had outpatient surgery January 7th. She has been recovering at home.

Lisa Miller had a bone marrow biopsy January 8th.

Mike Pfalzgraf is out of the hospital and doing much better. He will be in Florida for a while.

Kelly Poiani, sister of Cheryl Ullom, remains in Camden Clark Hospital.

Shane Riffle, father of Tyler Riffle, has been sick with Covid. He is also dealing with stage five kidney failure and undergoes dialysis three times a week.

Al Warne, brother of Kris Warne, is having heart issues. His heart is operating at 30 percent, and he will need surgery on two valves.

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### Thank You

To our Church Family, Thank you for your comforting words, heartfelt sympathy, and for being there for us during the passing of Wanda Burks. Your presence, prayers, and generosity has brought us great comfort and strength. Also thank you for the great meal that you all prepared for our family and for the planter and cards. In Christian love,  
*Kirk, Mary, CJ, Natalie, Lakin, and Jase*

Thank for your texts, calls and prayers during Mike's stay in the hospital. You have been a blessing to us. In Christian love, *Karen and Mike Pfalzgraf*

## 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 - "Are You A Doubting Thomas?" PM - "God Loves A Cheerful Giver"

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

**Men's Breakfast:** The monthly men's breakfast will be Tuesday, January 13th at 9:00 am at Mary B's Restaurant on Garfield Avenue.

**L.E.T.'s Meet:** The Ladies Encouragement Team will resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, January 15th at 12:30 pm.

**Love & Care:** North End is responsible for the services at Love & Care next Sunday, January 18th and Thursday, January 22nd. Any men who can help with these services, please sign the list in the foyer.

**Directory:** Please correct these two phone numbers in your directories. Nancy DeFreitas - 681-417-4703; Paula Eaton - 304-483-0370.

**Game Night:** A game night is scheduled for Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Group One** is to oversee the planning of this event. Please get information in the announcements as soon as possible.

**Help Needed:** Men who are willing to help lead in worship services at Rockland Ridge Nursing and Rehab Facility. This involves either preaching a lesson, leading singing, leading prayers, and the thoughts at the Lord's Supper. Area members of the Church will be working together to help lead in worship for the ones who are not able to attend at local congregations. If you are interested in helping in this opportunity, please call or text Rod Goddard at, 304-639-0632

### Elders

Mark Berry  
 Kevin Grose  
 David Hamm  
 Randy Meredith

### Elder's Meetings

January 19 - 4:00 pm  
 February 2 - 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  
 Jim Ullom  
 C.J. Vaughan

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### Today's Scriptures

AM ~ John 20:19-29  
 PM ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-8