SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday AM	Nov. 1	Nov. 8
Announcements	Berry	Grose
Song Leader	Hofmann	Vaughan
Opening Prayer	Meredith	Dean
Scripture	E. Grose	Hinzman
Lord's Supper	Heaney	Berry
Usher – Aud.	Malone	Warne
Usher – Foyer	Vaughan	Merrill
Usher – Security	Kress	Kidder
P.A. Sys -Audio	McHenry	Ferrebee
P.A. Sys -Video	T. Jones	Lyons
Pick up cards	Duncan/Vaughan	Duncan/Vaughan
Pick up cards	Ware/Drummond	J & W Franklin
Door Greeters	K. Grose	D/S Kupfner
Sunday PM	**Sun. PM**	**Sun. PM**
Announcements	Kerns	Duncan
Song Leader	Hofmann	Vaughan
Opening Prayer	Ferrebee	Heaney
Scripture	Lyons	E. Kupfner
Closing Prayer	Duncan	Egnor
Lord's Supper	Dean	Kerns
Door Greeters	Heaney	Cameron
Wednesday	**Nov. 4**	**Nov. 11**
Announcements	Kerns	Duncan
Song Leader	Vaughan	Kenney
Opening Prayer	Kerns	Duncan
Invitation	Da. Miller	Aites
Door Greeters	Merrill	Da. Miller

Call Dave Butterfield if you are unable to serve 304-482-8917

AREA EVENTS

Area Wide Sing – Nov. 6, Wingett Run, Wingett Run, OH, 7:00 pm

Gospel Meeting – Nov. 1-4, Camden Ave. Church of Christ, Allen Webster, 7:00 pm

Men's Day – Nov. 7, Lubeck Church of Christ, Washington, WV, John Board, 9:30 am

Ladies Day – Nov. 7, Dewey Ave. Church of Christ, St. Marys, WV, Speaker, Deirdra Miller, 9:00 am

Gospel Meeting – Nov. 8-11, Bates Hill Church of Christ, Sarahsville, OH, Keith Parker, 7:00 pm

Area Wide Sing – Nov. 13, Camden Ave. Church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV 7:00 pm

YOUTH EVENTS

Traveling Youth Group – November 29, Rockport Church of Christ, Rockport, WV, 6:30pm

OUR RECORD & GROWTH – Oct. 25

	Average for 2026
Sun. AM Worship – 139	**133**
Sun. Bible Class – 111	**104**
Sun. PM Worship – 94	**95**
Wed. Bible Class – 114	**95**

Baptisms – 6
Request for prayer – 7
Placed Membership - 8

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday - Worship 9:30 am
Bible Class 10:45 am
Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday – Bible Class 6:30 pm

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NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 1, 2026

Ridicule by Mark Aites

"Ridicule is the language of the devil." – Thomas Carlyle

Perhaps a more general definition of *ridicule* would be, "to make fun of." We are talking about holding someone or something in derision. Those on the receiving end find it frustrating and distasteful. And it often invokes anger.

Those who are Christians understand ridicule all too well. Worldly minded folks don't hesitate to make fun of Christians. They talk and act as if Christians are deranged.

Jesus did warn those who would follow Him. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 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. 5:10-12).

Notice carefully that the Lord says that when people do ridicule us for our faith, that we should "rejoice and be exceedingly glad." When the apostles were chastised for their faith, Luke 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).

The general reaction to such ridicule is to strike back. But in our self-control, instead of seeking to "get even," we should hold our tongues and be honored to be reproached for the cause of Christ. When the world speaks against us, it is an indication that we are holding to the truth, for evil hates the truth. Jesus said, "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed" (John 3:20). But, if we are not being ridiculed for our faith, it may be an indication that something is not right. Did not Jesus say, "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

MISSIONS

Andy Robison
WV School of Preaching

Preaching Students
WV School of Preaching

Chris Haguewood
Greenville, OH

Search TV
Edmond, OK

Dalraida Church of Christ
Chimala, Tanzania

Aldrin Peter & Devadas Prakash
India

Clemente Rosales
Panama

Dan Kessinger
Kenya, Africa

Prayer List

Our Members

Karen Blair
Dave & Ann Butterfield
Nick Berry
Cathy Clegg
Eva Cook
Sheila Eaton
Fran Egnor
Van & Ronnie Ferrier
Ken Grose
Adam Hoschar
Bill & Connie Kirby
Eric McCartney
Greg Michael
Damon Miller
Betty Morris
Joan Petty
Jason Riddle
Tony Rittenhouse
Sharon Pugh
Leonard Shears
Juanita Tanner
Barb Walker
Kris Warne

Family & Friends

Mary Brown (Cameron)
Jay Deem (Ware)
Steve Hamrick (Ferrebee)
Paula Lape (Blair)
David Oldaker (Hoschar)
Kelly Poiani (Ullom)
Allison Posey (Hoschar)
Jeff Romine (Egnor)
Tammy Stallin (Dulaney)
Joe Reeder (Hoschar)
Gary & Loretta Sawyers (Shockey)
Jan & Ronnie Ward (Egnor)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sympathy – We extend our sympathy to the family of Kevin Pryor who passed away October 28th. Arrangements are pending.

In Memory – Kevin Pryor

November 18, 1958 – October 28, 2026

Dave Butterfield had surgery October 30th on an artery and a vein to improve blood flow in his legs. All the procedures that needed done were successful. He is in Camden Clark Hospital.

Adam Hoschar has appointments in Cincinnati November 4th and 5th. He will have an MRI and a neuro-oncology checkup. He asks for prayers for stability and good results.

Jason Riddle had surgery on his leg. The surgery went well and Jason is recovering at home.

Tony Rittenhouse remains in Camden Clark Hospital in ICU. He was taken off the ventilator but had to be put back on two days later.

Kris Warne was in the hospital last week due to a blood infection. He will receive daily out-patient antibiotic infusions through November 22nd.

Jimmy Kilkenny, friend of Eric McCartney, is in a coma and needs prayers.

Maggie McCuskey, a friend of Winona Steed, had heart surgery in Columbus. The surgery was successful and Maggie is doing well.

Mark McNemar, a friend and neighbor of Doreen Kupfner, has a brain tumor and has requested our prayers.

Fred Steed, son of Winona Steed, had an injury to his thumb. He has been told he will not require surgery.

BENEVOLENCE

Items Needed – There has been a request for hygiene items for our benevolence program. The following items are needed in *travel size*: shampoo, body wash, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, and deodorant. You can place them in classroom two.

Food Pantry – The following items are needed for our food pantry: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, mac & cheese, and canned meat. These can be placed in classroom two.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance Cards – Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the aisle. Members fill out a tan card; visitors fill out a blue card.

Opportunity Cards –Group One will pick up opportunity cards today.

Evangelism Class – The monthly Evangelism Class will meet today at 5:30 pm in the library.

Leaf Raking – If you need your leaves raked sign the list on the table in the foyer. Our youth will be raking leaves for our members

Love & Care – North End is responsible for the services at Love & Care on November 8th and 12th. Any men who can help with these services, please sign the list on the table in the foyer.

Fellowship Meal – Next Sunday, November 8th we will have a fellowship meal following Bible classes. Everyone is invited, please bring meats, side dishes, desserts, and drinks. Group Two is in charge.

College Student Care Packages – We will be putting together care packages for our college students. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We have 13 college students. Items need to be here by November 22nd.

Cards – Please sign the November birthday and anniversary cards located on a table in the foyer.

Updated Directories – There are updated directories on the tables near the entrances. Please let Eydie know if there are any changes needed.

Men's Breakfast – The monthly men's breakfast is Tuesday, November 10th at 9:00 am at Mary B's Restaurant on Garfield Avenue.

THANK YOU

North End Family, thank you all for your kind words, messages, hugs, and love during my sisters passing. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" Matthew 5:4. With much love, *Liz & Mark Berry*

Dear North End Family, my brothers and I wish to express our sincere gratitude for all that you have done for us at Mom's passing. Your words of support and kindness, your help with her memorial service, the wonderful dinner prepared for us – all have meant so much. Most of all, thank you for your many years of abounding Chrisitan love and support that you expressed in so many ways to our mother. She truly loved her brothers and sisters in Christ at North End. May God continue to bless each of you. In Chrisitan Love, *Gary & Christel Petty* (on behalf of the Petty family)

Today's Sermons

AM – 7 Reasons to be Baptized
(Acts 18:5-8)
Mark Aites

PM – Satan's Darts
(Ephesians 6 :14-16)
Mark Aites

Elder's Meetings

November 2 – 4:00 pm
November 16 – 4:00 pm

ELDERS

Mark Berry
Kevin Grose
Dave Hamm
Randy Meredith

DEACON

Dave Butterfield
Ron Cook
Harley Cox
John Duncan
Ken Grose
Ken Heaney
Jim Kerns
Josh Kupfner
Dan Lyons
Steve McIntire
Dennis Miller
Jim Ullom
CJ Vaughan

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