

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday AM - Sept. 20

Announcements	Grose
Song Leader	Vaughan
Opening Prayer	Berry
Scripture	E. Grose
Lord’s Supper	Meredith
Usher – Auditorium	Hoschar
Usher – Foyer	B. Kupfner
Usher – Security	McHenry
P.A. System -Audio	Heaney
P.A. System -Video	T. Jones
Pick up cards	Duncan/Vaughan
Pick up cards	Ware/Drummond
Door Greeters	Berry

Sunday PM - Sept. 20

Announcements	Kerns
Song Leader	Vaughan
Opening Prayer	Hamm
Scripture	De. Miller
Closing Prayer	Da. Miller
Lord’s Supper	Cox
Door Greeters	Hamm

Wednesday - Sept. 23

Announcements	Kerns
Song Leader	Aites
Opening Prayer	Kerns
Invitation	Ullom
Door Greeters	Duncan

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

In Search
of the Lord’s Way

WTAP – Sunday, 7:30 am

Sept. 27 – “Being Forgiven”

AREA EVENTS

Gospel Meeting -Sept. 20-25, Pennsboro Church of Christ, Pennsboro, WV, Speaker: Wade Webster, 7:00 pm
Workshop for Preachers & Elders -Sept. 22, Norval Park Church of Christ, Zanesville, OH, 8:00 am-3:00 pm
Ladies Tea -Sept. 26, Sixth & Washington Streets Church of Christ, Marietta, OH, Speaker: Judy Zetterberg, 10:00 am
Friends & Family Day -Sept. 27, Sixth & Washington Streets Church of Christ, Marietta, OH, Speaker: Doug Wells
Gospel Meeting -Sept. 27-Oct. 1, Newport Church of Christ, Newport, OH, Speaker: Roger Rush, 7:00 pm
Gospel Meeting -Sept. 27-29, Cairo Church of Christ, Cairo, WV 7:00 pm
Friday Night Sing – Oct. 2, New Concord Church of Christ, New Concord, OH, 7:00 pm
90th Yr. Celebration -Oct. 4, Central Church of Christ, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Gospel Meeting -Oct. 4-7, Bridge St. Church of Christ, New Martinsville, WV, Speaker: Phil Sanders, 7:00 pm
Gospel Meeting -Oct. 4-7, Henderson Church of Christ, Henderson, WV
Soup and Sing -Oct. 9, Rosemar Church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV, 6:00 pm, bring a lawn chair.
Gospel Meeting -Oct. 11-14, Salem Church of Christ, Salem, WV, 7:00 pm

YOUTH EVENTS

Traveling Youth Group -Sept. 27, North End, Parkersburg, 6:30 pm
Youth Rally -Sept. 25-26, Hosted by Sunrise @Wood Co. 4-H Camp
Fall Camp -Oct. 17, WVCYC, Pennsboro, WV, 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

OUR RECORD - Sep. 13

Sun. AM Worship - 121
Sun. Bible Class - 86
Sun. PM Worship – 88
Wed. Bible Class – 94

OUR GROWTH

Baptisms – 6
Request for prayer – 7
Placed Membership - 2

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Class 6:30 pm

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Tues. – Fri. 9 am – 2 pm

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NORTH END CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 20, 2026

Progress

by Mark Aites

“Your Life is a progress, and not a station.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Webster gives some simple definitions of the word *progress*: “movement forward or toward a place; the process of improving or developing something over a period of time.”

In one of our Lord’s most interesting comments, He said, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62). It is sad to see Christians who are not progressing in their faith. In fact, the Hebrew writer even made reference to those in the first century who went backwards instead of forward. “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food” (Heb. 5:12).

Years ago, by this writer, when on a canoe, going against the current of the river, progress was made going upstream by rowing steady and hard. But as soon as the oar was left to rest, the canoe went downstream at a very fast rate. And so, it is with Christians today. As long as they apply themselves in diligence, they can make headway against the pull of the world. But as soon as they relax, and stop moving forward, they rapidly go backward.

On the Niagara River, just above the famous Niagara Falls, there is a point which is referred to as “the point of no return.” The current is just too swift and powerful and one is swept over the falls. And so, it is with our lives. When we stop making progress, there comes a point of no return. As the Hebrew writer warned: “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the power of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame” (Heb. 6:4-6).

MINISTER

Mark Aites

ELDERS

Mark Berry
Kevin Grose
Dave Hamm
Randy Meredith

DEACONS

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

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
Damon Miller
Betty Morris
Becky Petty
Joan Petty
Jason Riddle
Sharon Pugh
Leonard Shears
Juanita Tanner
Barb Walker

Family & Friends

Ida Blatt (Pryor)
Jay Deem (Ware)
Steve Hamrick
(Ferrebee)
Paula Lape (Blair)
David Oldaker
(Hoschar)
Mark Parks (Parks)
Kelly Poiani (Ullom)
Allison Posey (Hoschar)
Jeff Romine (Egnor)
Shane Riffle (Riffle)
Tammy Stallin (Dulaney)
Joe Reeder (Hoschar)
Gary & Loretta
Sawyers (Shockey)
Ronnie & Jan Ward
(Egnor)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave Butterfield had two stents placed after a blockage was found to his heart. He has an appointment on Monday with wound care concerning the infection in his foot.

Van Ferrier has been dealing with low magnesium levels. She goes weekly for an infusion. These infusions will continue through the end of the year. Van and her sister, Ronnie, appreciate so much all the cards that you send. They also are grateful for your prayers.

Dave Hamm had a cardiac procedure last Monday. He is feeling better.

Connie Kirby came forward last Sunday requesting our prayers. She is dealing with difficulties with her health and depression, and she strives to do better.

Krista Maze is doing well following the procedure on the veins in her legs. She has a follow-up appointment with her doctor this week.

Faith Miller underwent surgery on her ankle. If you would like to send her a card her address is: 1405 9th St., Vienna, WV 26105

Charles Pugh had a heart catheterization that showed two blockages. He is waiting for an appointment with his doctor to discuss his recommended plan.

Kris Warne has been told he will need a liver transplant. He has a consultation with doctors at OSU Hospital on Nov. 4th.

Loretta Sawyers, sister of Carolyn Shockey, is scheduled to have gallbladder surgery on Wednesday, September 23rd. She is high risk for the surgery and Carolyn would appreciate prayers for her sister.

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 Three will pick up opportunity cards today.

Ladies Lunch – All ladies are invited to meet for lunch on Friday, September 25th, at noon at Mary B’s Restaurant on Garfield Avenue.

Art Night – There will be an art night this Friday, September 25th, at 6:30 pm. All art supplies will be provided. Bring snacks and drinks.

Traveling Youth Group – The Traveling Youth Group will worship with us next Sunday evening, September 27th. We will have a song service with some of the young men participating.

Snacks Needed – Next Sunday evening following services we will serve refreshments in the MPR. We ask that you bring cookies, brownies, and drinks.

The quarterly publication, ‘**Power for Today**’, is available to be picked up on the tables near the entrances.

Covered Dish Dinner – On Sunday, October 4th we will have a covered dish dinner. Group One oversees set up and clean up. Everyone is asked to bring plenty of food and drinks.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please make the following address changes to your directories

Kate Munday 1749 Woodyard Creek Road, Washington, WV 26181

Hannah, Preston, Elias Drummond 105 Clare Kennedy Drive, Marietta, OH 45750

Today’s Sermons

**AM – Principles
Governing Worship**
(Matthew 4:10)

**PM – Paul’s Defense
Before Agrippa**
(Acts 26:24-29)

Elder’s Meetings

September 12 – 4:00 pm
October 5 – 4:00 pm

Missions

Andy Robison
WV School of Preaching

Preaching Students
WV School of Preaching

Chris Haguewood
Greenville, OH

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Dan Kessinger
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