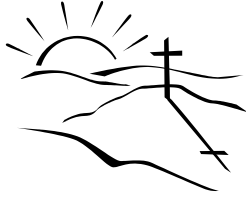


SUNDAY AM	April 13, 2025	April 20, 2025
ANNOUNCE	Mark Vaughan	Mark Vaughan
SONGLEADER	Mike Carpenter	Mike Carpenter
READING	Tyler Vaughan	Tyler Vaughan
PRAYER	Dwain Shears	Dwain Shears
COMMUNION	Roy Clark	Roy Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	Adam Carpenter	Josiah Clark
ASSIST COMMUNION	Josiah Clark	Adam Carpenter
USHER	Roy Clark	Roy Clark
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Tyler Vaughan	Tyler Vaughan
READING	John Stephens	John Stevens
PRAYER	Mike Carpenter	Mike Carpenter
COMMUNION	Dwain Shears	Dwain Shears
Wednesday	April 16, 2025	April 23, 2025
Invitation	Mark Vaughan	Mark Vaughan
Song Leader	Tyler Vaughan	Tyler Vaughan

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How to be Saved

Hear: Romans 10:14
Believe: Hebrews 11:6
Repent: Acts 17:30
Confess Jesus as Savior: Acts 8:36-37
Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

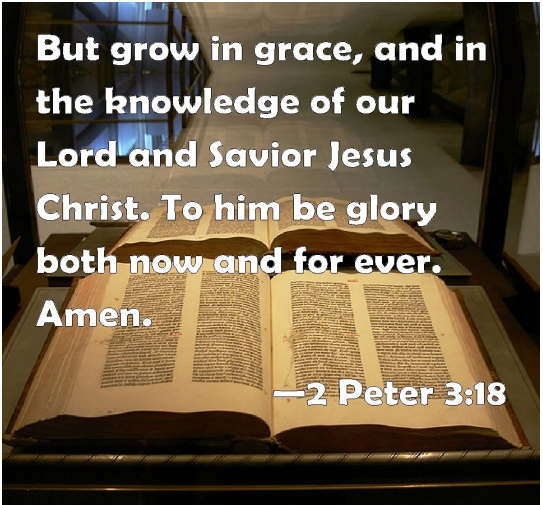
Bible Study	18
Morning Worship	39
Evening Worship	13
Offering	\$1511.00
Wednesday	16
Attendance Goal	60
2024 Baptisms	1
2024 Restorations	0

Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30AM
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00PM

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

—2 Peter 3:18

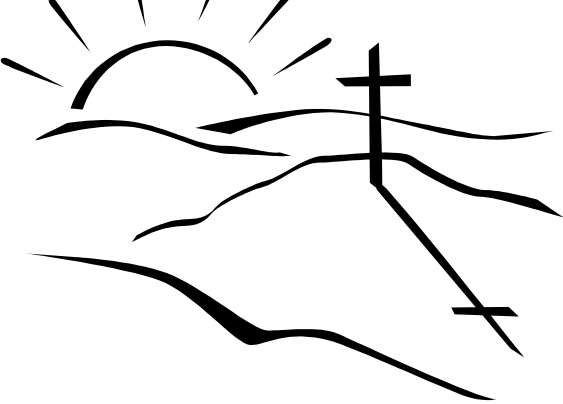




Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS

April 13-16 Gospel Meeting @ Salem Church of Christ with Bob Vincent
April 13-16 Gospel Meeting @ Sandyville Church of Christ with Terry Jones
April 26 Ladies Day @ 36th Street Church of Christ
April 26-27 Gospel Meeting @ Blueville Church of Christ
April 27 Friends and Family Day @ Little Hocking Church of Christ
April 27 Free Buffet following Morning Worship



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Welcome to Our Worship
Sunday Morning Message: Andy Evans
Sunday Evening Message: Roy Clark

A New Creature

There is a plant growing in my yard right now that has been there for several years. I brought it home from a nursery, planted it, watered it and watched every sprout or stem wither and die. I wasn't sure about the plant, and even when the last stem snapped off I left it there to see if it was completely dead or not. The next spring, there were a few small shoots came up and were promptly bitten off close to the ground by the deer. I did what I could to dissuade the deer and soon had a few six inch shoots growing. It took a few years, but now the bush is nearly 8 feet tall and is full of bloom every spring. This year, it bloomed very early because of the warm temperature in March, then all of the bloom fell off after being frostbitten.

In a lot of ways, this reminds me of being a Christian. When we become a Christian, we become a new creature. (2nd Corinthians 5:17) As we grow and mature as Christians, it is not always easy, and at times it may seem as if everyone and everything is working to keep us from growing in the faith. It must have seemed this way to the early Church when the apostles were being dragged out of the temple and brought before the council and being forbidden to teach in Jesus' name. Yet they simply asked God to "grant Your Servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word". (Acts 4)

Then even as we become mature Christians, and continue to grow in Christ, we face challenges still. False teachers are always at work somewhere, even as the warm temperatures caused my plant to bloom too early. Peter spent a great deal of time in 1st and 2nd Peter warning about these false prophets.

Finally, this plant reminds me of the Christian life in this. Having come through the struggle to grow , and having been "led astray" by the false spring, I know from past experience that when warmer weather arrives it will put on new blossoms and be beautiful once more. We as Christians, even if we falter as we work through the many things we face, can repent of our sins , return to the Father, asking His forgiveness , and become something beautiful once again. How great is our God!

In Christian Love , Mark

Prayer Requests

- † Danny Carpenter Sr. had a doctors appointment , and they found another small spot of cancer. He is too weak for chemotherapy. Tennie is home and doing a little better.
- † Patty Vaughan has asked for prayers on her behalf.
- † Theresa Piggot (TT) has been having pain in her left shoulder. She has a torn ligament . They have adminis-tered shots and will see if this helps. She is doing better after having the flu.
- † Lisa Melrose’s cancer has returned and she is undergoing treatment.
- † Joy Smith has seen a specialist and has a new treatment plan for her elbow. She has resumed physical therapy as well.
- † Todd Moore, a friend of Mike Carpenter, has asked for prayers on his behalf.
- † Roy Clark’s friend, Langford Fultineer, is suffering with Trigeminal Neuralgia.
- † Jennifer Parsons has asked for prayers on her behalf as she is facing some challenging situations.
- † Dale Wigal’s cancer has returned. He is Carolyn and Janice’s brother. He underwent surgery to have a third of his stomach removed.
- † Connie Stephens got her test results and they were good. Praise God.
- † Carolyn Cumpston, Joyce Parsons neighbor, will be going to Morgantown for eye problems.
- † Angela Meredith Was recently diagnosed with cancer and has asked for prayers on her behalf.
- † John Carter was recently diagnosed with A-fib. They will attempt to use a shock to put his heart back in rhythm. If that is unsuccessful, they will use medication.
- † Anita Richards has been battling pneumonia.

Birthdays

Caspian Day 4/14
Tammy Phillips 4/17



Anniversaries

Larry and Vonda Shears 4/15

Please Remember Our Shut-ins

Bill Spears

Wes McIntyre

Charlotte Eckhart

Carol Johnson

Evelyn Duckworth

Connie Lynch

Guest Speaker: Andy Evans

Guest Speaker: Roy Clark

