



*Woodsfield Church of Christ*  
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"Serving others as we serve Jesus."

**Scott McFarland**  
Minister

**Keith Jones**  
Family Life Minister

**Sunday**

**Wednesday**

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.  
Worship.....10:00 a.m.

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Class....6:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Sherry Lallathin – Mon – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Elders**

**Deacons**

Jeff Bettinger  
Bob Burrow  
Keith Jones  
Duane Landefeld

Ronnie Beardmore  
Eric Carothers  
Dan Christman  
Shawn Howell

Brent McConnell  
Jeff Seidler  
Howard Spengler  
Jesse Stalder

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Greg Ferrell (Spike Ferrell's son, Spike is a friend of Julie Huffman); Harold Lallathin neck surgery recovery; Eleanor Lallathin hip replacement surgery Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>; Tiffany Comstock (Gary & Bev Jones's daughter), epileptic seizures; Sandy Resecker; widows and widowers of the congregation.

**Those battling cancer** – Don Bunting; Danny Weddle (Patricia Copeland's brother); Parker Miley, leukemia; Sue Hooper, chemo therapy for 3 months; Lisa Jones (stage 3 lung cancer); Logann Kehrer (a friend of Bob Burrow's co-worker), diagnosed with terminal cancer; Marion Gorrell, stage 4 cancer (former co-worker of Carla Rose); Andy Copley; Patty Norris (friend of Keith Coss); Donna Hughes (friend of Naomi Ault); Tammy Carter (friend of John Ackerman); Nina Christman; Misty Robinson, friend of Grace Miles.

\* **Please update the office of any changes to those on the prayer list.** We update the prayer list periodically, removing names if we have not received recent updates on that person.



The Woodsfield church of Christ youth will be competing in the Miami Valley Bible Bowl, March 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in Marion, Ohio. The team consists of Kiernan Bates, Jaren Friday, Willow Bates and Riley Britton. We have been studying the book of Exodus, chapters 1-20 on Sunday evenings.

Please encourage these youth for their yearning to learn God's word and their dedication.

As a practice round, the teens and their teachers will have a competition round during Sunday evening services, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please attend and support our youth.

## VBS Planning Meeting



There will be a very brief V.B.S. planning meeting immediately after services this morning, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the front of the auditorium. This is for anyone interested in helping in any capacity with the 2024 V.B.S.

## Holy Marriage

### Leaving and Cleaving

The last couple times we have spoken of marriage in our series, we've talked about the importance of marriage as a way of producing holiness and the need for commitment (covenant) in marriage. Today, I want to go back to our passage from Ephesians 5 and discuss one of the references Paul makes to something that *should* happen in a healthy marriage: leaving and cleaving. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." (Eph. 5:31)

When we think about "leaving and cleaving" in a marriage, we usually think about two people leaving their parents and homes where they grew up, finding a house or apartment to rent or buy, and starting their life together. We think about all the things that need to come together—cars, bank accounts, schedules, furniture, etc.—the physical things that are a part of combining two lives.

What we don't often think about are the nonphysical items that make up a marriage—things that, I would argue, are what makes a marriage really work. These are the attitudes, the ways of living, the accommodations made for someone else. This is what the Bible speaks of when it talks about leaving and cleaving. The ironic thing is there are some people who have been married decades and have never done this. Oh, they may have some shared physical possessions, but their attitudes, hearts, and ways of living are still very much separate.

This morning, we'll talk about what it means to "leave and cleave" and how this is such a crucial step to having a healthy marriage. If you're married, I hope and pray you will be blessed and challenged by our discussion in God's word!

Scott McFarland

February 4, 2024

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

January 28, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Classes 76  
Attendance at the building 150

Sunday morning Live feed views 23  
Post-Sunday sermon online views 32

Bible Hour Attendance 33  
Sunday night Bible Class 52

J.O.Y. Bus Attendance  
1 Rider 2 Workers

Wednesday night Bible Class 54

Budget \$ 5,500

Contribution \$ 5,197



**Office Hour Updates**

Keith will be out of the office February 5<sup>th</sup> through February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Offices will be closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents Day.

Scott will be out of the office Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. He will also be out of the pulpit Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> to fulfill his National Guard requirements.