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# CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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**WELCOME!**

We invite you to all of our services.

*“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)*

## I DREAMED I WENT TO CHURCH LAST NIGHT

I dreamed I went to church last night...a considerable effort mine,

For to that site, I had not been in such a long, long time.

When I arrived to my surprise, the parking lot was bare,  
Nary a car of friend I saw . . . just one old man standing there.

“What’s all this?” I cried with all the indignation I could find,

“Don’t they know how busy I am? I cannot waste my time!”

He paused a minute, shook his head, then began to answer me,

“I don’t know all their reasons, but I can give you two or three.”

The preacher preached this morning, and even taught the class,

Said he was too tired tonight tho...’cause this afternoon he’d cut his grass.

One elder is a farmer, and it’s time to feed, don’t you see?

Another is conducting business out on the golfing greens.

The other’s neighbors’ cousin’s daughter is really smart, you know?

And on TV this very night, she’s on that new game show.

The song leader’s voice is scratchy . . . he went to a baseball game.

Said someone had to be in charge of calling the umpire names.

None of the kids could come tonight...tomorrow they have school,

They have to learn to read and write...no time for the Golden Rule.

their parents are much too busy just trying to make a living . . .

No time to pray or sing or teach their children all about giving.

The rest just did not come tonight, why? Well, I must confess...

They are so sick and tired of trying...they just gave up, I guess.

As I listened to those reasons...I Could not believe my ears,

For I use all those excuses, and had done so for many years.

And through my tears, I understood...they really were quite lame,

That was the night I went to church ...and not even God came.

Had we all abandoned God...without so much a fuss?

And could our God in all His love, in turn abandon us?

Lord, help me make a commitment to start my life anew...

May others come and learn with me...and help me fill this pew!

Author unknown

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (Heb 10:24-25)”. Author, GOD.

# Interesting Facts About Romans

**AUTHOR:** Paul

**TIME WRITTEN:** 57 A.D. from Corinth in Greece

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 45th Book in the New Testament
- 6th Book in the New Testament
- 1st of 21 Epistle Books (Romans - Jude)
- 6th of Paul's 13 books
- 21 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 16

**VERSES:** 433

**WORDS:** 9,447

## **OBSERVATIONS ABOUT ROMANS:**

- Some have called Romans Paul's greatest work.
- Romans has been called "The Gospel according to Paul."
- The Book of Romans explores the great significance of Christ's sacrificial death.
- In Romans 16, Paul greets by name some 26 or 27 people in a congregation he has never visited.
- Romans was written near the end of Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey.
- People fro Rome were present in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost when the church began. Acts 2:10
- Tacitus, a historian, referred to the Christians who were persecuted under Nero in 64 A.D. as "an immense multitude."
- Each of the following words appear at least sixty times each in the Book of Romans:
  - All
  - Righteousness
  - Faith
  - Sin
  - Law
- Background of Rome:
  - Rome was founded in 753 B.C.

## **ROMANS**

- It was the capital of the Romans Empire during the 1st century.
  - Rome contained many magnificent buildings.
  - It is believed that during Paul's life that the population of Rome was estimated to be between three to four million people.
  - What others have said about the Book of Romans
    - Samuel Taylor Coleridge (a poet) - regarded Romans as the most profound book in existence.
    - Godet (a commentator) - called Romans "the cathedral of the Christian faith."
    - Meyer - referred to Romans as "the greatest and richest of all apostolic works."
    - Martin Luther - "This epistle is the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest gospel . . . it can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with, the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes"
  - Four great doctrines in Romans:
    - Righteousness - The quality of being right or just with God.
    - Justification - God pronounces those righteous whose sins have been forgiven.
    - Election - God has predetermined a means of salvation.
    - Sanctification - Set apart from evil ways.
- "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God and who are the called according to His purpose."
- Romans 8:28

*Welcome! We are thankful for your presence.*

*To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one of the collection plates.*

Today we welcome **Kevin Berry** of Lima, OH. Kevin is under consideration for the minister's position here.

Kevin L Berry, born to Christian parents Margaret and Leon Berry in Hamilton, Ohio, and grew up in Forest Park, Ohio ( a suburb of Cincinnati).

Although he is a 2004 graduate of the Southwest School of Biblical Studies in Austin, Texas, he has been preaching since 1997 and has served as evangelist for congregations in Texas, Indiana, and Ohio. Kevin has spoken on several lectureships and gospel meetings.

He has hosted the of *Search the Scriptures* tv program and a radio program *Let The Bible Speak*. Kevin is also looking to launch a podcast in 2024 called *The Straight Gate* and also, host a podcast called *The Preachers Talk* .

Lastly he is a Buckeye fan and Reds and Bengals.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Revelation 19:1f

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thanks to all who participated in our *Men's Encouragement Day*
- **Demetra Moore** is recovering from her cataract surgery.
- The **New Concord church of Christ** is hosting a *Congregational Evangelism Seminar* from October 22-24. Please check out the flier on the foyer bulletin board and strongly consider attending this important event.
- **The business meeting** will be next Lord's Day at 5:15 pm.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, and Jean Whitley.

**SHUT-INS:**  
Debbie Jones,  
Nancy Love, and  
Randy Yost

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** **Bill and Peggy Albright** (friend of the Starrett's), **Weston Boulet** (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Betty Cox** (Diann Bachmann's sister), **Ryleigh Farson**, **Linda Potts** (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), **Addy Reed**, **Rodney Reeves** (Erica Cunningham's father), **John Rockhold**, **John Shipley** (New Concord), **Conrad Schultz**, the U.S.A., **Ukraine** and remember to pray for **one another**.

AM STUDY	SUN. AM	SUN. PM	GIVING (\$2,460)	WED.
36	54	40	\$3,092	31

**REMINDER:** **POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME** will be here the week of October the 15<sup>th</sup> to pick up the change cans.