

In Our Prayers:

Kevin Atkins, Diann Bachmann, Gary Jones, Jody Main, Helena Tewksbury, Hazel Leep, Sandra Holmes (Hiliary's mother), Erma Endly, Sam and Rhoda Bradshaw (Friends of Marge) Sam has dementia and Rhoda had open heart sugery. Kevin Robinson (Nancy's Husband), Peggy Albright (friend of the Starrett's), Betty Cox (Diann Backmann's sister), Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham's father), Wilma Carpenter (Ardith's Sister), Pam Alchire (Friend of Lonnie), Beverly Wilson (Marley's Aunt) breast cancer, Cindy Watson (Neighbor to Joyce and John Starrett) aggressive form of Leukemia, Jason Shy (Richard's nephew) cist on prostrate, Norma Jones (Friend of Lonnie) she has inoperable brain cancer, Sheryl Taylor (Diane Lyon's sister) is being moved out of ICU still needs one more stint.

Church of Christ

1002 Clairmont Avenue, Cambridge OH

May 3, 2026

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Schedule of services

Sunday:

Bible Classes....9:45am

Morning Worship....10:30am

Evening worship....6:00pm

Tuesday:

Word watchers at 11 am

Wednesday:

Bible classes....6:00pm

Colton Ferrell, Minister Welcome! We invite you to all our services.

### **Announcements:**

The next men's meeting will be May 10 at 5:15 pm.

Next Men's breakfast will be June 6 at 9 am. (Denny's).

On May 24, after Sunday morning service, we will have a finger food graduate party for the seniors.

### **Gospel Meetings:**

May 3-6 at Summerfield Church of Christ, Sam Bartrug will be speaking.

Jennifer and Colton have agreed to work on updating our picture directory on the back wall of the auditorium. She will begin this Sunday morning, at the front of the auditorium. It will be each Wednesday and Sunday for the month of May.

Be sure to check the bulletin board for more information.

### **Baptism: An Appeal to God**

Baptism is not an empty tradition. It is a command of Christ and a response of obedient faith. Jesus told His apostles to make disciples, "baptizing them..." (Matthew 28:19, LSB).

When the people in Acts 2 asked what they should do, Peter answered, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38, LSB). Baptism relates to repentance, Christ's authority, and the forgiveness of sins.

Paul teaches that baptism joins us with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, so that we may "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4, LSB). Peter also wrote that "baptism now saves you," not as a physical washing, but as "an appeal to God for a good conscience" through Christ's resurrection (1 Peter 3:21, LSB).

The power is not in the water itself, but in God's grace, Christ's blood, and faithful obedience to His word. Baptism is faith responding to the gospel and submitting to the Lord's will.

Serving in worship:

Greeters: Irene Daniels and Ellen S.

Announcements: Nathan Douglas

Song Leader: Josh Jamiel

Opening Prayer: Raymond Wayble

Lord's Table:

R. Cunningham

John Smith

Doug Lyons

Andy Keith

Scripture: Christian Lopez

Sermon: Colton Ferrell

Closing Prayer: John Starrett

Question of the Month:

Do you need to be Spiritually healed?

Ideas for Outreach:

We must think of ways to reach the lost. Imagine if everyone reached one lost soul and brought them to

Christ? Matthew 28:18-20

If you have any updates, let Colton know!

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Office Hours:

Monday – 9 am to 1 pm

Tuesday – 9 am to 1 pm

Wednesday – 1 pm to 7 pm

Thursday – 9 am to 1 pm

Friday – Off / Visits

Sermon AM:

Do you want to be Healed? / John 5:6

Sermon PM:

It is ok to ask for Help / Hebrews 4:15-16

Class material:

Sunday mornings – The book of John

Wednesday Evening – Deuteronomy

Future Projects

**Guernsey county faith booth: Just encouraging others to be a part of the booth this year. We are looking to do it three days this year. Time: 6-8pm in September.**

**Gospel Revival: It will be held under the big pavilion on June 8-10. The Topics will be:**

**What is the Church? (Monday)**

**Who is in the Church? (Tuesday)**

**Who is the head of the Church? (Wednesday)**

Evangelism:

Starting in May, we will be evangelizing out in the community two Saturday's a month. If you can be there let Colton know. May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the first two Saturdays.

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Do you want to be Healed?

- I. Jesus sees our condition.
  - A. Jesus saw the man personally.
    - a. Hebrews 4:13
    - b. Christ sees clearly.
  - B. Jesus saw the man's helplessness.
    - a. Romans 3:23
    - b. Isaiah 59:2
    - c. We need Christ.
  - C. Jesus sees us before we come to him.
    - a. Romans 5:8
    - b. He made the first move.
- II. Jesus knows how long we have been there.
  - A. Jesus knew his history.
    - a. Thirty-eight years is a long time.
    - b. Jesus knew that.
  - B. Long-term spiritual sickness can feel normal.
    - a. Hebrews 3:13
    - b. Sin hardens, deceives, and convinces people that they are fine when they are not.
  - C. Time does not make sin less serious.
    - a. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- b. The Power of Christ is greater than the length of the problem.
- III. Jesus asks a personal question.
  - A. The question required honesty.
    - a. *Do you wish to get well?*
    - b. That question removes excuses; it brings the matter directly to the heart.
  - B. The question exposed desire.
    - a. Matthew 5:6
    - b. Acts 2:37
    - c. Pay attention to the word desire.
  - C. The question still applies today.
    - a. Revelation 22:17
    - b. *Do you want to be saved?*
- IV. Excuses cannot heal us.
  - A. He focused on his limitations.
    - a. John 5:7
    - b. Some of those struggles may be real, but none of them are stronger than Christ.
  - B. Excuses can keep people where they are.
    - a. Luke 14:18

- b. Excuses do not remove responsibility; they only delay obedience.
- C. We must stop looking at the wrong source.
  - a. Acts 4:12
  - b. Today, people often look to the wrong source for spiritual weakness.
- V. Healing requires obedient faith.
  - A. Jesus gives a command.
    - a. John 5:8
    - b. Jesus did not merely offer sympathy, he commanded action.
  - B. Faith obeys the word of Christ.
    - a. James 2:17
    - b. Hebrews 5:9
  - C. The same principle applies to Salvation.
    - a. Romans 10:17
    - b. John 8:24
    - c. Acts 17:30
    - d. Romans 10:10
    - e. Acts 2:38
    - f. This is not salvation by human merit.