

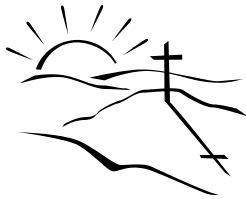
SUNDAY AM	December 31, 2023	January 7, 2024
ANNOUNCE	Ed O'Dell	Mark Vaughan
SONGLEADER	Mike Bungard	Mike Carpenter
READING	Stacy White	Tyler Vaughan
PRAYER	Dwain Shears	Mark Vaughan
COMMUNION	Mark Vaughan	Ed O'Dell
USHER	John Carter	John Carter
Sound Room		
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Roy Clark	Tyler Vaughan
READING	None	Josiah Clark
PRAYER	Josiah Clark	Noah Carpenter
COMMUNION	Roy Clark	Dwain Shears
Wednesday	January 3, 2024	January 10, 2024
Invitation	Ed O'Dell	Elvis Galbreath
Song Leader	Mike Carpenter	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

Sunday December 24, 2023

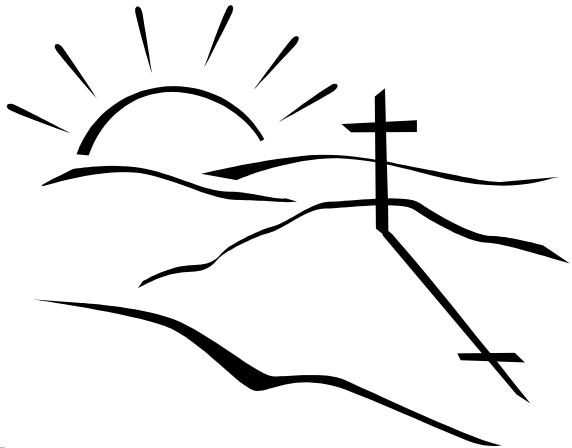
Bible Study	28
Morning Worship	45
Evening Worship	n/a
Offering	\$1593.00
Wednesday	
Attendance Goal	60
2023 Baptisms	0
2023 Restorations	2

Meeting Times:

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

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THE
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December 31, 2023

Welcome to Our Worship

Sunday Morning Message: A Year of Growth
Sunday Evening Message: Song Service

History of Sunrise church of Christ

Please find below a portion of a report that was made for a presentation March 19, 2019. As we look back at the past years we will find things that we have done well and of course things we could improve on. We can see from our numbers that it is time for the church to grow! We need to make it our plan and our goal to grow! With the help of our God and savior all things are possible (Phil. 4:13)! Enjoy reading about the past as we plan for the future!

According to the church records the church of Christ at Sunrise began meeting in a small building on October 27, 1940. The church continued to grow over the years and needed more space for worship. In November 1959 the church purchased a portion of property adjoining there building. In September 1961, construction began on the first unit of the new building. The new building was completed in December, and the old building was remolded into classrooms. In 1968 another new structure was complete as the church continued to grow. In 2000 the state of West Virginia put a new road through the church property, and the church was rebuilt in its current building several miles away.

Over the years the church grew to the point of helping other churches in the area and supporting many missions local and long distance. The church is known for supporting those in the community that needs help as well as a church that passes out Bible's every month and holding many gospel meetings. Until about 2004 the church was about 150 members strong with an excellent reputation in the community. At this point in history, the church went through a split over a marriage divorce and remarriage situation. The church did not have elders, and the situation may not have been handled in the best way. During this process, the preacher decided to leave because many members were leaving.

Mothers day 2007 was the first day of the current minister. Over time the membership had dwindled to about fifty active members. Since 2007 we have said good-bye to a high number of members that have gone to their reward. Currently, attendance runs 80-100 on most Sunday mornings. Although the church still does not have elders, it is in our sights. Sunrise is a different church then ten years ago. As we will see this church is ready to work and grow in the kingdom of the Lord. It is an exhilarating time at the Lord church at Sunrise.

May God Bless His church—Elvis Galbreath



Sunday, December 31: Evening Song Service
Sunday, December 31: Traveling Youth Group @ Barlow-Vincent church of Christ 5:00pm
Monday, January 1: Happy New Year
Monday, January 8: Elders & Preacher Meeting 4:30pm
Thursday, January 11: Ladies Night Out Western Sizzlin 5:30pm



- † Please remember Lisa Melrose as she deals with breast cancer.
- † Paul Lemon Jr. surgery was postponed to a future date.
- † Please keep Jim Wine in your prayers.
- † Danny Carpenter Sr. has returned home from rehab and is doing pretty good. It was great to see him in worship last week.
- † Elsion Wagner, is home from the hospital revering from pneumonia and rsv.
- † Wes McIntyre is now at Elison Assisted Living & Memory Care of Marietta Room D-11 150 Browns Road, Marietta, OH 45750. Visits are appreciated.
- † Please keep Nancy VanMeter in your prayers.
- † Miss Oakley is cancer free. Her EBV numbers are still high. Please pray that they go down to normal.
- † Please pray for Tammy Phillips, Kay Freeman and her family. Her two sons especially and her granddaughter and great grandchildren.
- † Please pray for these family members that need to hear the gospel and respond.
- † Please pray that we are able to share the gospel with others.
- † Please pray for baby Georgia Grace that was born on December 23, she will need heart surgery.
- † Please pray for the family of Charles Guard as he lost his granddaughter in a house fire last week.

Please remember to encourage our shut-ins

Evelyn Duckworth
Carol Johnson
Ruth Ann Lemon
Kathy Simmons
Doug Stephens

Charlotte Eckhart
Lawney Kupfner
Wes McIntyre
Bill Spears

Birthdays

None

Anniversaries

None



These are the results of a survey taken at Sunrise church of Christ in 2019:

- Number of surveys given out—76 surveys
60 surveys completed for 78.95% participation
1. All 60 want the church to grow.
 2. 58 out of 60 members believe in the great commission.
 3. 59 out of 60 members are willing to pray for a friend or family member that needs salvation.
 4. 59 out of 60 members are willing to invite people to worship.
 5. 40 out of 60 members are willing to lead a Bible study with someone helping.
 6. 40 out of 60 members are willing to learn to lead a Bible study with someone.
 7. 39 out of 60 members would be willing to help with door-knocking.
 8. 51 out of 60 members would be willing to invite someone for a meal or take them out for a meal.

These are the things that we had talked about as a church just a few short months before Covid hit the world. That has changed everything! Even though we are much smaller we must return to the work of the Lord. Please in you are not already praying for us to reach the lost in our area please pray. Please also pray for those that are members of our families that do not know the gospel of Christ, that door will open for them to hear and respond. We must have faith and believe in the church of Christ. May this next year be a wonderful year for the church! God Bless—Elvis Galbreath

Happy New Year
2024

A Year of Growth

But we also know that many churches in _____ are still alive and continue to have many _____ every year!

I. Proclaiming the _____ of the Gospel

John 8:31-32

1 Corinthians 9:16

1 Corinthians 14:8

We must _____ the truth because the _____ does not _____ the truth!

Romans 3:23

Mark 16:15

Ephesians 4:14-16

II. Worship God _____ week in _____ and Truth.

John 4:23-24

Psalms 29:2

The _____ is our God and we must _____ before Him.

Psalms 95:6-7

The primary reason for attending church is:

Hebrews 11:6

Amos 5:21-22

Romans 12:1-2

III. Do your best—in _____ and _____!

1 Corinthians 7:35

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Colossians 3:23-24

John 1:38-39

John 1:46

John 4:29-30

2 Timothy 2:15

Will we do our _____ in _____?

Prospects: When You Should Do It

Timing is everything! Every spouse, parent/child, employee/employer, teacher/student has used “timing” when determining when to do or talk about something important.

These window-of-life moments are determinative factors in accepting or rejecting the Truth. Not everyone should be prospected right now, but everyone can be prospected at some time. “When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole do not need the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Mark 2:17).

Jesus approached a woman who had been isolated (John 4), an adulterous woman (John 8), a dying thief (Luke 23), a despised tax collector (Luke 19), a crippled beggar (John 5), a leper (Mark 1), and the poor (Luke 14). Jesus was willing to spend time with those that others rejected. He did not force Himself on them. He waited for the right time to sincerely and genuinely express concern for their well-being. He used their circumstances to relate. He was the Master of evangelism, and we would do well to walk in His footsteps.

It would be best not to prospect everyone on your contact list simultaneously. You should evaluate each contact regarding individual circumstances in life and approach the needy, vulnerable, and reachable. The HTH-SOE contact bookmark contains examples of those who may be approachable. Think about each contact and consider when you should begin the prospecting step. You can always pray for the lost, but be strategic in the timing of your approach

By Rob Whitacre

