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| Those Serving Today | | |
| **In Charge of Services:** Brad Wilson | Servers At The Table | |
| **Song Leader:** Brad Wilson | **1.** |  |  |
| **Prayer:** Jeff Carpenter | **2.** |  |
| **Lords Table:**  Scott Baker  **Speaker Today:** Val Roxby | **3.**  **4.** |  |
| **Wed. Eve. Announcements:** Brad Wilson  **Wed. Eve. Song Leader:** Brad Wilson |  | Pulpit  1…2...Table..3…4 |

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| God's Plan for SalvationHear the Gospel **•** *Romans 10:17*  **•***John 8:32* Believe the Gospel **•***Mark 16:16*  **•***Acts 8:37* Repent of Sins **•***Acts 2:38*  **•***Acts 17:30-31* Confess Christ **•***Matthew 10:32-33*  **•***Romans 10:9-10* Be Baptized – Immersed **•***Acts 2:38*  **•***Romans 6:3-5* | | | | **Elders**  Jeff Allen 740-432-7571  Brent Fisher 740-425-2729  Brad Wilson 740-425-1004  **Deacons**  Jim Andrews 740-425-3365  Terry McCort 740-425-3130  Andy Sellers 740-213-5987  **Minister**  Val Roxby 740-310-7664  **Mission Fields**  Ghana - Ted Wheeler  Ukraine - Jim Orrison  Costa Rica - Phil Grear  Honduras - Dan Doak  Mid-Western Children’s Home  Potter Children’s Home  In Search of the Lord’s Way | | | |
| **REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGFERING** | | | | | | | |
| **Bible Study** | | **Morning** | Evening | | Wednesday | **Offering**  **Last Week** | |
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| 329 East South Street • Barnesville, Ohio 43713 *Church and Office 740-425-2397*  Schedule of Services | | | |
| Sunday AM Bible Study 9:30 | | | |
| Sunday AM Worship 10:30 | | | |
| Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 | | | |
| **Good Morning and Welcome!** We are especially glad for our visitors who have chosen to worship with us today. It is our hope that you will feel welcome in our assembly and be uplifted by the service. Please fill out a visitor card and put it in the collection basket. | | | |
| Our e-mail address: [barnesvillecofc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barnesvillecofc@sbcglobal.net)  Visit us on the web at: [www.eastmaincofc.com](http://www.eastmaincofc.com) | | |  |
| ***In Search of the Lord’s Way WTOV-9***  ***Sunday Morning at 8:30 AM*** | | |  |
| ***Please turn off cell phones and pagers.* Thank You**! | | |  |

**EAST MAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**Is Heaven Any Earthly Good?**

Sometimes in life we are confronted with overwhelming despair. The news is often bad: bombings, assassinations, war, famine, and pestilence. It saps our courage. People may ask, “What good is ‘pie-in-the-sky’ in the face of today’s adversity? Jesus said, *“Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof”* (Matt.6:34). Our sphere of responsibility is directed towards today. Yet we are also exhorted to look ahead. *“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for”* (Rom.8:24). The Christian has a dual view of the present age. The world as it now exists is not what God made in the beginning. It is fallen and is hostile to the Creator (Gen.3:1-24;Rom.1:18-32). Yet the kingdom that John the Baptist announced as *“at hand”* is also here. It is a kingdom that some are *“translated into”* and *“which cannot be moved”* (Col.1:13; Heb.12:28). How does this information affect our attitude and action?

Scripture gives us a view from the end, at the final consummation of all things. Sometimes it seems as if the message of the Bible ignores our present problems and dilemmas. Yet, even pain and sorrow can be transformed when we have a proper view of its outcome. The pain and anguish of an expectant mother in delivery fade with the birth of the new child. John encourages the disciples with these words, "*Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for We shall see Him as He is”* (1 John 3:2).

A runner ignores the discomfort and sacrifice of the footrace for the joy of finishing. The scientist jokes about his mistakes in research after he attains success. Jesus wants us to view life this way. Problems are less intimidating with the understanding that they are transitional events. *"All things work together for good to those who love the Lord, who are the called according to His purpose”* (Rom.8:28).

Val

***THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER***

*"...by prayer and supplication, ..., let your requests be known to God" Phil 4:6*

**Andy, Amanda, and the Sellers family** need our prayers as they seek to make difficult decisions in this year.

**Julie and Terry McCort** continue to recover. Please pray for increasing good health and strength.

**Mary Lou Broomhall**  is now at home recovering.

**Evaleen Shipley** was in the hospital this past week but is back at Emerald Point.

**Jim Littleton**, Joyce( Elerick) Andrews’ brother, is now at The Arbors in Woodsfield.

***NEWS-N-NOTES***

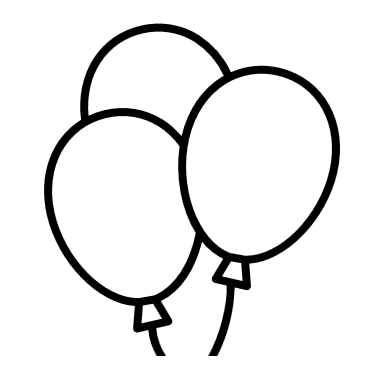
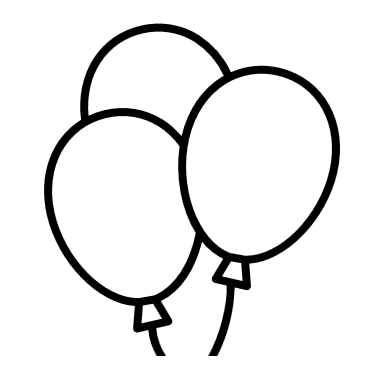
*"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." Col 3:17*

**2021 VBS planning meeting**, Monday, April 5th at 6:00pm in the basement for teachers and helpers.

**Potter Children’s Home** will be here the week of April 18 to pick up the following commodities: Cocoa Puffs Cereal, Granola Bars, Grape Jelly, Oven Cleaner, Paper Towels.

**Our Bible Reading Challenge** began April 1st and will run through May 1st. The reading this year will be Joshua through Esther. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**Graduates** will be honored Sunday, May 9th, Mothers’ Day.

*** CELEBRATIONS ***

**Anniversaries:** April 8th, Blake & Melody Hoskinson.

**Birthdays This Week:**  Today, Zander Douglass; April 6th, Penny Powell; April 8th, Tim Powell & Harold Dailey.