

ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER:

- **Church, Eat, Church**– TODAY (After morning worship, enjoy lunch on your own and meet back at the church at 1:30 for afternoon services) No regular evening services
- **September Ladies Evening Out**– Friday, Sept. 8 –6 pm at Danalea O’Connell’s house (530 Duck Creek Rd., Lost Creek) Please RSVP by TODAY– Danalea’s # (681)533-3304
- **Teen Night/ L2L**– Saturday, September 9 -6 pm at Jeremy Sutton’s office in Doddridge County
- **Song Request Singing Emphasis**-Sunday, September 10 -6 pm (A sign-up sheet is posted on the back bulletin to write down your requests)
- **Teen Night’s**– Saturday, September 16 –6 pm (Hosted by the Hutcheson’s) **AND** Saturday, September 23 -6 pm (Hosted by the O’Connell’s)
- **Youth Led Services**– Sunday, September 17 -6 pm
- **Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting**- Tuesday, September 26 -7 pm at Pleasant Acres

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mid Week Bible Study will be moved to Tuesday, September 12 -7 pm instead of Wednesday, September 13 due to the Homecoming Parade.**
- **Anysoldier Program**– Collecting “currently asked for” items by soldiers who are deployed. They are missing home & don’t get any mail. Some are in undisclosed locations and there are those that have very few resources & may not have a way to cook or heat food. They will be grateful for anything we send. -If you would like to participate, there are papers on the tables with a detailed list of items needed. All items can be dropped off in the baskets under the tables. Any further questions, please see Lori Baxter.

New Teaching Quarter Begins Today & Children will be moving up to the next class if applicable:

Cradle Roll: (Sunday) Susan Hartman	(Wednesday) Megan Currey
Pre K: (Sunday) Danalea O’Connell	(Wednesday) Karen Seyler
K-2nd: (Sunday) Micah Nichols	(Wednesday) Sherri Gallagher
3rd-5th: (Sunday) Amanda Sutton	(Wednesday) Bible Bowl
Middle School: (Sunday) Stan Williams	(Wednesday) Lafe Hutcheson
Teens: (Sunday) Ryan Currey	(Wednesday) Jeremy Sutton

- We received a letter from the Elders at the Mannington Church of Christ requesting financial aid to help with the recent flooding relief effort. If anyone has a desire to help, a basket is available on the back table.

-Please check out the back bulletin for Upcoming Local Gospel Meetings-

Bridgeport Church of Christ

September 3, 2017

Selfish Forgiveness

Scientific findings have recently confirmed what we Christians have known all along. An unforgiving, grudge-holding spirit is not in our best interest. According to a report heralded by Newsweek, more than 1,200 published studies have now been conducted on the subject and the results are both consistent and conclusive: “...increased blood pressure and hormonal changes-linked to cardiovascular disease, immune suppression and, possibly, impaired neurological function and memory” are the “specific physiologic consequences” of unforgiveness.



One researcher, Everett Worthington, uses language even I can understand: “It happens down the line, but every time you feel unforgiveness, you are more likely to develop a health problem.” Dr. Dean Ornish goes even further. “In a way,” he says, “the most selfish thing you can do for yourself is to forgive other people.”

It seems the Bible has been right all along: “*Blessed are the merciful...*” (Matthew 5:7). “*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you*” (Ephesians 4:32). “*Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye*” (Colossians 3:13). “*For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive your trespasses*” (Matthew 6:14, 15).

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Sunday Worship

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
www.bptchurch.com

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I once heard of an epitaph engraved upon the headstone of an unkept, long-forgotten grave which read, "Died of Grudgitis." No doubt many death certificates could accurately list "grudgitis" as contributing cause of death. Have you ever heard someone snarl, through clenched teeth, "I'll get even with them if it's the last thing I ever do?" Too often it is.

-Dalton Key

Right in the Middle of FORGIVENESS

What is right in the middle of "forgiveness?" You have "for" and you have "ness," but right in the middle of "forgiveness" is the word "give." To "give" is to provide someone with something. To "forgive" is to provide someone with pardon.

"Forgiving" is one of the greatest ways of "giving".

The New Testament words translated "forgive" are indeed graphic. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). Here the word "forgive" (*aphiemi*) means "to send away." *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). Here the word "forgiving" (charizomai) means "to bestow a favor unconditionally." "Judge not and you will not be judged. Condemn not and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37). Here the word "forgive" (apoluo) means "to release" or "to dismiss."*

Send it away! Bestow a favor unconditionally! Release it! Dismiss it! What greater gift can you give to them and to yourself? Give forgiveness!

-Dwight Fuqua

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

Deacons: Gene Wright, Don Raffle, Robert Armstrong, Robbie Nichols, Jeremy Sutton & Robbie Buffington

Minister: Ryan Currey Phone: (304) 842-6738

Card Distributor: Cheryl Kelch

September Baptismal Garments: Sally Harper

September Greeters-3-Lorna Hutcheson 10-Evelyn Griffin 17-Karen Seyler 24-Almeada Eddy

Our Record: August 27



Sunday Morning Assembly

142

Sunday Bible Class

108

Sunday Evening

60

Wednesday Bible Study

58

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$4,785

September Birthdays &

Anniversaries:



1-Makenna Pastorial 2-Steve Potts
5-Ken Fortney 7-Wayne Farley/ Jacob Holbert
8-Kenneth Snopps/ Lafe Hutcheson 9-Megan Currey 10-Jeremy Sutton 12-Rodney Sleeth 13-Doug Stutler 16-Dennis Currey 17-Almeada Eddy 18-Katelyn Braden/ Mike Braden 21-Justin & Karrissa Knight (A) 24-Don Raffle/ Kelly Washington 25-Ciara Sleeth 30-Faith Eagle/ Rodney & Terri Vilain (A)

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- Our shut-in's: Helen Potts, Jackie Moore & Brenda Fortney
- Bob & Jackie Moore
- Vanessa Sandy
- Nathaniel Harper-recovering from eye surgery.

Prayers- Family & Friends

- Cassie Craig (*Cheryl Kelch's sister*)- To send a card: 22580 Hoyle Circle Maxton, NC 28364
- Mike Yost
- Tyler Hawkins- deployed, will return in February.
- Bonnie Cropp
- Clara Greene
- Beverly Norris (*Valerie Wright's Mother*)-having heart problems- recently had a pacemaker put in and had a heart cath because the left side of her heart is not getting enough blood flow. *If you'd like to send a card:* 415 N. Hambden St., Chardon, OH 44024
- Roberta Andrews (*Raymond's sister*)-having complications due to diabetes.
- Michelle James (*Friend of Meagan Hutcheson*)- diagnosed with leukemia.
- Patty Demorest- diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer-at Ruby.
- Breedlove Family (*Sally Harper's Friends from Texas*)- had to evacuate due to hurricane Harvey.
- Raymond & Family (*Lorna Hutcheson's brother*)-lives outside of Houston-affected by the hurricane

(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin- Please email or write it down and give it to Julie Armstrong before Thursday of that week: bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com)