

**ACTIVITIES FOR JULY**

- **Game Night for our College Students**— Friday July 26th— 6 PM at the building. Pizza and Drinks will be provided. All are invited. Please bring your favorite game.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- We will be making sugar cookies on Sunday August 18th at 3 PM.

- **WV Christian Youth Camp Dates:**

**All Age Week**— July 21– July 27

**Singing Emphasis Week**— July 28-August 3



**Baby Boy Shower for Danalea O’Connell**

**Sunday August 11th- 2 PM at the home of Vicki Kerns**

**She is registered at Target and Amazon.**

**UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:**

- July 26-Little Hocking Church of Christ
- August 2-Weirton Heights Church of Christ
- August 9– Sandhill Rd Church of Christ
- August 16– WV School of Preaching

**Bridgeport Church of Christ**

*July 21, 2019*

**A Closer Look at Contradiction**



Jesus told Satan that man shall not live by bread alone but by the word of God. Yet when His disciples ate grain plucked from the fields on the Sabbath, Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for their criticism of the action. He taught His disciples how to fast, yet did not require them to do so. Are these contradictions in the character of Jesus? These are not contradictions of the character of Jesus but rather they point to the nature of Jesus.

First, Jesus is Lord. When Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, Satan had full confidence that Jesus had the ability to do so. And this was before Jesus ever performed any miracle of any kind. Satan knew Jesus was the Lord or else he would not have tempted Jesus to do something that was not common to man (1 Corinthians 10:13). By asking Jesus to perform a miracle to prove He was the Son of God is evidence Satan knew Jesus was the Son of God.

Second, Jesus is the Lord of all things. Jesus sustains the very existence of the universe (Colossians 1:17). It is easy to think that Jesus is Lord of man and animals and the earth and the cosmos, but we forget that He is Lord of time and space and thoughts and events. Jesus was the Lord of the Sabbath and had full reign over it (Matthew 12:8; Exodus 16:29). Parenthetically, the disciples were not transgressing the Law of Moses, but rather the laws of the Pharisees concerning the Sabbath.

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**Sunday Worship**

**Bible Study 9:30 am    Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6 pm**

**Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm**

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Third, Jesus is the Word of God. When Jesus taught on fasting He pointed out the way the hypocrite fasted and gave instruction on the true value (a closer relationship with God) of fasting. There are many who through observation of the natural world and the reason of mind espouse helpful philosophies and teachings for man. But it is only Jesus who has the words of eternal life (John 6:68).

Fourth, Jesus commands actions. It is by the words of Christ that we live a Christian life. All authority has been given unto Christ for the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 18:18). He built it (Matthew 16:18). He purchased it (Acts 20:28). He is its head (Colossians 1:18). He is its redeemer (Colossians 1:14). Jesus explained the reason His disciples did not fast at that time was due to the fact that Jesus was still on the earth. The time was coming that Christ would leave the world and at that time His disciples would fast. This was the will of God through Christ for the followers of Jesus.

By seeking the principles that seamlessly connect the truth that Jesus is Lord we see the nature of Christ. Contradictions often follow topics, like eating in our example, and do not focus on greater themes of the Bible. When we focus on the claim that Jesus is Lord, ruler of the universe, the Word of God, and commander of the church, the unchanging nature of God becomes evident. When considering said contradictions of the Bible, remember to focus on the claims God makes of Himself and see past the claims of man.

-Mark Jones

**Elders:**

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**July Card Distributor:**


Susan Hartman

**July Baptismal Garments:**

Megan Jones

**July Greeters**

21–Need Greeter 28– Need Greeter



**Our Record: July 14**

**Sunday Morning Assembly**

74

**Sunday Bible Class**

52

**Sunday Evening**

54


**Wednesday Bible Study**

33

**Contribution (Budget \$4,000)**

\$1,745

**July Birthdays & Anniversaries:**



22-Brooklyn Richmond/Phillip & Natalie Seyler (A) 23-Adam & Danalea O’Connell 24-Ryan Vilain/ Ed & Lois Jenkins (A) 25-Valerie Neill 26-Colton Carpenter 27-Vicki Kerns

Prayers– Those of Our Congregation

- Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney
- Jackie Moore
- Judy Garner

Prayers– Family & Friends

- Mike Yost
- Ester Lewis-home bound.
- Marshall Doll-Cancer
- Dan Hatfield
- Brandi Garner-Chemo treatments
- Becky Britton
- Beth Carder
- Kay Burnett-metastatic breast cancer
- Delma Thompson
- Erin Murphy-in remission
- Dave Jones
- Paula Garner (Valerie Neill’s Aunt)
- Karen (Sharon Loy’s Cousin)-Liver & Colon Caner

- Debbie Mowbray-Health Issues
- Loverine Pigott

- Mary Kaufman (Brandi Garner’s Grandmother)- Having pacemaker replaced
- Landman Family-Baby Athan- liver transplant
- Christine Craig (Cheryl’s Sister) -Broke her leg.
- Cheryl’s Mom
- Steve Williams-Knee Recovery
- Christy Williams-Retina Tear
- Faith Eagle-will be having back surgery Sam & Daniel Aloï-In bad car wreck on July 4th
- Chad Pigott-had surgery last week
- Family of Mike Cook
- Gary Blizzard’s Parents

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