ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

- <u>VBS Planning Meeting-</u>Anyone interested in helping plan VBS this year, please meet downstairs TODAY following morning services. Lunch will be provided. See Micah for details.
- Lads to Leaders Sunday February 24th at 4 PM at the building
- <u>Ice Cream Party</u>—There will be an Ice Cream Party for all Bible school students on Wednesday February 27th to celebrate leadership accomplishments over the past year. Awards will be given to students who have met goals for song leading and scripture reading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This week we delivered 120 pillows to the UHC ER and 15 blankets to hospice.
- There will be a men's breakfast at Ryan's Saturday March 2, at 9am. After breakfast we will have a workday at the building. See Mark Jones for details.
- Reminder: We are in charge of hosting the Friday Night Sing on March 1st.

Address Update:

Tim, Valerie, Corbin & Violet Neill 169 Southwind Circle

Morgantown, WV 26508

Bridgeport Church of Christ

February 10, 2019

How Did We Get Valentine's Day?



In the early records of the martyrs, three Valentines are mentioned, all dying, believe it or not, on February 14th. One Valentine is said to have sent a letter to a female friend on the day he died (February 14, 269 AD) and it was signed "from your Valentine." By the eleventh century, a gate in Rome was named after this Valentine. But it was in France and England a few hundred years later that February 14 became associated with couples in love, due more to the mating habits of birds rather than the third century martyr.

Handmade Valentine's Day cards were traditional in England and that tradition continued in Colonial America. In the mid nineteenth century the New England Valentine Company gave birth to the mass produced greeting card industry. As for Cupid (god of Desire), who today is a much less fearsome character than in Roman mythology, his presence at Valentine's Day is a holdover from a pagan Roman festival held during mid-February.

Valentine's Day is a perfect illustration showing how some holidays are the product of a handful of events woven together by traditions and time. Valentine's Day is a combination of a pagan festival, a Christian legend, *Continued...*

Sunday Worship

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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bird watching, and American capitalism. Similar stories accompany St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Halloween, and even Christmas, but to a sentimental person it is simply a beloved holiday.

In contrast, the message of Jesus is vastly different. From the fall of man it was prophesied that a unique man would be born to conquer Satan. (Gen 3:15) Over the next four millennia more than three hundred prophesies described this Messiah. Could you image anticipating President's Day or Martin Luther King, Jr. Day for thousands of years before celebrating those holidays?

In about thirty years Jesus fulfilled all of those three hundred plus prophesies. After the ascension of Christ, the apostles delivered the "traditions" (1 Cor 11:2; 2 Thes 2:15) of Christianity and within a span of 30-50 years, inspired men recorded those laws in the New Testament. Even holidays like Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Thanksgiving took much longer just to establish as national holidays.

Additionally, Christianity is not a once a year holiday, but rather a lifestyle that will reach into eternity. No man-made celebration can match the perfection of the Gospel. So on this Valentine's Day, remember what a wonderful God we serve, who is love and has done all to show us what love truly is.

-Mark Jones

Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams Elders:

Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington **Deacons:**

Minister: Mark Jones

Phone: (304) 842-6738

February Card Distributor: Micah Nichols

February Baptismal Garments: Danalea O'Connell

February Greeters - 10-Stan & Linda Williams 17- Need Greeter 24-Need Greeter

Our Record: February 3



Sunday Morning Assembly

Sunday Bible Class 66

Sunday Evening

Wednesday Bible Study

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2.830

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney
- Jackie Moore
- Judy Garner
- **Debbie Mowbray-**Health Issues
- Loverine Pigott-Pain Injections
- Allen Osbourne

Prayers- Family & Friends

- Mike Yost
- Ester Lewis-home bound.
- Joseph Hutson-going through chemo treatments
- Marshall Doll-Cancer
- Dan Hatfield
- Brandi Garner
- Dixie Burner-Health Issues
- Anita Parker-Cancer has now spread to the liver. Has been given 4-6 months
- Wanda Ashcraft-in UHC- abdominal issues

February Birthdays & Anniversaries:



13-Linda Williams 24-Caitlin Moore

28-Steve Cross

- Rex Kelch-Recovering
- Joyce Wright-Recovering from heart surgery
- Eddie Ross-Knee Replacement Surgery on February 26th
- Lois Jenkins
- Sally Harper-having surgery on the 27th
- Harold Williams (Stan's Brother)-Heart Problems
- Becky Britton
- Beth Carder
- Etta Grace Horne- 7 yr old diagnosed w/ leukemia Kay Burnett-diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer
 - Chad Pigott-Surgery— Doing ok
 - Delma Thompson
 - Erin Murphy-diagnosed with Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Going through chemo
 - Steve Williams-Recovering from knee surgery
 - Barry Buffington's mom

(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)