ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER:

- <u>Lads to Leaders Art and Scrapbook</u> TODAY 4 pm at the building. Please bring supplies needed for your art project.
- <u>Caroling to the Shut-Ins</u>—December 16th-2 pm
- Christmas Party December 16th 6 pm @ the Hutcheson's house

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- <u>Anysoldier Program</u> 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. -<u>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.</u>
- <u>Pleasant Acres Needed Items:</u> (Please place donations in the baskets under the table): Pine Sol, Febreze, Baby Soap, Baby Shampoo, Mouthwash, Clorox Wipes, Desitin, Lysol, Hydrocortisone Cream, Athlete's foot cream

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us

-Romans 8:18

Bridgeport Church of Christ

December 10, 2017

A Real Benefit Package



People will often change jobs for better benefits. More paid health insurance coverage is a major benefit people seek. A liberal retirement plan with earlier investment is also a premium job seekers consider.

For a moment, let's consider a different source of benefits from someone who loves you very dearly. It is your heavenly Father. Sometimes we don't realize his benefits because we don't think about them very much. How wrong we are!

God's benefits are detailed for us in Psalm 103. The Psalm begins by telling us we should not forget any of his benefits, and then it lists them.

In Psalm 103:1-5, the writer tells us God pardons our iniquities, heals our (spiritual) diseases, redeems our life from the pit, crowns us with lovingkindness and compassion, and renews our lives satisfying us with good things.

He continues in verses 6-18 by recounting some additional things God has done for us. God has made his ways known (verse 7). The Lord has not left us in the dark, but has given us the light of his word (Psalm 119:105, 130). Our God is compassionate (verse 8), slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. "He has not dealt with us according to our sins," The Psalmist writes in verse 10.

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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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He doesn't automatically impose the penalty of death even though we transgress his word. Instead, he is like a father to us (verses 13-18) because he knows we are made of dust.

When we remember all these benefits, we should be motivated by love to honor and obey God's word. He is king (verses 19-20). We should serve and praise him every day we live (verses 21-22).

-John Henson

Some Things to Think On

Never neglect daily prayer. When you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears you. Never neglect daily private Bible reading. When you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. If you are in doubt whether a thing is right or wrong, go to God and ask for help in making your decision the right one. Never take your standard of Christianity from other Christians, or argue that because this or that person does something, you may. Ask yourself, "What would Christ do?" Strive to follow Him. Never believe what you feel if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself: "Can what I feel be true if God's Word is true?" If both cannot be true, believe God, and make yourself the liar.

-Highland Drive church of Christ

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

<u>Deacons</u>: Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robert Armstrong, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington

Phone: (304) 842-6738

Card Distributor: Cheryl Kelch

December Baptismal Garments: Vicki Kerns

December Greeters- 10-Evelyn Griffin 17-Ronnie & Doretta Holbert

24-Raymond & Debbie Anderson **31**-Need Greeter

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney
- Bob & Jackie Moore
- Vanessa Sandy
- Loverine & Bill Pigott
- Ryan, Megan, Carson & Millie Cate Currey
- Lonnie Boylen
- Wendell Skidmore- at UHC

Prayers- Family & Friends

- Mike Yost
- Tyler Hawkins— deployed, will return in February.
- Clara Greene
- Patty Demorest diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer.
- Cassie Craig (Cheryl Kelch's sister) To send a card:
 22580 Hoyle Circle Maxton, NC 28364
- Beverly Norris (Valerie Wright's Mother)-having heart problems
- Michelle James (Friend of Meagan Hutcheson)- diagnosed with leukemia.

<u>December Birthdays</u> & Anniversaries:



11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A) 12Brittany Bagwell 14-Brenda Fortney 16-Bill &
Loverine Pigott (A) 17-Bob & Jackie Moore (A)
18-Tim Richmond 19-Beverly Farley 21-Kristina
Riffle/Mary Kate Riffle 22-Noah Hart 23-Caylee
Hope/Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A) 24Millie Cate Currey/Robert & Julie Armstrong (A)
25-Jeremy Trent/Ken & Brenda Fortney (A) 29Curtis Sleeth 30-Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A)

Our Record: December 3



Sunday Morning Assembly 101

Sunday Bible Class

00

Sunday Evening

54

Wednesday Bible Study

63

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,020

- Ronnie Landrum-(Robert's Brother)-Pancreatitis-Cards can be sent to: 349 Penland St Clyde, NC 28721
- Ester Lewis-Had a bad fall and is having lower back problems.
- Denise Plutro's Daughter (Co-worker of Jessica Kerns')-diagnosed with Acute Leukemia
- Betty Burnett (Cristy Buffington's Grandmother)- She has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Aaron Walden-involved in a horrible car accident. In a medically induced coma.
- Farley Family-Wayne Farley's mother, Birdiemae Farley, passed away.
- Madison Palmer— 14 years old-They found a mass in her upper chest area.
- **Delbert Newberry** Having hip replacement surgery on December 5th
- Mudrick Family— The father/husband passed away. He left his wife and 7 children and was in his early 40s.

(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)