

ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY:

- **Church, Eat, Church**— TODAY (After morning worship, enjoy lunch on your own and meet back at the church at 1:30 for afternoon service) No regular evening services
- **Youth Group Meeting:** January 7 at 4:00 PM at the building for anyone that is interested in participating in youth or working with the youth.
- **Dessert Fellowship:** Sunday Evening, January 7th (*Ladies in Charge: Kathy Currey, Cathy Hart, Julie Armstrong*) *** For those attending, please plan to bring a snack, dessert or drink
- **Pleasant Acres Worship Service**-Sunday January 28-2:30 (We are in charge of hosting– If you can help in any way, please see the Elders)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **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.
- **Pleasant Acres Needed Items:** *(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

Mark your Calendar-Upcoming Event:

One Day Lectureship— January 14, 2018

Bible Study: “Hope in God’s Law” - Larry Wigal

Worship: “Living in God’s Law” - Brent Gallagher

Afternoon: “A Haven in God’s Law” - Craig Matheny

(Luncheon will be held at the Benedum Civic Center—Reminder: No Evening Services)

Bridgeport Church of Christ

December 31, 2017

Resolutions for a New Year



I have heard people say that they do not like to call them “New Year Resolutions,” but a “To-Do List” for the new year. I am sure we can all agree that we are great at **making** resolutions, but we are horrible at **following through** with them.

Decision-making is **easy**. It is **easy** to start a new diet. It is **easy** to decide to pay off all of one’s loans. Once we have decided to put our hand to something, that is the **easy** part. What is **not** always easy is **following through** with your decision.

Likewise, it is easy to start one’s journey to follow Jesus the Messiah. If one is going to be successful at following Jesus, we need to heed Jesus’ stern warning about counting the cost. It is foolhardy not to calculate the cost before pursuing any endeavor. Jesus said that following him meant certain hardship. He said, “If you do not bear your **cross** and come after me, you cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:27). I not only encourage you this new year to **start** your journey with Jesus, but also to **follow through** with your convictions.

-Stephen Scaggs

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

First, Not Second

God and Christ must be first in our lives, and not second. Jesus says, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). Our number one priority in this short life must be to go to Heaven or otherwise we most likely will not go there. Jesus says, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62). If one doesn’t go to Heaven, there is only one other place and that is the eternal torments of Hell. “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul” (Mark 8:36).

We cannot put other people and other things ahead of our service and worship to God and Christ and still be pleasing to Them. They will not accept second best. Jesus says, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me” (Matthew 10:37-38). Jesus says the only way we can be worthy of God and Him is, ”And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). We are to “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:2). God is only “a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6), by putting Him first. Are we really putting God and Christ first in our lives? Judgment Day will be too late to find out if we haven’t.

-Ron Boatwright

Elders:

Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

Deacons:

Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robert Armstrong, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington

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Card Distributor:

Cheryl Kelch

December/January Baptismal Garments:

Vicki Kerns/Lorna Hutcheson

December/January Greeters-

31-Need Greeter 7-Evelyn Griffin **14-Need Greeter**
21-Evelyn Griffin **28-Cathy Hart**

Prayers– Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Bob & Jackie Moore**
- **Vanessa Sandy**
- **Loverine & Bill Pigott**
- **Lonnie Boylen**
- **Wendell Skidmore**– at home now
- **Brittany Bagwell**-Had a liver transplant
- **Yonnie Southall**-has pneumonia.


Prayers– Family & Friends

- **Mike Yost**
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 & 7 children and was in his early 40s.
- **Leroy Wilmoth**-At UHC– recently had surgery

(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)

January Birthdays & Anniversaries:

3-Barry Buffington **4**-Gil Trollinger
5-Evelyn Griffin/Karen Seyler/Charlotte Woodson / Wayne & Beverly Farley (A) **6**-Jacob Currey **9**-Jacob Hartman **10**-Alexis Potts **11**-Stan Williams **12**-Michaela Hutcheson **13**-Wendell & Lou Skidmore (A) **17**-Lillian Armstrong **22**-Lyda Sandy/ Rob Armstrong /Lafe & Lorna Hutcheson (A) **27**-Kelly Shreves **28**-Samantha Holbert
29-Rachel Pastorial



Our Record: December 24



Sunday Morning Assembly

117

Sunday Bible Class

91

Sunday Evening

50

Wednesday Bible Study

58

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,945