

ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST:

- **Song Request Singing Emphasis**-TONIGHT -6 pm (A sign-up sheet is posted on the back bulletin to write down your requests)
- **Ladies Annual Planning Meeting**-Tuesday, August 8 -7 pm downstairs. Dessert will be served! (All Ladies are encouraged to attend to sign-up for activities throughout the year and to discuss upcoming events)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank You's.....

"On behalf of the Jamaica mission team, we would like to thank you for your donation of items. We put those to good use while we were in Jamaica. Sharing God's word is easier when we all come together."

*Thank you,
Craig O'Swearing*

"I would like to thank each and every person who contributed to the Jamaican mission trip this year. You have been a blessing to over a hundred kids and countless adults in the Linstead community."

*Thank you for everything that you continue to do,
Thomas Palmer*

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

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& Robbie Buffington

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Bridgeport Church of Christ

August 6, 2017

Two Mules' Burdens of Earth



The story of Naaman receiving a cure for leprosy has been well known in the brotherhood, having been taught by just about every preacher. Most of the time, however, one only hears part of the story and that is the command for Naaman to plunge seven times in the Jordan River. There's more....

Naaman made another request after receiving his cure. He sought Elisha's permission to take some earth back to Syria (2 Kings 5:17). Naaman wanted to worship the God who cured him when he returned to Syria. Because Naaman

was steeped in idolatry, he didn't believe that God could be worshiped except on his own land.

There was a little more to it as we learn from 2 Kings 5:18. While the king of Syria was kneeling before the Syrian god, Rimmon, Naaman would appear to be doing the same, but would really be worshiping the true God.

Naaman was doing two things wrong here. First, he was attempting to deceive the Syrian king. And, he was attempting to pay homage to God inside and idol temple. Naaman was guilty of trying to perpetuate a case of divided loyalty. He wanted to have his job as a leader in the Syrian army and his place beside the king. But, he also knew he wanted to worship the God who had cured his leprosy.

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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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Continued from the front....

God can't be divided this way. We can't have the true God and put an idol next to him and worship both. Many people mistakenly think they can do this. They think they can worship God and money, but Jesus said that was not possible (Matthew 6:24). People also think they can worship God and recreation, God and material possessions, or God and just about anything else. Such, however, is not possible. We must devote ourselves fully, completely to God: heart, body, and soul, or we will be guilty of the same split devotion Naaman was.

-John Henson

1. Naaman was a great warrior and his king respected him. He had won many battles. However, Naaman was also very sick. What disease did he have? (2 Kings 5:1)
2. Who told Naaman's wife that Naaman could be healed by a prophet in Israel? (2 Kings 5:2-3)
3. The king wanted Naaman to be healed, so he sent Naaman to Israel with gold, silver, clothing and a very special letter. What did the king of Israel do when he read the letter? (2 Kings 5:7)
4. Elisha was not happy at the king's reaction to Naamna's letter. What did he tell the king to do with Naaman? (2 Kings 5:8)
5. Naaman went to Elisha's house. What did the prophet's servant tell Naaman to do at the Jordan River and he would be healed? (2 Kings 5:8-10)
6. Naaman was angry because he thought Elisha would do a great trick or miracle to heal him. He thought Elisha's instructions were too simple. What did his servant tell him? (2 Kings 5:13-14)
7. Naaman changed his mind and decided to listen to what Elisha told him. What happened when he followed the prophet's instructions? (2 Kings 13:14)
8. Naaman went straight back to Elisha's house. What did Elisha do when he offered him gifts? (2 Kings 5:16-17)
9. Naaman told Elisha he would only serve the God of Israel and make sacrifices to him. (2 Kings 5:17-18)
10. After Naaman left, Elisha's servant ran after him. What happened to him because he lied and asked Naaman for some gold and clothes. (2 Kings 5:21-27)

Card Distributor: Cheryl Kelch

August Baptismal Garments: Evelyn Griffin

August Greeters- 6- Need Greeter 13-Faith Eagle 20-Need Greeter 27- Need Greeter

Our Record: July 30



Sunday Morning Assembly

96

Sunday Bible Class

114

Sunday Evening

60

Wednesday Bible Study

80

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,255

August Birthdays &

Anniversaries:



6-Terri Vilain 7-PJ Wilson 10-Gene & Joyce Wright (A) 12-Sherri Gallagher 18-Kaitlyn Vilain 20-Ryan & Megan Currey (A) 21-Logan Harper 25-Jonathan Hartman/ Alan Shreves 28-Nathaniel Harper 30-Darrell Eddy 31-Cindy Buffington/ Danalea O'Connell

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in's: Helen Potts, Jackie Moore & Brenda Fortney**
- **Bob & Jackie Moore**
- **Vanessa Sandy**
- **Brenda Fortney**
- **Adam O'Connell**
- **Noah Griffin**

Prayers- Family & Friends

- **Tony Hurtado (Sally Harper's Father)**
- **Cassie Craig (Cheryl Kelch's sister)- To send a card: 22580 Hoyle Circle Maxton, NC 28364**
- **Mike Yost**
- **Dick Ray (Cathy Hart's Father)-** slowly improving from a recent fall.
- **Sally Harper's Father in law-** fell from a ladder & recovering from back surgery.
- **Tyler Hawkins-** deployed, will return in February.
- **Nancy Hillagus-**recovering from surgery from a car accident.
- **Bonnie Cropp-**requesting prayers to help lead a lady, **Clara Green**, spiritually.
- **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

(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)