

ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY:

- **Lads to Leaders Registration**—All Registration forms need to be turned in by Wednesday. Please give them to Adam or Lafe.
- **Lads to Leaders**— Sunday January 21st— 4PM at the building
- **Youth Dessert Fellowship**— Sunday January 28th— After Evening Services at Dairy Queen
- **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:

Welcome to Our One Day Lectureship

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

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

Luncheon will be held at the Benedum Civic Center

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

There will be no Evening Services Tonight

- **Pleasant Acres Cookbooks**—If anyone would still like to purchase a cookbook, please see Lois Jenkins.

Address Update

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Bridgeport Church of Christ

January 14, 2018

How to Make 2018 Better Than 2017



The time for resolutions is here. If you are among those who like to refocus with the dawning of a new year, here are some ideas.

Assess the Past Year. Self-examination is important and helpful. “Examine yourselves” is the admonition of 2 Corinthians 13:5. In the spirit of that passage, set aside some time to sit down in a quiet place and contemplate your life. What are your strengths and weaknesses? What temptations seem the hardest to fight?

Aside from work obligations, how do you spend most of your time? How often do you pray? What are your Bible study habits? How is your Bible class and worship attendance? Are you making time to serve others? Even the most conscientious Christian can find room for improvement.

Develop a Plan. Select the areas that you want to address and create a concrete plan of action. For example, instead of the generic, “I want to do better in my Bible class attendance,” opt for the specific, “Barring matters beyond my control, I will attend every Sunday and Wednesday Bible class in 2018.” To accomplish that goal, create a plan.

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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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It might look like this: (1) Go to sleep earlier on Saturday night. (2) Set an alarm early enough on Sunday morning to allow plenty of time to get ready. (3) Regardless of how tired I am on Wednesday evenings, I will go to Bible study. (4) I will study the lessons outside of class so that the class itself will be more meaningful.

Emphasize the Spiritual. There are usually a few improvements that we want to make each year that we would characterize as more physical than spiritual. But some of those matters have a spiritual component, too. Look for it. For example, if you want to get a better handle on your physical health, there are deeper reasons to do that than just being able to fit into your clothes again. Paul asked this rhetorical question, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Your body really belongs to God. We must show ourselves to be good stewards of the Spirit's temple.

There is no good reason to stay where we are in our current level of Christian maturity. We should always be working toward improvement. If we aren't, we could find ourselves in a state of apostasy (Heb. 6:1-8). God is blessing us with the opportunity to improve, and he will provide the help if we will make the choice (Phil. 2:12-13).

-Eddie Parrish

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

January Baptismal Garments: Lorna Hutcheson

January Greeters- 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**—having more tests run
- **Brittany Bagwell**—Had a liver transplant

Prayers- Family & Friends

- **Mike Yost**
- **Clara Greene**
- **Patty Demorest**— diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer.
- **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. Having a bone marrow transplant this month.
- **Betty Burnett (Cristy Buffington's Grandmother)**— She has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Aaron Walden**—involved in a horrible car accident.
- **Leroy Wilmoth**—At UHC— recently had surgery
- **Family of Timmy Wilson**— Timmy passed away last week from cancer. He was 23 years old.
- **Paula Garner (Valerie Neill's Aunt)**—has a mass on her spine. Had a biopsy of the 4th. Showed no cancer. She will have a PET scan soon
- **Hugh Daugherty (Vicki & Beth's father)**—Has been in the hospital since Thursday.

(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:

17-Lillian Armstrong 22-Lyda
Sandy/ Rob Armstrong /Lafe & Lorna Hutcheson (A) 27-Kelly Shreves 28-Samantha Holbert
29-Rachel Pastorial



Our Record: January 7

Sunday Morning Assembly

93

Sunday Bible Class

77

Sunday Evening

47

Wednesday Bible Study

64

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,305

