

ACTIVITIES FOR MAY:

- **Breakfast at Eat'n Park**— Tuesday, May 17 -8:30 am (*All are invited*)
- **Kingdom Forward Youth Conference**- Friday, May 20-Saturday, May 21 at the Charleston Civic Center (*Please let Don Riffle know if you interested in attending*)
- **Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting**— Tuesday, May 24 -7 pm at Pleasant Acres (*All Ladies are invited to attend*)
- **Pleasant Acres Worship Service**— Sunday, May 29 -2:30 pm at Pleasant Acres

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to our Friends & Family Day

Bible Study: *"What is Repentance?"*

Worship: *"The Beauty of the Forgiveness of Sin"*

-Luncheon held at the Bridgeport High School-

Afternoon Services (Back at the building starting at 1:30 pm): *"The True Vine and Discipleship"*

-No Evening Services Tonight-

- **Pleasant Acres Needs:** (*Place all donations in the baskets under the tables or give to Lois Jenkins*) **Craft & Activity Supplies, Tissues & Disposable razors**



Aaron Gallagher will be getting married this June in North Carolina. He & His Bride-to-be will not be able to make it to Bridgeport for a shower before the wedding. Money is being collected to purchase a gift card. All donations can be given to Vicki Kerns or Cindy Buffington by May 28.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Saturday Vacation Bible School**— June 4 (**Theme:** *"The Voyage of the Alpha & Omega"*) - (There will be a brief meeting today, following afternoon services for those who signed up to help. Any questions please see Amanda Sutton)
- **Men's/ Boy's Retreat at the Sutton Farm**— Wednesday Evening, June 8— Friday, June 10

AND Church Hog Roast, Saturday, June 11 at Sutton Farm (*Everyone is Invited*)

Bridgeport Church of Christ

"Welcome...Friends & Family!"

May 15, 2016



We are so happy to see each and every one of you in our assembly this morning! If you have come this morning as a guest, someone has paid you a great compliment—they value your relationship—be it family, neighbor or friend. We pray that your visit will be an enjoyable one and that you will come away with a greater understanding and appreciation for the family of Christians that assemble at the Bridgeport Church of Christ.

If this is your first visit, there are several differences that you may notice. Let it be said that we seek to be un denominational in the truest sense. The Bridgeport Church of Christ is totally autonomous (self-governing). We are not part of any organization greater than the local congregation. We have no creed other than the Bible. We have no terms of membership other than obedience to the gospel (being baptized, by immersion for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38). We pattern our organization after the New Testament church; we have elders (3) who have spiritual oversight of this congregation; we have deacons (6) who accept special works and responsibilities. In addition to these leadership roles, our membership is very actively involved in the work of the church. We have many Christian men and women who serve as Bible class teachers, song leaders, youth workers, and personal evangelists. We have active ministries for women both young and old. Others take charge of benevolent works and the care of the building. Our goal is for every member to have the opportunity to be involved in the work and the fellowship of the church—and most are!

Another difference you may notice relates to our worship service. Our worship services are simple and sincere—intended to honor God and not entertain men.

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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.....We seek to worship God “in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24) To do so, we engage only in the acts of worship as they are revealed in the New Testament.

You may notice the lack of instrumental music in our worship. We always sing “a-cappella” in our worship. This is more than just a preference or a “Church of Christ” tradition-it is to follow the teachings and example of the church we read of in the New Testament. The apostle Paul wrote, “*Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord.*” (Ephesians 5:19) History will bear out that only singing, without instrumental accompaniment, was the practice of the church for many centuries. Let us all sing out this morning as we praise and honor God through our singing. You will also notice that the Lord’s Supper (communion) is served every Sunday. Again, the reason for this and all of our worship practices is the pattern and example of the New Testament church which “came together on the first day of the week to break bread.” (Acts 20:7)

The church in the scriptures is regarded as a “priesthood of believers.” (I Peter 2:9) We make no distinction between “clergy and laity” because none is made in the Bible. Each Christian is encouraged to join as we are lead in singing and prayer. The sermon will be designed to help each of us come to a better understanding of God’s will and encourage a closer walk with Him. At the end of the sermon, an invitation will be extended for those who wish to repent (Luke 13:3), confess Christ as the Son of God before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38). If you have other spiritual concerns that you wish to share with the church we encourage you to respond.

Following our worship, we will enjoy a meal together at Bridgeport High School. Please come as our very special guests—our friends. Your being here has already made this a very special day! Now let us serve God in spirit and in truth as He has commanded us to do. *-Ryan Currey*

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams
Deacons: Bill Pigott, Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robert Armstrong, Robbie Nichols
& Robbie Buffington
Minister: Ryan Currey **Phone:** (304) 842-6738

May Card Distributor: Kaitlyn & Ryan Vilain

May Baptismal Garments: Kathy Cross

Greeters: May 15-Samantha Holbert & Macy Holbert May 22-Jonathan Hartman & Benjamin Holbert

May 29-Brittany Bagwell & Meagan Hutcheson



Our Record: May 8

Sunday Morning Assembly

144

Sunday Bible Class

103

Sunday Evening

97

Wednesday Bible Study

82

Contribution (Budget \$3,400)

\$3,676

May Birthdays

& Anniversaries:

16-Rodney & Leah Sleeth (A)

17-Marcy Potts/ Joseph Holbert/Randy Kerns

22-Noah Griffin 24-Cathy Richmond 27-Conner

Buffington/Amanda Sutton 30-Tammy

Greathouse



Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Jackie Moore**
- **Bob & Jackie Moore**
- **Lonnie Boylen**
- **Bonnie Cropp**
- **Yonnie Southall-** *“Thank you for the prayers, food, cards, phone calls and the amazing lap quilt! I so appreciate everyone and their thoughtfulness during my recent “bump” in this life Now I’m ready to party. Get together at our house soon! Love, Yonnie, Terry & Brandon*
- **Ken Fortney**
- **Eddie Ross & Family**– loss of his mother, Avanelle Ross.

Prayers- Family & Friends

- **Mardell Hager (Linda’s Friend)**-continuing to have health issues.
- **Charlotte McCarty (Tammy Greathouse’s Mother)**
- **Nicki Stump (Teacher at Johnson Elem.)**-diagnosed with cancer.
- **Joann Cox**– diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- **Emma’s Grandfather**-recovering from another cornea transplant.
- **Cathy Plant**
- **Joan Newberry** -having heart problems.

(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email or write it down and give to Julie Armstrong before Thursday of that week: bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com)