

ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY/ FEBRUARY:

- **Teen Dessert Social**– Sunday, Jan. 29 –7 pm at Dairy Queen
- **Elders & Deacons Meeting**– Tuesday, Jan. 31 -6 pm at the building
- **Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting**- Tuesday, Jan. 31 -7 pm at Pleasant Acres
- **Teen Night/ L2L**– Friday, Feb. 3 -6 pm at Jeremy Sutton’s Office in Doddridge County
- **Teen Night**– Friday, Feb. 10 -6 pm (Host: The Hutcheson’s)
- **Lads to Leaders Afternoon**-Sunday, Feb. 12 -1:30 pm at the building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **New Call System**– *There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin for you to list your phone number and whether or not you would want to receive a text or call*

- **Mission Trip**-Jessica Pigott is going on a mission trip to Ghana through Harding University. She needs financial support for this trip. The Elders have decided to give her \$1,000. If you would like to make a personal donation please give it to one of the Elders.



Super Bowl Party– Sunday, February 5 (*Directly after Evening Services*) at the Hutcheson’s house. (414 Cleer Rd., Bridgeport). All are welcome– please bring a snack to share.

<u>Elders:</u>	Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams
<u>Deacons:</u>	Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robert Armstrong, Robbie Nichols ,Jeremy Sutton & Robbie Buffington
<u>Minister:</u>	Ryan Currey Phone: (304) 842-6738

Bridgeport Church of Christ

January 22, 2017

Your Obituary Has Not Yet Been Written



Toward the end of the nineteenth century, Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel awoke one morning to read his own obituary in the local newspaper:

“Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who died yesterday, devised a way for more people to be killed in a war than ever before, and he died a very rich man.”

Actually, it was Alfred’s older brother who had died; a newspaper reporter had bungled the epitaph. But the account had a profound effect on Nobel He decided he wanted to be known for something other than developing the means

to kill people efficiently and for amassing a fortune in the process. So he initiated the Nobel Prize, the award for scientists and writers who foster peace. Today he is more widely known for the Nobel Peace Prize than he is for inventing dynamite. Nobel is quoted as saying, “Every man ought to have the chance to correct his epitaph in mid-stream and write a new one.”

As I read this quote, I was hit with a very arresting thought: My obituary has not yet been written. Whatever it is that men think of me, I still have the opportunity to make it better. Whatever mistakes I have made in the past, the possibility still exists for me to correct them. Whatever it is that I have yet not done, but should have, I still have time. As long as God gives me life and liberty, I can make of it something meaningful and lasting. As long as I have breath and desire, I can do my part to improve myself, my family, my neighborhood, the church, even the world.

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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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Everyone still has the opportunity to correct his epitaph, up until the day he dies. Of course, the best thing that could ever be written in our obituary is that we were a faithful Christian. And certainly there are many wonderful things we can add to that. And if you awoke this morning and are able to read this, there’s still time to make sure that is the case.

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is”

(Ephesians 5:15-17).

-Ed Sterchi

Christian One-Liners

- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.
- It’s easier to preach ten sermons than to live just one.
- Opportunities may only knock once, but temptation bangs on your door forever.
- Quit griping about your congregation. If it was perfect you couldn’t belong.
- Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- Peace starts with a smile.
- Don’t put a question mark where God has put a period.
- He who angers you, controls you.
- If God is your co-pilot, swap seats.
- We don’t change the message, the message changes us.
- A task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.

-Bulletin Digest

Card Distributor: Cheryl Kelch

January/ February Baptismal Garments: Cathy Hart/ Cheryl Kelch

January/ February Greeters: 22-Terri & Ryan Vilain 29– Need a Greeter

Feb. 5-Ronnie & Doretta Holbert 12-Susan Hartman 19-Justin & Karrissa Knight 26-Karen Seyler



Our Record: January 15

Sunday Morning Assembly

126

Sunday Bible Class

108

Sunday Evening

110

Wednesday Bible Study

65

Contribution (Budget \$3,400)

\$4,155

January Birthdays & Anniversaries:

22-Rob Armstrong/ Lafe & Lorna Hutcheson (A) 27-Kelly Shreves 28-Caleb Sutton/ Samantha Holbert



Prayers– Those of Our Congregation

- Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Jackie Moore
- Bob & Jackie Moore
- Eddie Swick-not doing well.
- Bill Pigott– recovering from a heart procedure on Jan. 10.
- Jeff, Daniel & Shay Freeman– loss of His Father & Grandfather.
- Beverly Farley-recovering from a fall.

Prayers– Family & Friends

- James Cline (*Father to a teacher at Johnson Elementary*)- diagnosed with brain cancer.
- Roberta Andrew (*Raymond’s Sister*)
- Tony Hurtado (*Sally Harper’s Father*)- diagnosed with cancer. Will undergo surgery– 6 month recovery.
- Terri Anderson (*Raymond’s sister-in-law*)- diagnosed with cancer.
- Bonnie Cropp-loss of her friend, Dave.
- Ralph Kelch (*Rex’s Uncle*)-in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Wendell Skidmore’s Mother– diagnosed with cancer.
- Brandi Richmond’s Father– loss of his good friend.

(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)