

ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY/ FEBRUARY:

- **5th Sunday Prayer Service**– Tonight-Evening Services, 6 pm
- **Singing Emphasis/ Dessert Fellowship**– Sunday Evening, Feb. 7 -6 pm (Ladies In Charge: Kathy Currey, Kelly Holbert & Julie Armstrong)
- **Pleasant Acres Worship Service**- Sunday, Feb. 14 -2:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Muscle and a Shovel Study– Tuesday, Feb. 2 - 7 pm at the Hutcheson's house (414 Cleer Rd. Bridgeport, WV).

Dear Friends... We would like to thank you for the generous donation made to our family. Although losing our home was devastating, the kindness of our family, friends and community has been tremendous. We are blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives.

Joe, Lisa, Joleigh & Noah Sollars and Susan Snodgrass

Progressive Dinner- Saturday, February 27 -Beginning at 4 pm

- Hosts are needed for an appetizer & main course. We will meet back at the church for dessert & fellowship.
- Sign-up on the back bulletin if you are attending & how many. If you would like to host, circle which course you would like to host.
- Appetizers will be 4-5 pm and main course will be 5-7 pm. Desserts at the church at 7:30 pm. Any questions please see Karrissa Knight.



Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

Deacons: Bill Pigott, Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robert Armstrong, Robbie Nichols
& Robbie Buffington

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Bridgeport Church of Christ

January 31, 2016

IT'S SO PERSONAL

God loves the world. That's true. But it doesn't have quite the same impact as saying, "God loves *me*."

For most of us the supremely important things of life are the personal things, the things that touch *us*. To read of people being shot and killed in the subway concerns us, but if one of the victims turns out to be a family member, "concern" hardly conveys our feelings. Only when it gets personal does it become real.

Rock of Ages cleft for the world! That's as true as could be, but it's not quite the same as saying, "Rock of Ages cleft for *me*." The power comes when it gets personal.

Listen to the testimony of the apostle Paul: "*The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me*" (Galatians 2:20). Now that is the real thing!

Christianity as a system of doctrine is beautiful, but it becomes saving and powerful only when it is personal. It's when I can say, "*I* believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God...*I* was buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, *I* too might walk in newness of life...*I* have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer *I* who live, but Christ who lives *me*," that Christianity becomes a real force and power.

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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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Is your life dissatisfying? Does God seem unreal and far away? Maybe it's because you have acquiesced in thought to a form of doctrine, an acquiescence which costs you nothing. You know the truth and the words, but you have missed the power. It's never become personal...nor has it become satisfying.

A new day will dawn when I can say, "**My** Lord, and **my** God."

-John Gipson

Marriage



It's no secret that many couples find the wedding knot to be a slip knot. It's no secret that nearly half of the couples launching onto the sea of matri-

mony end up sailing into a storm. In many marriages, the difference in courtship and marriage is like the difference between pictures in a seed catalog and what eventually comes up!

Many couples, who could salvage their relationship with a little work, just throw it away. Instead of seeing a marriage counselor, they go to a marriage "canceller." God intends a marriage to be something better than what it has become for many. God tells us that marriage requires a mutual submission of self to the interests of the other. (Ephesians 5:21) The motivation for this kind of "marriage maintenance" must come from the sacred vows that are made.

We have often heard, "Put your money where your mouth is." We would do well to "put our marriages where our mouths were" - on the day we made our vows before God! Husbands and wives pledge their entire lives to each other on their wedding day. God expects us to honor that commitment!!!

-Gary Herridge

February Card Distributor: Jonathan Hartman & Benjamin Holbert

February Baptismal Garments: Debbie Anderson

Greeters: Jan. 31-Kaitlyn Vilain & Ryan Vilain

Feb. 7- Shawna Devericks & Caitlyn Moore **Feb. 14-** Carson Currey & Conner Buffington

Feb. 21- Cordell Hutcheson & Curtis Sleeth **Feb. 28-** Samantha Holbert & Macy Holbert



Our Record: January 24

Sunday Morning Assembly

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Sunday Bible Class

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Sunday Evening

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Wednesday Bible Study

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Contribution (Budget \$3,400)

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February Birthdays & Anniversaries:

2-Micah Nichols/ Ed Loy **4-**Carson

Currey/ Kathy Cross **5-**Larry Seyler **8-**

Twyla Snopp/ Greg Parker **9-**Sydney Buffington

13-Linda Williams **21-**Wendi Eagle **24-** Greg

Moore **28-**Steve Cross



Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in's:** Helen Potts & Jackie Moore
- **Dave Bright**
- **Bob & Jackie Moore**
- **Lonnie Boylen**- recently hospitalized in Virginia.
- **Miranda Carpenter**
- **Ken Mowbray**

Prayers- Family & Friends

- **David Newberry & Family (Linda Williams' Cousin)**-finished his treatments/ His Mother passed away recently.
- **Mardell Hager (Linda's Friend)**-continuing to have health issues.
- **Brialyn Strahin (Friend of Lillian Armstrong)**-hospitalized in Ohio.
- **Charlotte McCarty (Tammy Greathouse's Mother)**- recently in the hospital for pneumonia- Cancer in the left lung has started to grow again. Treatment options will be discussed at her next visit.
- **Lisa Wright's Mother**- not doing well.
- **Evelyn's Sister**- has pneumonia & bronchitis.
- **Denver Cooper's Brother**
- **Duane Simmons (Neighbor to the Armstrong's)**- Cancer has returned.

f 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