

ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY/ FEBRUARY:

- **Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting**— Tuesday, Jan. 26 -7 pm at Pleasant Acres
- **5th Sunday Prayer Service**— Sunday, Jan. 31 -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, January 26 - 7 pm at the Hutcheson's house (414 Cleer Rd. Bridgeport, WV).

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 24, 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

January Card Distributor: Cordell Hutcheson & Curtis Sleeth

January Baptismal Garments: Leah Sleeth

Greeters: Jan. 24-Lillian Armstrong & Hannah Currey Jan. 31-Kaitlyn Vilain & Ryan Vilain



Our Record: January 17

Sunday Morning Assembly

142

Sunday Bible Class

126

Sunday Evening

92

Wednesday Bible Study

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Contribution (Budget \$3,400)

\$4,195

January Birthdays & Anniversaries:



22-Rob Armstrong/ Lafe & Lorna Hutceson (A)

27-Kelly Shreves **28**-Caleb Sutton/ Samantha Holbert

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

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

Prayers- Family & Friends

- **Martha (Susie Boylen's Sister)**- has stage 3 breast cancer-in her final treatments, not doing well.
- **David Newberry (Linda Williams' Cousin)**-started radiation in Columbus 5 days a week for 6-7 weeks.
- **Mardell Hager (Linda's Friend)**-continuing to have health issues.
- **Brialyn Strahin (Friend of Lillian Armstrong)**-hospitalized in Ohio.
- **Vicki Stavley (Friend of the Sleeth's)**- having medical problems.
- **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.
- **Kittle Family**- lost their son, Chad, in a car accident.
- **Ruth Dagger**- recovering from surgery.
- **Michaela (Student at Bridgeport Middle)**-diagnosed with cancer.
- **Josh Carpenter's Family**- sudden loss of his cousin Corey Carpenter on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

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