

## ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

- Lads to Leaders Practice— TODAY—4 PM at the building
- Caroling to the Shut Ins— Saturday December 15th

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Items Needed for Pleasant Acres— Baby Wash, Mouthwash, Tissues, Dandruff Shampoo, Anti-bacterial Hand Soap, Pine Sol, Clorox Wipes, Febreze Spray, & Magic Erasers
- Notes from the Elders & Deacon's Meeting
  - Lads to Leaders / Youth activities picking back up in January
  - Increased awareness of Gospel Meetings, Youth Rallies and VBSs in the area
  - Teachers Meetings— Encouraging those interested in teaching to attend meetings
  - Looking into updating the baptistery and front window
  - 2019 Youth Rally— October 25-26
  - Looking into expanding speakers in the auditorium and live streaming audio of the sermons
  - One Day Lectureship

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# Bridgeport Church of Christ

December 9, 2018

## New Normals

How much was gasoline per gallon when you were young? Would you believe that for more than half of the past one hundred years gasoline was less than 50 cents a gallon? I was born at the height of the energy crisis and I was surprised to learn that gasoline was four cents cheaper the year I graduated college than the year I was born. Of course, that price didn't last long. I remember the panic I felt when within a matter of months a fill up went from \$12 to \$60!



Today, we don't much talk about much about gas prices. It still takes around \$50 to fill up the car, but the concern over such a price is not as vocalized as it used to be. What was once a sudden and unacceptable spike has now become the new normal. Often our reaction to sin follows a similar path.

For many years of our life sin is of very little significance, just like the price of gasoline was of very little significance. But then there is a spike. That spike happens to young people growing out of childhood and into adulthood. It happens when there is a cultural shift that favors immoral behavior. It happens when individuals do not guard their souls with proper care and submit to the passing pleasures of sin. It happens during times of struggles.

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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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At first, sin seems like such a terrible disaster and a frightening experience. That is the correct reaction to sin. But if we continually are exposed to, live amongst, and even participate in sin, what should be a disaster for the soul becomes the new normal.

Sin must never be normal in our lives. It must always be rejected, refused, and re-nounced. *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!* (Isaiah 5:20) If we make sin normal in our lives God becomes abnormal and strange. He becomes a fond but distant memory, just like when gas was 25 cents a gallon. Soon no one will remember when God was a part of life. Let us refuse to accept sin as normal.

-Mark Jones

**December Card Distributor:** Karen Seyler

**December Baptismal Garments:** Evelyn Griffin

**December Greeters**– 9–Need Greeter 16–Need Greeter 23–Lorna Hutcheson 30–Need Greeter

## **Our Record: December 2**



**Sunday Morning Assembly**

88

**Sunday Bible Class**

62

**Sunday Evening**

54

**Wednesday Bible Study**

49

**Contribution (Budget \$4,000)**

\$3,900

### **Prayers– Those of Our Congregation**

● **Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**

- **Jackie Moore**–Broke her ankle
- **Judy Garner**– Making Progress
- **Debbie Mowbray**–Health Issues
- **Loverine Pigott**
- **Evelyn Griffin**
- **Allen Osbourne**
- **Rex Kelch**

### **Prayers– Family & Friends**

- **Mike Yost**
- **Ruth Bradbury**–Health Issues
- **Ester Lewis**–home bound.
- **Joseph Hutson**–going through chemo treatments
- **Etta Grace Horne**– 7 yr old diagnosed w/ leukemia
- **Michell Nicholson**–Heath Issues
- **Marshall Doll**–Recently diagnosed with cancer
- **Dan Hatfield**
- **Brandi Garner**
- **Craig Johnson**–Cancer
- **Dixie Burner**–Health Issues
- **Karen Renzelli**– in the ICU
- **Tomeeka Langer**–Waiting for test results
- **Kenny Chidister (Jeremy Sutton's Pilot)**– Recovering from plane crash
- **Colt Sutton**–appendix
- **Delma Thompson**–in UHC
- **Anita Parker**–diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer
- **Wanda Ashcraft**–in UHC– abdominal issues

*(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](mailto:bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com))*

## **December Birthdays**

### **& Anniversaries:**



9–Rachel West 11–Terry & Yonnie Southall (A) 12–Brittany Bagwell 14–Brenda Fortney 15–Adam Epler 16–Bill & Loverine Pigott (A) 18–Tim Richmond 19–Beverly Farley 21–Kristina Riffle/ Mary Kate Riffle 22–Noah Hart 23–Caylee Hope/Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A) 24–Millie Cate Currey 25–Ken & Brenda Fortney (A) 29–Curtis Sleeth 30– Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A)