

## ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY

- **Teacher's Meeting**-Today- 5 PM at the building
- **Singing Emphasis/ Dessert Fellowship**- Tonight- Evening Services (Ladies in Charge: Karen Seyler, Natalie Seyler, & Kristina Riffle) \*\*\* For those planning to attend, please bring a snack, dessert, or drink
- **Elders & Deacon's Meeting**-Tuesday January 8th at 6 PM at the building
- **Lads to Leaders Practice**- January 19th at 4 PM at the building
- **Bowling at Compton Lanes**- Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>. We will eat at T&L Hotdogs at 5:30. Any questions, see Adam O'Connell
- **Pleasant Acres Worship Service**-Sunday January 27th at 2:30 PM (We are in charge of hosting- If you can help in any way, please see the Elders)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Items Needed for Pleasant Acres**- Baby Wash, Mouthwash, Tissues, Dandruff Shampoo, Anti-bacterial Hand Soap, Pine Sol, Clorox Wipes, Febreze Spray, & Magic Erasers
- Wednesday Morning Bible study will resume January 9th at 10 am.

One Day Lectureship- Sunday January 13th

"Here I Am... Send Me"

**Bible Study:** "The Heart of a Soul Winner" Mike Phillips

**Worship:** "God's Needs for Soul Winners" Skip Andrews

**Afternoon:** "The Soul Winner's Challenge" Mike Reese

*(Luncheon will be held at the Benedum Civic Center- Reminder: No Evening Services)*

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

**Deacons:** Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington

**Minister:** Mark Jones

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# Bridgeport Church of Christ

January 6, 2019

## **Cleaning from the Inside Out**



The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old, worn out Bible.

His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could. One day, the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was

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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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impossible to carry water in a basket, and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, “I don’t want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You’re just not trying hard enough,” and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty.

Out of breath, he said, “See Papa, it’s useless!”

“So you think it is useless?” the old man said. “Look at the basket.” The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. “Son, that’s what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.”

Thus, we must “Give diligence [study] to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth”(2 Tim. 2:15). “Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you” (John 15:3). “Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word” (Psa. 119:9). “For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12).

Are you being cleaned from the inside out?

-Tom Moore

**January Card Distributor:** Vicki Kerns

**January Baptismal Garments:** Cristy Buffington

**January Greeters**– 6–Karen & Natalie Seyler 13–Stan & Linda Williams 20–Evelyn Griffin

27–Need Greeter

### **Our Record: December 30**



**Sunday Morning Assembly**

76

**Sunday Bible Class**

56

**Sunday Evening**

55

**Wednesday Bible Study**

46

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

\$2,520

### **January Birthdays**

#### **& Anniversaries:**



8-Samuel Jones 9-Jacob Hartman

11-Stan Williams 12-Michaela Hutcheson

21-Megan Jones 22-Lafe & Lorna Hutcheson (A)

27-Kelly Shreves 28-Samantha Holbert

### **Prayers- Those of Our Congregation**

• **Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**

• **Jackie Moore**–Broke her ankle

• **Judy Garner**

• **Debbie Mowbray**–Health Issues

• **Loverine Pigott**

• **Evelyn Griffin**

• **Allen Osbourne**

• **Rex Kelch**

• **Megan Jones**–flu

### **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**–Cancer

• **Dan Hatfield**

• **Brandi Garner**–Appointment with Cleveland Clinic again in January

• **Craig Johnson**–Cancer

• **Dixie Burner**–Health Issues

• **Tomeeka Langer**–Waiting for test results

• **Kenny Chidister (Jeremy Sutton’s Pilot)**

• **Delma Thompson**–in UHC

• **Anita Parker**–diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer

• **Wanda Ashcraft**–in UHC– abdominal issues

• **Harold Williams (Stan’s Brother)**–Heart Problems

• **Becky Britton**

• **Beth Carder**

• **Kelly Eddy**

*(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)*