

ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

- Singing Emphasis— TONIGHT— There will not be a dessert fellowship that night.
- Elders & Deacons Meeting— Tuesday December 3rd at 6 PM at the building
- Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting— Tuesday December 3rd at 7 PM
- Ladies Christmas Party— Friday December 6th at 6 PM at the home of Evelyn Griffin. Please bring a wrapped inexpensive gift.
- Christmas Caroling— Saturday December 7th at 2 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mark is teaching a class on the book of Matthew on Thursday mornings at 10 AM
- **Mark Your Calendar:**

One Day Lectureship— Sunday January 12th

2020 Vision

Bible Study: “A Clear Vision of Sin” -Ben Jones

Worship: “A Clear Vision of Salvation” -John Keith

Afternoon: “A Clear Vision of Service” -Terry Jones

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

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

Minister: Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

Bridgeport Church of Christ

December 1, 2019

Be Dependable!

One of the hamstrings of most every church is a lack of dependable Christians. When Christians do show themselves undependable, they contribute so much to a church: much frustration, disappointment, and friction. We should all be dependable. You probably know little about Shelemiah, Zadok, Pedaiah and Hanon. Little is said about them. But listen to what is said. They were placed in charge of the storehouses because "they were considered reliable" (Neh. 13:13). What a glowing epitaph!

On the other hand, David wrote of some wicked individuals, of whom he said, "There is nothing reliable



in what they say" (Psa. 5:9). Too many otherwise good people are leaving such a reputation for themselves. In frustration, sometimes elders may join Solomon in asking, "Who can find a trustworthy man?" (Prov. 20:6). But, good news! We can all be dependable. Why?

First, we are ABLE. God blesses us with talents, time, and treasure. With them, we can (as good stewards) use our resources to God's glory. If something hinders us from doing our duty, we can let others know and cover for us. But, whenever and wherever and however we can, we use ourselves as workers in the kingdom (Mat. 9:37).

Second, we are DEPENDENT. God pours blessings into our lives (Eph. 1:3; Js. 1:17). Without Him, we are nobody! Except God provided all our needs, we would be nowhere and have nothing. We are obligated, and our best efforts could never earn or repay God's graciousness (Lk. 17:10). But, surely, appreciating...*Continued*

Sunday Worship

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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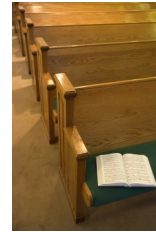
His grace, we will be workmen (Eph. 2:8-10). When needs are made known by our elders or other church members—food or teachers or folks to visit or calls to make or new Christians to aid or missions to encourage or elderly, shut-ins to help—let us remember our dependence upon God and be dependable for those dependent folks around us.

Finally, you are thereby DEEPENED. When we do what we can in the kingdom, giving it our best, we are enriched and strengthened thereby. Our relationship with Christ is deepened, for we are imitating Him. Our appreciation for God's blessings is deepened when we sacrifice and extend ourselves. Our faith is deepened by our interaction with those in need and by our participation in what needs doing. Our joy is deepened by being active and involved in the Lord's work.

One song in our song book asks, "Can he depend on you?" If He has no hands but our hands to do His work today, shall we allow our hands to sit idle? Christianity is a commitment. It's a wonderful commitment, but commitment nonetheless. Let us take it seriously and be a brother or sister upon whom our brethren and our God can rely!

-Neal Pollard

Our Record: November 24



Sunday Morning Assembly

63

Sunday Bible Class

42

Sunday Evening

24

Wednesday Bible Study

29

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,530

December Birthdays & Anniversaries:



1-Tim Neill **2**-Issac Riffle **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 **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/Josh Carpenter **30**- Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A)

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**
- **Debbie Mowbray**-Health Issues
- **Loverine Pigott**

- **Sarah Palmer**-Praying for a bone marrow match- Cards can be sent to: 125 Jefferson St. Bridgeport, WV 26330

Prayers- Family & Friends

- **Mike Yost**
- **Ester Lewis**-home bound.
- **Brandie Garner**-Maintenance Medication
- **Kay Burnett**-metastatic breast cancer
- **Delma Thompson**
- **Karen (Sharon Loy's Cousin)**-Liver & Colon Cancer
- **Mary Coffman (Brandie Garner's Grandmother)**
- **Faith Eagle**-Going back to school this week
- **Daniel Alo**-In bad car wreck on July 4th
- **Roberta (Raymond's Sister)**
- **Jones Family (Co-Worker of Jessica Kerns)**
- **Marah Casey & Baby (Micah Nichols' Sister)**
- **Jay Bagwell**-health complications from chemo

- **Andrew Kelly**
- **Dorothy Daugherty (Vicki Kerns & Beth Hanlin's Mom)**-biopsy on pancreas came back as cancerous
- **Family of Keith Ball**
- **Family of Doretta Yost**
- **Heidi Adams**-4 years old and going through chemo

December Card Distributor: Lois Jenkins

December Baptismal Garments: Vicki Kerns

December Greeters— **1**—Evelyn Griffin **8**—Need Greeter **12**— Need Greeter **15**— Need Greeter **22**—Need Greeter **29**- Need Greeter

(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)