

ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY

- Bowling at Compton Lanes-Friday January 17th at 6 PM
- Lads to Leaders-Sunday January 19th at 4 PM at the building
- Teachers Meeting-Sunday January 26th at 5 PM at the building
- Youth Fellowship at Dairy Queen- Sunday January 26th after Evening Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to our One Day Lectureship!

2020 Vision

Bible Study: "A Clear Vision of Sin" Ben Jones

Worship: "A Clear Vision of Salvation" John Keith

Luncheon will be held at the Benedum Civic Center

Afternoon: "A Clear Vision of Service" Terry Jones

*****There will be no Evening Services tonight****

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

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

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Bridgeport Church of Christ

January 12, 2020

One Day Lectureship: 2020 Vision

How important is faith? According to Hebrew 11:6, it is impossible to please God without faith. Without faith it is also impossible to have a relationship with God or a hope for a home in Heaven (Hebrews 1:1). Additionally, Hebrews 11 gives us example after example of God working in the lives of men and women by their faith. This chapter, sometimes called the Hall of Faith has two primary functions in the context of the book of Hebrews. First, this chapter stirs us up by the success of God in the lives of faithful men and women. Second, it sets up the premise of chapter 12:1-3 that we too can have such a faith.

Note the text of Hebrews 12:1-3:

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

We see the link between the inspiring message of chapter 11 and the exacting directives of Hebrews 12:1-3 by the use of the word "therefore" in 12:1. Because we have so many wonderful examples of people who lived by and died in faith, we ought to be confident that we too can by faith achieve success...*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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with God in Christ. We must be diligent to commit ourselves to the requirement of Hebrews 12:1-3. What are those requirements of living by faith?

First, we walk by faith not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Walking by sight means to trust in what we can see, the things of this world. Worldliness and sinfulness will keep us walking by sight. Walking by faith is to trust God in Christ. While we live upon this earth, we must do away with the weight of the world and the desires of sin in order to live by faith. There is set before us a path of faith and righteousness that so many witnesses have finished by faith. Let us do the same.

Second, the just shall live by faith (Hebrews 10:38). The book of Hebrews spends a great deal of time urging Jewish Christians not to forsake Christ and return to Judaism. It is only in Christ that we can live justified (Romans 3:26). Thus we must look unto Jesus as the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Great is the draw to follow Christ partially in ways that suit our desires. Only a full faith in Christ will ensure the justification of our souls. Without justification there is no salvation.

Third, faith without works is dead (James 2:20). We must be careful not to become a lukewarm Christian. We must be vigilant not to backslide into sin or apathy. The writer of Hebrews mentions yet another deadly distraction to our faith, growing weary (Hebrews 12:3). From time to time one might say something to the effect of, "I have done my time," or, "I have paid my dues," as if Christianity is an occupation from which one can retire. It is true that as a Christian ages his or her talents and abilities will change. Discovering God's purpose for you in every stage of life is a necessary exercise for a Christian. But to simply say "I am finished" defeats the goal of faith. Consider Christ and His struggles lest you become discouraged in your soul (Hebrews 12:3).

So in the year 2020, let us have 20/20 vision when it comes to faith in God through Christ. Lay aside the weights and sins that tie you down. Look fully on Jesus Christ as your pattern of life. And do not indulge the temptation to become discouraged in your service to God.

-Mark Jones

January Card Distributor: Micah Nichols

January Baptismal Garments: Cindy Buffington

January Greeters – 12–Need Greeter 19–Need Greeter 26– Need Greeter

Our Record: January 5



Sunday Morning Assembly

102

Sunday Bible Class

72

Sunday Evening

35

Wednesday Bible Study

50

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,945

January Birthdays & Anniversaries:

12-Michaela Hutcheson **21**-Megan Jones
22-Lafe & Lorna Hutcheson (A) **23**-Xavier Seyler **27**-Kelly Shreves



Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**
- **Debbie Mowbray**-Health Issues
- **Loverine Pigott**-recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Judy Garner**
- **Sarah Palmer**-Cards can be sent to:
125 Jefferson St. Bridgeport, WV 26330
- **Louise Kelch**
- **Gene Wright**

Prayers- Family & Friends

- **Mike Yost**
- **Ester Lewis**-home bound.
- **Brandie Garner**-Maintenance Medication
- **Kay Burnett**-metastatic breast cancer
- **Karen (Sharon Loy's Cousin)**-Liver & Colon Cancer
- **Mary Coffman (Brandie Garner's Grandmother)**
- **Faith Eagle**
- **Daniel Alois**-In bad car wreck on July 4th
- **Roberta (Raymond's Sister)**
- **Jones Family (Co-Worker of Jessica Kerns)**
- **Jay Bagwell**-health complications from chemo
- **Andrew Kelly**
- **Dorothy Daugherty**-pancreatic cancer-Address:
3483 Union Rd. Philippi, WV 26416
- **Heidi Adams**-4 years old and going through chemo
- **Susie Myers (Cindy Buffington's Cousin)**- fell and broke both arms
- **Becky Britton**-Total knee replacement
- **Jerome Axton**
- **Betsy Yeager**-Broken arm
- **Charlie Compton**
- **Louise (Evelyn's Sister)**-pneumonia
- **Soldiers being deployed**

(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)