ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH:

April 3rd: Young at Heart Meeting at 1:30 at the church building

April 14th: Young at Heart & Young Adult Hangout

April 15th: Barrackville Ladies' Day

April 22nd: Ladies' Spring Tea

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Young at Heart meeting will be April 3rd at the building.

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Bridgeport Church of Christ

April 9th, 2023



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

What is in Your Heart?

Listen to these words: "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you" (1 Kings 3:9-12).

Solomon was asked a very simple question but it was very complex in its nature. God said: "Ask! What shall I give you?" (1 Kings 3:5). Solomon could have asked for great riches. Solomon could have asked for great power. Solomon could have asked for his enemies to be delivered into his hand.

Solomon could have looked at himself and found the one thing that he thought would make him happy. Yet, he asked God for an understanding heart! God gave Solomon the gift that could change the world.

Like Solomon, let us tear down the walls of anger, division, self care, importance, and evil. God was pleased at Solomon's response (1 Kings 3:11) and granted him a wise and understanding heart (1 Kings 3:12). We need more wise and understanding hearts in Sparta, in Tennessee, in the United States of America, and in the world. There are so many things worth fighting for and so many things that waste our time and influence. Heaven is worth it all!

May we ask ourselves one question: "What is in our hearts?"

Jonathan Burns

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April Card Distributor: Debbie Anderson

April Greeters: Debbie Anderson

Baptismal Garments: Debbie Anderson

Bible Classes & Current Topics of Study

Adults - Main Auditorium (S- Matthew/ W-Gospel Survey)

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark's Office (Faith)

Children & Teens- Downstairs (1st Samuel)

Events for Bridgeport 2023

May 6th: Church hike at Cooper's Rock May 21st: Friends & Family Day June 10th: VBS June: Lavender Picking (Ladies) July: FOP Breakfast (Ladies) August: Ladies Annual Meeting

Our Record: March 26th

Sunday Morning Assembly

60

Sunday Bible Class

44

Sunday Evening

23

Wednesday Bible Study

23

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$4,845

April Birthday / Anniversary List:

4- Emory Armstrong 9- Gabriel Black

12-Brandi Richmond

13-Robbie Buffington

17-Wayne Hartman

19– Alan & Kelly Shreves (A)

24- Caroline Seyler

29– Ed & Sharon Loy (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- Our Shut-in's: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner
- **Jerry Maxwell:** Has been staying in the hospital for severe heart issues. He also has an upcoming surgery on his shoulder.
- Ed & Sharon Loy: Pray for their health. Ed is fighting an ear infection. Sharon has an upcoming hand surgery this month.
- **Doug Stutler:** Healing from a procedure done at Ruby.
- **Debbie Anderson:** Healing from hip surgery.
- Ed & Lois Jenkins: Ed received bad news of cancer.

For Our Family & Friends:

Weston Wright's Grandma: House caught fire. They are accepting donations through the Gofundme shared on his Facebook.

If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin—Please email it to bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday.