

January Events:

- ⇒ **January 4th: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship--Cindy, Cristy, Addie, & Syd Buffington are in charge.**
- ⇒ **January 6th: Young at Heart meeting at the building at 11:30.**
- ⇒ **January 18th: One Day Lectureship.**
- ⇒ **January 19th: MLK, Jr. Holiday.**
- ⇒ **January 23rd-24th: CoC on Fishinger Road Ohio Winter Lectures.**
- ⇒ **January 31st: Ladies' Work Day at the Building; Breakfast at Winnie's.**
- ⇒ **January 31st: Freed-Hardeman-Lads 2 Leaders training session.**

Today's Announcements:

- Tonight is our Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship. Please plan to come out to encourage our song leaders and to fellowship.
- The Young at Heart will be meeting on January 6th at 11:30 a.m. here at the building for a White Elephant Exchange to bring in the New Year. Please bring a dish to share for our celebration.
- Our annual One-Day Lectureship will be on January 18th. Mark has chosen three excellent speakers for the day. Please plan to attend and invite others to come. There are flyers on the tables in the foyers.
- There is a sign-up sheet for food items for the One Day Lectureship Luncheon at the Benedum Center on January 18th. Please label all serving utensils and dishes. Food can be dropped off at the Benedum Center at 8:30 a.m. We are using the upstairs auditorium for our luncheon. If you are interested in helping with set-up or clean-up, please let Karen Seyler know.
- Save the Dates for WVCYC! The dates have been posted for Senior, Intermediate, Junior, All Age, and Singing Weeks for this coming summer of fun, fellowship, and Christian worship. Mark your calendars!

Note of Interest:

⇒ *Becky Britton says "Please accept my love to all. I would 'Thank' the carolers coming to sing at my home; the Young at Heart gift basket for Christmas and card. I especially love the made cards from the younger children..." See her complete message posted on the back bulletin board.*

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman  
Deacons: Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth  
Minister: Mark Jones

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*January 4, 2026*

## Starting Anew



As we come to the end of another year, it's time to look ahead and set goals for the New Year. Remember that the Apostle Paul said, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14). We can't ride the wave of past successes nor dwell on past failures. Christians must always look ahead, planning for spiritual growth, growth of the kingdom, and looking towards our final heavenly reward. So what would be some worthy goals for the coming year? Here are a few suggestions:

- **Increase Your Faith** – Luke 17:5-10
- **Read the Bible Every Day** – Acts 17:11
- **Make Church Attendance a Priority** – Hebrews 10:24-25
- **Be More Constant in Prayer** – 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- **Improve Your Example** – 1 Timothy 4:12
- **Make Godly Living a Family Priority** – Ephesians 6:1-4
- **Tame Your Anger** – Ephesians 4:26
- **Practice Pure and Undeiled Religion** – James 1:27

## Times of Service

### Sunday:

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6pm**

### Wednesday:

**Bible Study 7 pm**

*Jay Launius  
Maud church of Christ  
Maud, TX*

## Did You Know This About Titus?

The apostle Paul says in this letter that he left Titus on the island of Crete to “set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you...” (Titus 1:5).

Crete was a large island off the coast of Greece. It was notorious in the ancient world, and to “be a Cretan” was a euphemism for being a liar.

Did you notice that as Paul begins this letter, he affirms strongly that God does not lie?

“Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began...” (Titus 1:1-2).

Unlike man, God’s word is always true, and He never lies!

*Matt Clifton  
Bulletin Digest*

**Card Distributor: Susan Hartman**

**Greeter: Needed**

**Baptismal Garments: Cindy Buffington**

**Bible Class Locations**

**Adults–Main Auditorium**

**Young Adults (20s-30s)-Mark’s Office**

**Children & Teens–Downstairs**

**Cradle Roll–Downstairs**

## **Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember**

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**February 1st: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.**

**February 8th: Card Decorating for Shut-ins & Sick.**

**February 14th: Valentine’s Day.**

**February 16th: President’s Day Holiday.**

**February 22nd: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.**

**February 28th: Ladies’ Lunch and visit to the Mannington Tea Shop.**

**March 1st: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.**

**March 7th: Fishinger Road Ladies’ Day.**

**March 29th: Prayer devotion; Fifth Sunday of the month.**

**April 26th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.**

**May 17th: Friends & Family Day.**

**June 28th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.**

**June 28th-July 3rd: WVCYC Senior Week.**

## **Our Record:**

Sunday Morning  
Assembly: 68  
Sunday Bible Class: 43  
Sunday Evening: 22  
Wednesday Bible Study: 15  
Contribution: 3,520  
(Budget \$4,000)

## **January Birthday/Anniversary List:**

3-Barry Buffington; 5-Evelyn Griffin & Karen Seyler;  
7-Phoebe Jones; 8-Samuel Jones; 9-Jacob Hartman;  
21-Megan Jones; 23-Xavier Seyler; and 27-Kelly Shreves.



## Prayer Requests:

### **Our Congregation:**

- **Don & Kristina Riffle:** Don had a heart catheterization and other tests due to chest pains he was having while in Columbus, OH, where they were visiting with Mary Kate & her husband. Kristina on new medication and is improving.
- **Vickie Kerns:** Having minor heart surgery on January 7th; Requesting prayers on her behalf.
- **Ed & Sharon Loy.**
- **Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth.**
- **Tom & Nina Tucker.**
- **Evelyn Griffin.**

**Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney, Becky Britton, and Jerida Floyd.**

- **Joyce Wright.**
- **Gary Pastorial.**
- **Debbie Anderson.**
- **Kathy Cross.**
- **Jerry Maxwell.**
- **Charles Riley.**
- **Allan & Erica Craig.**
- **Lois Jenkins.**
- **Debbie Mowbray:** 2nd knee surgery scheduled for January 19th.
- **Several members & children out with colds, flu, & COVID during the holiday season.**

### **For Our Family & Friends:**

- **Ed & Sharon Loy’s granddaughter, Aaliayah.**
- **Harley West’s sister.**
- **Kathy Cross’ friend, Linda Wilson.**
- **Brandi Gardner’s mother, Charlotte Pearson.**
- **Matt Buffington’s father-in-law.**
- **Megan Currey’s father, Terry McCracken.**
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond’s friend).**
- **Linda Grimes & family (Susan’s Supervisor).**
- **Judy Stahl.**

*If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to [bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.*