

March Events:

- ⇒ **March 14th: Dinner & Game Night for the Young Adult Group.**
- ⇒ **March 15-19th: Farmington CoC Spring Gospel Meeting “Do You Know My Jesus?”**
- ⇒ **March 20th: First day of Spring.**
- ⇒ **March 26th: Movie Night, “The First Hymn”.**
- ⇒ **March 27th: Friday Night Sing at Blueville CoC.**
- ⇒ **March 28th: Day at the Hive for Children & Adults.**
- ⇒ **March 29th: Prayer devotion--Sunday Evening Service; Fifth Sunday of the month.**
- ⇒ **March 29th: Blueville CoC Friends & Family Day.**

Today's Announcements:

- Thursday morning Bible study at 11:00 a.m. here at the building. We are studying the book of Ruth.
- Mark has begun a study of Proverbs for the Wednesday night Bible class. With the weather improving and more daylight, please plan to come out on Wednesday nights to participate in this study.
- Saturday, March 14th, at 5:00 p.m., the Young at Heart Group will be hosting a dinner & game night for the Young Adult Group of the congregation downstairs at the building. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please let Adam & Hannah Elper know if you will be attending so we can have an accurate head count.
- March 26th: the movie “The First Hymn” is playing at Cinemark Theatres in Bridgeport at 6:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in seeing this movie, we will meet in the lobby of the movie theatre at 6:00 p.m. There is an information sheet on the back table about this movie. Any questions, please see Karen.
- Mark your calendars for March 28th for a fun event for kids and anyone who wants to JUMP at The Hive at Meadowbrook Mall. Tentatively meeting at 11 am and then lunch to follow at the Hive café. There is a signup sheet on the back table, or talk with Phill or Natalie. if planning to go.
- Our Spring Congregational Retreat will be April 18th for one day at Jackson’s Mill. There is a signup sheet on the back table to sign so we have a count of how many are coming. There are flyers in the foyers for you to take as well. More details are coming.

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Deacons: Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth

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Heaven: A Reward Motivation

If a person was to pinpoint the single most important reason for all that God does for us both physically and spiritually, my conclusion is that He wants us *all* to go to Heaven. In the words of the apostle Peter in 2 Peter 3:9, “He does not want any to perish but everyone to come to repentance.” Now, to qualify for that trip to the celestial city, first we must be redeemed (bought back) from the bondage of sin. God has provided a way for us to be redeemed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and so He adds incentives in the Bible to motivate us in that direction. If all men and women thought alike, then God would only have to use one incentive to try and spark our spiritual interest. However, we are all different, and because of our differing personalities, God uses various motives to help us see reality.

Some people can only be encouraged from the negative standpoint, therefore our Lord warns us of Hell and its impending doom for the disobedient. Others can be reached by compassion, so God tells us of His great demonstration of love in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” Because of this, He urges us to serve Him faithfully until death.

Still others are stimulated by reward motivation. The incentive to live righteously is living eternally with the Lord. The proper incentive should cause one to take stock of himself and look introspectively into his own life.

God wants us all to go to Heaven, thus through His word He tries to stimulate that desire through different avenues. My hope and desire is that He reaches all that would be receptive to His word.

Edward W. Loyd

Times of Service

Sunday:

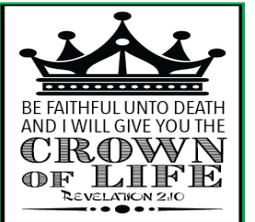
Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm



Thinking

Did I make a life shine brighter,
Did I make a burden lighter,
As I passed this way?
Did I make a life more humble,
Did I help a brother's stumble
Ere the close of day?
Did I make a life more cheery?
Did I lift a burden weary?
This is what I pray.
That my life might be for others,
That we might all live as brothers,
Helping 'long the way.
As I enter Heaven's portals,
Having lived for other mortals,
May I hear the Master say,
"Enter child, step this way."

John Dial



Card Distributor: Cindy Moore

Greeter: Needed for the month

Baptismal Garments: Kathy Cross

Bible Class Locations:

Adults—Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)—Mark's Office

Children & Teens—Downstairs

Cradle Roll—Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

March 14th: Young Adult Dinner & Game Night.

March 13-15th: North End CoC Youth Rally.

March 15-19th: Farmington CoC Spring Gospel Meeting.

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day.

March 20th: 1st Day of Spring.

March 26th: Movie Night, "The First Hymn".

March 27th: Friday Night Sing at Blueville CoC.

March 28th: Kids' Day at the Hive.

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

March 29th: Blueville CoC Friends & Family Day.

March 30th-April 5th: Harrison County Spring Break.

April 4th: Glenville State Baseball Game.

April 5th: Easter.

April 11th: WVCYC Spring Camp.

April 18th: Bridgeport's Congregational Retreat.

April 18th: Barrackville Ladies' Day.

April 26th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.

May 2nd: Harrisville CoC Ladies' Day. Register by April 1st at (304) 319-1969 for a T-shirt.

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly: 68
Sunday Bible Class: 47
Sunday Evening: 29
Wednesday Bible Study: 19
Contribution: \$5,280
(Budget \$4,000)

March/Anniversary List:

1- Nina Tucker; 6-Jessica Blizzard & Hannah Epler;
10-Charles Riley; 16-Cheryl Kelch & Gary & Heather
Blizzard (A); 23-Heather Blizzard & Rob & Cristy Buffington (A)



Prayer Requests:

Our Congregation:

Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney and Becky Britton.

- **Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth:** RuthEllen scheduled for shoulder surgery on April 9th.
- **Ed & Sharon Loy:** Both are improving from recent surgeries.
- **Evelyn Griffin:** Scan came back negative for gallstones but still has some health issues.
- **Cathy Hart.**
- **Tom & Nina Tucker.**
- **Joyce Wright.**
- **Jerry Maxwell.**
- **Terry Southall:** Recovering from surgery.
- **Don & Kristina Riffle.**
- **Kathy Cross.**
- **Charles Riley:** Cold & sinus issues.
- **Allan & Erica Craig.**
- **Lois Jenkins.**
- **Michaela Hutcheson:** Mission work.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Cheryl Kelch's mother, Cathy:** She fell and has a compression fracture on T6; appointment scheduled at Mon Spine Center.
- **Kevin Fortney, Ken's son:** Was taken to UHC and in Intensive Care due to his blood sugar levels being high.
- **The Hill Family, Raymond's neighbor & friends:** Lonnie Hill was killed in a car accident this past week.
- **Pat Jones (Mark's mother):** Back injury.
- **Harmon Family (Jerry's friends):** Wife & brother going on hospice care.
- **Nell Conrad (Charles' friend).**
- **Matt Buffington's father-in-law.**
- **Megan Currey's father, Terry McCracken.**
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond's friend).**
- **Linda Grimes & family (Susan's Supervisor).**

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 Karen Seyler before Thursday.