

ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

- **Singing Emphasis/Dessert Fellowship:** Sunday January 5– Evening Services (Ladies in Charge: Sharon Loy & Susan Hartman) For those attending, please bring a snack, dessert, or drink

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mark is teaching a class on the book of Matthew on Thursday mornings at 10 AM
- Mid Week Bible Study next week will be on Thursday the 26th instead of Wednesday night.
- **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



Phill and Natalie Seyler are expecting a baby girl in April!

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

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

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Bridgeport Church of Christ

December 15, 2019



How Bad Can I Be?

With the winter holidays just around the corner, we will all be seeing items and hearing stories related to the season. As such, I just read about the fact that there is a website known as emailsanta.com where young ones may write an electronic letter to the North Pole. Several letters from these innocent children were funny, but one stood out to me. Christian, age seven, wrote:

“Mommy and Daddy say I have not been very good these past few days. How bad can I be before I lose my presents?”

This letter reflects an attitude often displayed by “religious” adults. We ask, “How bad can I be before I lose my salvation?”

Clearly, the Bible teaches that it is possible for a man, who has really and truly been saved, to sin in such a way as to forfeit his salvation. “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace” (Gal. 5:4). “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame” (Heb. 6:4-6).

In light of this, why is it that so many seek to do “as little as possible” or “just enough to get by” when it comes to spiritual matters? Have you asked: “Do Wednesday nights really count?” “Can’t I use these words if I’m ...*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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really mad or scared?” “What is the smallest amount I can drop in the collection plate?” “How bad can I be and stay on God’s good side?”

May I suggest that it all boils down to lack of love? It is a lack of love felt for our God. It is a lack of understanding just how deeply and sincerely our God loves us.

Consider the attitude of Paul: “We are ruled by Christ's love for us. We are certain that if one person died for everyone else, then all of us have died. And Christ did die for all of us. He died so we would no longer live for ourselves, but for the one who died and was raised to life for us” (2 Cor. 5:14-15—CEV).

If we truly understood how much God loves us we would, like Paul, be motivated to a life of loving and positive action! We would never dream of asking, “How bad can I be?”

-Bart Warren

Our Record: December 8



Sunday Morning Assembly

87

Sunday Bible Class

62

Sunday Evening

46

Wednesday Bible Study

36

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,300

December Birthdays & Anniversaries:



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**-recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Judy Garner**

- **Sarah Palmer**-Cards can be sent to:
125 Jefferson St. Bridgeport, WV 26330
- **Callahan (Terry & Yonnie's Grandson)**-Doing better
- **Louise Kelch**

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**
- **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 (Vicki Kerns & Beth Hanlin's Mom)**-pancreatic cancer
- **Family of Keith Ball**
- **Family of Doretta Yost**
- **Heidi Adams**-4 years old and going through chemo
- **Susie Myers (Cindy Buffington's Cousin)**- fell and broke both arms last week
- **Becky Britton**-Total knee replacement
- **Jerome Axton**-having surgery on the 17th.
- **Betsy Yeager**-Broken arm

(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)

December Card Distributor: Lois Jenkins

December Baptismal Garments: Vicki Kerns

December Greeters- **12**- Need Greeter **15**- Need Greeter **22**-Need Greeter **29**- Need Greeter