

## ACTIVITIES FOR JULY:

- July 9th: Erica's Baby Shower at 2:00pm
- July 10th: Young at Heart Luncheon at 12:30pm
- July 15th: Ladies FOP Breakfast starting at 9:00am
- July 15th: Young Adult WV Black Bear Game at 7:00pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◇ The ladies will be holding a baby shower for Erica at the home of Cindy Moore *this afternoon at 2:00pm.*
- ◇ The Young Adult Group will be attending the WV Black Bear game July 15th starting at 7:00pm. Please let Adam or Hannah know if you plan to attend by the end of today.
- ◇ "Young at Heart" will meet July 10th at 12:30pm at the church building for a covered dish luncheon.
- ◇ An updated copy of our membership directory will be printed soon. Please see the draft on the back table by the end of today to make corrections before the final print. Thank you.
- ◇ Ladies, if you plan to join us for our Saturday breakfast at FOP, please let Natalie know or sign up on the back bulletin board.



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### Baby Boy Showers to Look Out For:

Name	Location	Date/Time	Registered at
Erica Allman	Cindy Moore (336 Grand Ave)	July 9th @2pm	Target
Rachel West	Karen Seyler (107 Pinewood Ave)	August 27th @2pm	Babylist.com

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

**Deacons:** Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

**Minister:** Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

# Bridgeport Church of Christ

July 9th, 2023



## What is Growing in Your Garden?

Change takes time. Peter's life displays a man who developed spiritually over years with ups and downs. Yet time was not the only factor in Peter's development. Left to time without proper care and nourishment, stagnation comes, and life that once was present will die out. Peter grew because his lifetime was spent cultivating his relationship with God. Foundational to that goal is seeking to understand who God has revealed Himself to be through His word. Peter affirms his belief in the importance of knowing God through scripture in places like Matthew 16:16; Acts 2:14-36, 3:13-26, and 10:43. In fact, his final recorded charge is about the connection between knowing Jesus and knowing Scripture. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Jesus taught the importance of the word of God in the parable of the sower (Luke 8:4-15). The best gardens begin with good soil. But without something to plant, it is just some nice dirt.

## Times of Service

### Sunday:

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6pm**

### Wednesday:

**Bible Study 7 pm**

The seed is where life begins. In Jesus' parable, the soil is the heart of a person (Luke 8:15). The seed—that which gives life—is the word of God (Luke 8:11). Three of the four soil types—pathway, rocky, weedy—all represented different reasons to end up with the same end: no final crop. The seed never produced and the plants eventually died. Yet, the word of God planted in a good heart can yield “a hundredfold.” Any farmer would love a soil like that! That is the kind of soil that you KEEP putting seed into. Planting God's word is never a one-and-done concept in our lives.

It is God's word, constantly planted within us, that makes proper change possible. The Psalmist's blessing to the one who delights in the law of the Lord is a lasting, fruitful life (Psalm 1). James' command to receive the implanted word has the effect of salvation (James 1:21). We learn to love from a pure heart because we have been born of imperishable seed (1 Peter 1:22-23)!

Change takes time. But it is only through a constant planting of God's word in our lives that will produce healthy change. Change that is able to “discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable, and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

Is the word of God growing in your life and mine? Or are there some other seeds that have been sown that are unnecessarily taking the place of His word? What is growing in your garden?

*Logan Summers  
Graeber Road church of Christ  
Rosenberg, TX*



**July Card Distributor: Megan Jones**

**July Greeters: Karen Seyler (July 9th)**

**Baptismal Garments: Megan Jones**

**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**

**July 9th-14th:** WVCYC Intermediate Week **July 16th-21st:** WVCYC Junior Week **July 23rd-28th:** WVCYC All-Age Week **July 30th– August 4th:** Singing Emphasis Week **August 6th:** Ladies' Annual Planning Meeting **August 27th:** Rachel's Baby Shower **September 9th:** Bluegrass and BBQ at

WVCYC

### **Our Record:**

**Sunday Morning Assembly**

62

**Sunday Bible Class**

52

**Sunday Evening**

27

**Wednesday Bible Study**

33

**Contribution (Budget \$4,000)**

\$3,295

### **July Birthday / Anniversary List:**

5- Angelia Collins 8– Don & Kristina Riffle (A)

15– Mark & Megan Jones (A)

16– Adam & Hannah Epler (A)

22-Brooklyn Richmond/

Phillip & Natalie Seyler (A) 24-Ryan Vilain/

Ed & Lois Jenkins (A) 26-Colton Carpenter

27-Vicki Kerns

30– Howard & Angelia Collins (A)

## **Prayer Requests**

### **For Our Congregation:**

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner
- **Jerry & Yvonne Maxwell:** Health concerns
- **Ed Jenkins:** Continuing chemo treatments

- **Raymond's Sister:** Back home but has been having flare ups.
- **Ed Loy:** Migraines
- **Gene & Joyce Wright**
- **Harper Family**
- **Tucker Family:** Tom & Nina lost their brother-in-law (Bernie Bice) in Parkersburg.

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

- **Louise Kelch:** Health concerns
- **Hannah's Dad:** Having bladder surgery on the 17th

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