

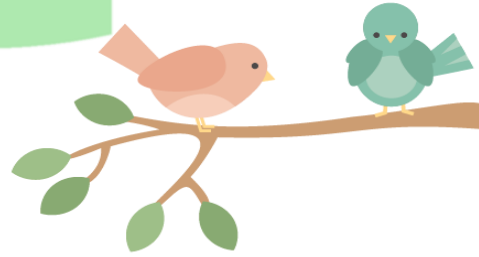
ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH:

March 3rd: Dessert Fellowship

March 12th: Young At Heart Meeting

March 22nd-23rd Congregational
Retreat at Jackson's Mill

March 24th: Bridal Shower for Jessica Kerns



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ There will be a dessert fellowship tonight following our evening worship service. All are invited to attend.
- ⇒ The Young At Heart have a meeting next Tuesday, March 12th.
- ⇒ Our Congregational Retreat at Jackson's Mill is March 22nd-23rd. A sign-up sheet for snacks/drinks has been posted on the back bulletin board.
- ⇒ There will be a bridal shower for Jessica Kerns on March 24th at 2pm at the home of Cindy Buffington. She is registered at Walmart and Zola.



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Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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

Bridgeport Church of Christ

March 3rd, 2024

'ASLSP'

Let me start off by saying that 20th century classical music is, by and large, "weird." John Cage, a late 20th century composer, wrote an 8-page organ piece called "Organ2/ASLSP." The "ASLSP" means "play it as slow as possible." Usually this organ piece takes more than an hour to complete. Yet, in 2009, an organist played the piece for 14 hours and 56 minutes. In 2022, the piece was played for over 16 hours. Not to be outdone, a custom organ was built in Halberstadt, Germany to play this piece. The performance on this custom organ began in 2001 and will not end until the year 2640 (an estimated 639 years). This is notable because on February 5th of this year, the organ piece changed chords for the first time in two years! How exciting for the listeners, I think.

I wonder if we treat our spiritual life and disciplines like this organ piece—"as slow as possible." When knowing that we need to change behaviors and habits, we want to hold on to the old just a little longer and try to milk the patience of God in not changing right now (cf. 2 Peter 3:9).



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

I wonder if we don't look at the end of our faith and move with urgency and diligence to get to that end of being spiritually mature, thus we move "as slow as possible" (cf. Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Peter 1:3-8).

I wonder if we treat church work as elders, deacons, preachers, and members as if it is not imperative to move with purpose and so churches end up moving "as slow as possible." One preacher described the church work where he was as, "waiting on snails" (cf. Romans 12:10-13).

I wonder if we treat the church's obligation to reach the lost as something that can happen tomorrow and so we end up moving "as slow as possible." We treat our friends and neighbors, family, and coworkers as an "I'll-get-around-to-sharing-the-gospel-with-them-sometime" prospect and therefore we procrastinate until it's too late (cf. 2 Cor. 6:1-2).

The God of Heaven is, of course, not John Cage. What He tells us to do, He tells us to do "diligently, urgently, fervently, zealously" because there IS an end coming. The hour is late. What we spend so much time lazily approaching, God counsels us, compels us, and implores us to get busy doing, growing, and maturing (2 Peter 3:18; Revelation 22:20).

*Andy Baker
Graeber Road church of Christ
Rosenberg, TX*

March Card Distributor: Evelyn Griffin

March Greeter: Karen Seyler (17th)

Baptismal Garments: Cindy Moore

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)– Mark's Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Events for Bridgeport 2024

April 7th: Dessert Fellowship

April: Family Hike at Cooper's Rock

May 5th: Dessert Fellowship

May: Friends and Family Day

May: Ladies' Tea Party at the Home of

Cheryl Kelch

June 8th: VBS

June: FOP Ladies' Breakfast

July: Back to School Cookout

August: Ladies' Planning Meeting

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

72

Sunday Bible Class

51

Sunday Evening

21

Wednesday Bible Study

20

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,785

March Birthday / Anniversary List:

1- Nina Tucker 6-Jessica Blizzard

6-Hannah Epler

16-Cheryl Kelch

16- Gary & Heather Blizzard (A)

23-Heather Blizzard

23- Rob & Cristy Buffington (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- *Our Shut-in's: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Yvonne Maxwell, Judy Garner, and Becky Britton*

For Our Family & Friends:

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 the secretary before Thursday.

