

## **ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER:**

November 23rd: Thanksgiving Day

November 30th: Light Up Night

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ⇒ Ladies are invited to a Christmas Coffee at the home of Cindy Moore on Saturday, December 2nd.
- ⇒ Light Up Night is Thursday, November 30th! We will be making cookie bags to hand out at our table. If you would like to donate store-bought cookies, please leave them in the kitchen downstairs to be added to our bags. Any questions, see Natalie Seyler (304-268-6692).
- ⇒ We will have our evening services on Tuesday, the 21st.



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November 19th, 2023

## Black Friday

I have been seeing ads recently for “Black Friday.” This used to be the day after Thanksgiving when retailers lure customers with all kinds of special incentives. Now “Black Friday” comes earlier and lasts longer. People line up to get the special “door buster” savings. They will flock to stores and spend large amounts of money just to take part in the euphoria of “Black Friday.”

A long time ago there was a “Black Friday” that was even more significant. In Mark’s gospel account we read: “Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour” (Mk. 15:33). For three hours, the earth was dark. This was a dark day because Jesus was being crucified. We know it was Friday because Mark adds “Now when evening had come because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath” (Mk. 15:42). Since the Sabbath fell on Saturday, we know this dark day was on a Friday.



## Times of Service

### Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

### Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

What made this “Black Friday” so special? It was special because of the price that was paid. Jesus paid the price for the sins of all mankind. Peter described it this way: “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sin, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed” (1 Pet. 2:24). There was another special purchase made on this day. Paul told the elders at Ephesus about this purchase. He said, “Shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). Our salvation and the church of our Lord are worth more than all of Solomon’s riches.

It was special too, because of the people who were there. The crowd of people who wanted Him crucified was there (Mk. 15:13). Simon the Cyrenian was there (Mk. 15:21). The soldiers who led Him away to the cross were standing there mocking Him (Mk. 15:16). The chief priests were mocking Him also (Mk. 15:31). The reason Jesus died was for those that were there and for those who were not there. Jesus stated in Luke 23:34, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” He was willing to forgive them while they were crucifying Him.

Have you participated in the events of the “Black Friday” of Jesus’ life? Are you saved by His blood (Matt. 26:28; Rev. 1:5)? Have you put Him on in baptism and taken part in all that His death purchased (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27)? What did or does that “Black Friday” mean to you?

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November Card Distributor: Cindy Buffington

November Greeters: open

Baptismal Garments: Susan Hartman

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark’s Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs (coming soon)

## Events for Bridgeport 2023–2024

**December 3rd:** Dessert Fellowship

**December:** Ladies’ December Coffee at the Home of Cindy Moore

**December 17th:** Pleasant Acres Service

**January 14th:** One Day Lectureship

**January:** Ladies’ Lunch at Apple Annie’s

**February 4th:** Dessert Fellowship

**February:** Ladies’ Mystery Dinner

**March 3rd:** Dessert Fellowship

**March:** TBD

**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:** VBS

**June:** FOP Ladies’ Breakfast

**July:** Back to School Cookout

**August:** Ladies’ Planning Meeting

## Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

70

Sunday Bible Class

40

Sunday Evening

27

Wednesday Bible Study

18

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,445

## November Birthday / Anniversary List:

7– Jackie Moore 8–Lou Skidmore

12– Rex & Cheryl Kelch (A) 19–Cathy Hart

24–Addyson Buffington 28–Andrew Seyler

28– Rachel Black 29– Erica Allman

## Prayer Requests

### For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in’s:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, Judy Garner, and Becky Britton
- **Jerry & Yvonne Maxwell:** Health concerns.
- **Ed Jenkins:** Medications keeping the cancer stable.
- Everyone Travelling around the holidays

### For Our Family & Friends:

- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy’s friend):** Treatments and travels.
- **Leslie Family:** Comfort and care
- **Earnie Parsons:** Going through second round of chemo.

