

## ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

- **Singing Emphasis/Dessert Fellowship:** Tonight-Evening Services (Ladies in Charge: Rachel West, Micah Nichols, & Cheryl Kelch) \*\*\*For those attending, please bring a snack, dessert, or drink
- **Elders and Deacons Meeting**— Tuesday September 3rd at 6 PM at the building

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Sign-up sheets from the Ladies Planning Meeting are on the back bulletin board if you would like to sign up.
- There is a sign-up sheet for Greeters on the back bulletin board.
- **Mark Your Calendar:**
  - Gospel Meeting with Brent Gallagher-November 3-6
  - Ladies Christmas Party—Friday December 6th at 6 PM at the home of Evelyn Griffin

## UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:

- September 6-West Union Church of Christ
- September 13– Pike Church of Christ
- September 20-Lower Paw Paw Church of Christ
- September 27-Sunrush Church of Christ

# Bridgeport Church of Christ

September 1, 2019

## **Don't Flatter Yourself... or Anyone Else!**



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Wisdom Literature teaches flattery proceeds from an open grave and sets a trap before man's feet (Psalm 5:9; Proverbs 29:5). So what is the problem with flattery? Philippians 2:3 gives a clear answer to that question. *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."* We all know the dangers of selfish ambition and conceit. These are the desires that justify the trampling of others underfoot for the sake of personal gain. No one likes that. And on the opposite side is esteem of others in lowliness of mind. This is the careful consideration of others and how they can succeed through our humble efforts of edification. This produces effective team building.

If one was to build another up with arrogance and self-seeking instead of lowliness of mind, the words he would speak to another would be nothing more than flattery! And even if the flattery is a true statement, comes from ...*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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a place of superiority. While praise is paid with the mouth, the heart despises the receiver of flattery, using them for selfish gain. Jude says in verse 16 of his one chapter book, “*These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.*” And again in Romans 16:18 Paul states, “*For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.*”

If you want favors, give flattery. If you want friendship, give compliments. It is important for people to hear nice things about themselves. “*Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*” (Proverbs 16:24) Pleasant words, or compliments, encourage people for within them are truth, openness, and humility. Flattering words, for a time, seem pleasant, but when found out, they deflate the soul as one realizes their deception.

Make certain that the next kind word you speak is truly that, kind. A compliment is kind, flattery is not. The difference is found in the heart. “*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*” (Luke 6:45) Choose the good.

-Mark Jones

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams  
**Deacons:** Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington  
**Minister:** Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

**September Card Distributor:** Addy Buffington  
**September Baptismal Garments:** Cristy Buffington  
**September Greeters**– 1-Cristy & Addy Buffington 8– Need Greeter  
15–Need Greeter 22–Need Greeter 29–Need Greeter

**Our Record: August 25**



**Sunday Morning Assembly**

72

**Sunday Bible Class**

61

**Sunday Evening**

49

**Wednesday Bible Study**

51

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

\$2,970

**September Birthdays & Anniversaries:**



**2-**Steve Potts **5-**Ken Fortney  
**8-**Lafe Hutcheson **9-**Jordan Ross/ Megan Root **12-**Rodney Sleeth **13-**Doug Stutler  
**20-**Mark Jones **23-**Cody Hutcheson **24-**Don Riffle  
**25-**Ciara Sleeth **28-**Lois Reed  
**30-**Rodney & Terri Vilain (A)

**Prayers– Those of Our Congregation**

- **Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**
- **Debbie Mowbray-Health Issues**

- **Loverine Pigott**
- **Allen Osbourne-Cataract Surgery**

**Prayers– Family & Friends**

- **Mike Yost**
- **Ester Lewis-home bound.**
- **Marshall Doll-Cancer**
- **Dan Hatfield**
- **Brandi Garner-Chemo treatments**
- **Becky Britton**
- **Beth Carder**
- **Kay Burnett-metastatic breast cancer**
- **Delma Thompson**
- **Dave Jones**
- **Paula Garner (Valerie Neill’s Aunt)**
- **Karen (Sharon Loy’s Cousin)-Liver & Colon Cancer**
- **Mary Kaufman (Brandi Garner’s Grandmother)**

- **Landman Family-Baby Athan- liver transplant**
- **Steve Williams-Knee Recovery**
- **Christy Williams-Retina Tear**
- **Faith Eagle-will be having back surgery in Oct**
- **Sam & Daniel Aloï-In bad car wreck on July 4th**
- **Gary Blizzard’s Parents**
- **Yvonne-Lymphoma**
- **Jim Boggs (Friend of Rex Kelch)- Eye Surgery**
- **Al Buzzelli**
- **Family of Gwen Ice**
- **Robin Bunner (Niece of Bill & Loverine Pigott)- scheduled for major surgery Aug 30th at Ruby**

*(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)*