

ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL:

April 16th: VBS Planning Meeting at 5:00pm.

April 22nd: Ladies' Spring Tea from 1-3pm at the Vilain's home.


April 30th: Teachers' Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ A VBS Meeting will take place this evening at 5:00pm at the church building.

⇒ The Ladies' Spring Tea will be held at the home of Terri Vilain this upcoming Saturday. All ladies are encouraged to join!

⇒ Our graduation-themed dessert fellowship is coming up! If you have or know of a graduate, please be sure to add them to our list in the back so we can celebrate them May 7th!

 ⇒ Phillip & Natalie Seyler announced that they will be having a baby **BOY** this August. Congratulations!

⇒ We are still in need of a few teachers and a game coordinator for VBS. If you are interested or would just like to help out in any way, please sign the list on the back bulletin board.



Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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April 16th, 2023



Benevolence of the Old Testament

We all know that Jesus taught us to care for the poor and needy. Benevolence is to be an active part of every Christian's life. However, giving to those in need is not only a New Testament practice. God has always required His people to care for the less fortunate.

God required His people to care for those who fell on hard times. Deuteronomy 17:7-11 says that Hebrews were not to harden their hearts nor close their hands to the poor, rather give as the poor brother had need. In Leviticus 25:36, the Lord commanded, "If one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty among you, then you shall help him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you." Those who had fields of crops or vineyards were mandated to leave the corners of the fields unharvested to allow the poverty stricken to gather the leftover "gleanings" for food (Leviticus 19:9) This is the what Ruth did in order to provide food for herself and her mother-in-law Naomi.

Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am


Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

One aspect of the Old Testament law of benevolence that carried on into the Law of Liberty is one of cause and effect. In the Old Testament we read, “The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.” (Proverbs 11:25) This same principle is repeated by Jesus when He said, “Give, and it will be given to you; For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38). The circle of benevolence is one that we all should be involved with at every opportunity (Galatians 6:10) and when we do, we’ll hear the King say, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).

Jay Launius
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Word 
SCRAMBLE
 Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!
H N L T A N A E A

 Clue: Jesus saw him under a fig tree
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Our Record: April 9th

Sunday Morning Assembly

87

Sunday Bible Class

53

Sunday Evening

19

Wednesday Bible Study

16

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$4,060

April Birthday / Anniversary List:

- 4- Emory Armstrong 9- Gabriel Black
 12-Brandi Richmond
 13-Robbie Buffington
 17-Wayne Hartman
 19- Alan & Kelly Shreves (A)
 24- Caroline Seyler
 29- Ed & Sharon Loy (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner
- **Weston & Hannah Wright:** Anticipating the arrival of their baby (Monday is the due date!)
- **Jerry Maxwell:** Health issues & healing from shoulder surgery.
- **Debbie Anderson:** Starting physical therapy after hip surgery.
- **Ed & Lois Jenkins:** Health issues
- **Gene & Joyce Wright:** Joyce healing from fall and broken vertebra and health issues.
- **Jerry Maxwell:** Shoulder pain

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Becky Britton**
- **Weston's Grandma:** Having a tough time mentally after the house fire.
- **Jackie Moore**



April Card Distributor: Debbie Anderson

April Greeters: Debbie Anderson

Baptismal Garments: Debbie Anderson

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

May 1st: YAH Luncheon **May 7th:** Dessert Fellowship Honoring Graduates **May 14th:** Mother's Day
May 21st: Friends & Family Day **May 29th:** Memorial Day **June 10th:** VBS **June:** Lavender Picking (Ladies)
July: FOP Breakfast (Ladies) **August:** Ladies Annual Meeting

If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin- Please email it to hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday.