

Bridgeport Church of Christ



November 22, 2026

Welcome to the Bridgeport church of Christ. We are honored to have you with us on this Lord's Day. If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card so we have a record of your attendance.

How One Person Made a Difference at Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving getting closer, I am reminded about the amazing story of how God used a Native American (Indian) named Squanto to bless the Pilgrims who settled in America.

Historical accounts of Squanto's life vary, but around 1608 a group of European traders sailed to what is today Plymouth, Massachusetts. When the trusting Wampanoag Indians came out to trade, they were kidnapped, taken to Europe and sold into slavery. This was, of course, a bad thing. But God can even use bad things to bless others.

The man who bought Squanto treated him well and taught him English and about Jesus Christ. Ten years later, Squanto was given his freedom and sailed back to America. By now, he knew both the English language and the Christian faith.

A year later, a shipload of English families arrived and settled in Plymouth.. Squanto went to meet them, greeting the startled Pilgrims in English. According to the diary of Pilgrim Governor William Bradford, Squanto "became a special instrument sent of God for [our] good … He showed [us] how to plant [our] corn, where to take fish and to procure other commodities … and was also [our] pilot to bring [us] to unknown places for [our] profit, and never left [us] till he died."

Bradford also wrote that without Squanto; they would have never survived their first year at Plymouth. God sent His blessings to our "Pilgrim Fathers" in the form of a former slave. Likewise, the Lord showers blessings on us in all sorts of ways.

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.' Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:8-11).

Larry Fitzgerald, Woodlawn church of Christ, Abilene, TX

Elders:
Raymond Anderson
Wayne Hartman
Don Riffle

Deacons:
Robbie Buffington
Adam Epler
Rodney Sleeth

Minister:
Mark Jones

Times of Service:
Sunday:
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Bible Class Locations:
Children & Teens: Downstairs
Young Adults (20s-30s): (Mark's Office)
Adults: Main Auditorium

Our Record for Last Week:
Sunday Morning Assembly: **71**
Sunday Bible Class: **38**
Sunday Evening: **20**
Wednesday Bible Study: **25**
Contribution: **$3,635** (Budget $4,000)

Church Building Address: 101 East Philadelphia Avenue, Bridgeport, WV 26330
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Card Distributor: Cheryl Kelch
Greeter: Need Greeter
Baptismal Garments: Karen Seyler

Count Your Blessings

"The more we express our gratitude to God for our blessings, the more He will bring to our mind other blessings. *Ezra Taft Benson*



(Shut-In Member: Ken Fortney)

Our Congregation:

Joyce Wright: Is scheduled for surgery on December 5th in Chicago.
Kathy Currey: Had a fall and sprang her ankle; getting better.
RuthEllen Wilmoth: Back pain & respiratory issues.
Gary Blizzard: Recovery well from surgery; hopefully will return to work in December.
Norma Bright: Severe headaches.
Ramola Lee: Traveling and visiting with family until January 20th.
Tom & Nina Tucker.
Ed & Sharon Loy.
Charles Riley.
Evelyn Griffin.
Don & Kristina Riffle.
Phill Seyler.
Jerry Maxwell.
Lois Jenkins.
Kathy Cross.
Cathy Hart.
Allan & Erica Craig.

Our Family & Friends:

Jim Boggs (Cheryl's friend).
Cheryl's mother, Kathy.
Brandi Garner (Lionel's daughter-in-law).
Mark's aunt, Jane.
Nelta Conrad (Charles' friend).
Terry McCracken (Megan's father).
Linda Grimes & family (Susan's supervisor).
Helen Isabelle (Deb & Raymond's friend).
Rodney Sleeth's sister & brother-in-law.
David Cunningham.
Billy Wiley.
Tom Tucker.

(If you have a prayer request or need to add or change the bulletin, please text or email it to Karen Seyler by Thursday of each week. Email address is bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com.)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.
Psalms 103:1-4

November Birthdays & Anniversaries:

11/8: Lou Skidmore; 11/12: Rex & Cheryl Kelch (A); 11/19: Cathy Hart; 11/24: Addyson Buffington; 11/28: Andrew Seyler & Rachel Black; & 11/29: Erica Craig.

Today's Announcements:

- ⇒ The Young Adult Group will participate in the Bridgeport "Light Up Night" on **Thursday, December 3rd**. Adam & Hannah are asking for lots & lots of cookies (about 700) for this event. These can be home-made or store-bought cookies.
- ⇒ Our ladies' Christmas breakfast will be on **Saturday, December 5th, 11 a.m.** at the FOP restaurant in Clarksburg. Like last year, we will do a gift exchange ($10-$15). If you plan to attend, please sign-up on the back table by **December 2nd**.
- ⇒ There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for Bible class teachers & assistants needed for the coming year which begins on **December 6th**. Please sign up if you can help.
- ⇒ The Young at Heart Group will meet on **December 8th at 11:30 am** here at the building to prepare holiday boxes & stockings for our shut-in members. Please bring a snack to share. There is a list of items on the back table to donate, or you can give a monetary donation to Debbie or Raymond. Please provide your donation by **Sunday, December 6th**.
- ⇒ Mark will begin a morning bible study after the first of the year. Let him know what day of the week is preferrable for you, such as Tuesday at 11 am or Monday at 10 am, etc. if you wish to attend.
- ⇒ Mark has begun a series of lessons on the book of Titus for Sunday morning.
- ⇒ There are flyers in the foyer advertising our One-Day Lectureship on **January 17th** to invite family & friends.
- ⇒ A new website or Facebook page to check out is called **Verse Scraps**. It is a really simple idea built around handwritten Bible verses and unexpected discovery. The idea is this: choose a Bible verse, write it by hand on a scrap of paper, and leave it somewhere for someone else to discover. A simple tool for Bible class teachers or anyone. Check out this free resource at versescraps.com or follow along on Facebook: facebook.com/versescraps.

November/December Events:

1. **November 23rd-27th: No School—Thanksgiving Break.**
2. **November 27th: Thanksgiving Day.**
3. **November 29th: Fifth Sunday of the Month—Prayer Service.**
4. **December 4th: Sounds of Christmas at Harding University.**
5. **December 5th: Ladies' Christmas Breakfast at the FOP.**
6. **December 8th: Young at Heart Group meeting at the building.**
7. **December 21st: 1st Day of Winter.**
8. **December 21st-January 5th: No School—Christmas Break.**
9. **December 25th: Christmas Day.**

