

ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST

- **Elders and Deacons Meeting**-Tuesday August 6th– 6 PM at the building
- **Movie Screening**– Friday August 9th at the building
- **Pleasant Acres Worship Service**-Sunday August 11th-2:30 PM– If you can help in any way, please see the Elders.
- **Ladies Planning Meeting/Luncheon**– Sunday August 18th After morning services at Eat-N-Park.
- **Sugar Cookie Baking**-Sunday August 18th at 3 PM at the building.
- **Back to School Picnic**– Saturday August 24 at 5 PM at the Bridgeport City Park.-Rotary Pavilion. All are encouraged to come out and enjoy the fellowship. See Adam O for more details.
- **Teacher's Meeting**-Sunday August 25th at 5 PM at the building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Baby Boy Shower for Danalea O'Connell

Sunday August 11th- 2 PM at the home of Vicki Kerns

She is registered at Target and Amazon.

- **Mark Your Calendar:**
 - Gospel Meeting-October 6-10 with Brent Gallagher
 - Ladies Christmas Party—Friday December 6th at 6 PM at the home of Evelyn Griffin

UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:

- August 9– Sandhill Rd Church of Christ
- August 16– WV School of Preaching
- August 23-Whitehall Church of Christ
- August 30-Kaiser & Douglas Church of Christ

Bridgeport Church of Christ

August 4, 2019

The Struggle With Time

Today marks the 365th day that I have been employed by the Bridgeport church of Christ. The events of this year have been so rich and full that in some ways I feel like ten years have passed. In other ways I cannot believe it has been a year, time has gone by so quickly! We look forward to year number two and discovering God's future plans with you.



Time is such an odd thing. The Bible describes long times as “forever and ever” (Exodus 12:24) and life-times as vapor (James 4:14). God is not bound by time seeing “one day...as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” (2 Peter 3:8). And so, as spiritual people living in a physical world, we have some difficulties with time.

First, spiritual maturity takes time. The best example of spiritual growth is the analogy of growing from a baby to an adult. Peter says in 1Peter 2:2, “as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.” Paul reveals the lengthy process of spiritual growth as he says to the (1) Corinthians (3:2), “I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able.” But we cannot use this process of grow as an excuse not to grow. Christians are rebuked in Hebrews 5:12-13 for not progressing properly and being unskilled in the word of God. Our goal is to patiently grow in the knowledge of the Lord and be fruitful in the ...*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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skill level in which we find ourselves (Colossians 1:9-10).

Second, soul winning takes time. Soul winning in the scriptures is often described as planting a field to harvest. This process takes time. But it is the Christ who says in John 4:35, "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest?' Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" There is a sense of urgency for the salvation of souls. But once again, this is a process that takes "planting," "watering," and the increase that only God can provide. Our mission is to seek and save the lost, redeeming the time that has been given to us (Colossians 4:5).

Third, we don't know when time will end, for us or the world. Jesus promised He will come again (John 14:3), but has stated that He does not know when (Matthew 24:36). This produces two extremes. One extreme is like some of the Thessalonians who believed Jesus was coming back so soon they seemingly quit their jobs and were living off the church. This provokes Paul to say, "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). The other extreme is as Peter says in 2 Peter 3:3-4, "knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'" Hypervigilance of Christ's return makes us ineffective for the cause of Christ and ignoring His return makes us scoffers of the truth. We then must pray for the return of the Lord, living by faith and perseverance (James 5:7-8).

In our struggle with physical time as spiritual people, let us use the time that God has given us to grow, reach the lost, and look forward to the coming of Christ.

-Mark Jones

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Deacons: Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington
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August Card Distributor: Megan Jones
August Baptismal Garments: Lorna Hutcheson
August Greeters— 4—Stan & Linda Williams 11—Natalie & Karen Seyler
18— Need Greeter 25—Need Greeter

Our Record: July 28



Sunday Morning Assembly

81

Sunday Bible Class

59

Sunday Evening

52

Wednesday Bible Study

48

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,660

August Birthdays & Anniversaries:



1-Helen Potts 6-Terri Vilain 7-PJ Wilson
10-Gene & Joyce Wright (A) 12-Sherri Gal-lagher 18-Kaitlyn Vilain 21-Logan Harper
25-Jonathan Hartman/Alan Shreves 28-Nathaniel Harper 30-Darrell Eddy 31-Cindy Buffington/Danalea O'Connell

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney
- Jackie Moore
- Judy Garner

- Debbie Mowbray-Health Issues
- Loverine Pigott

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 Caner
- Mary Kaufman (Brandi Garner's Grandmother)

- Landman Family-Baby Athan- liver transplant
- Christine Craig (Cheryl's Sister) -Broke her leg.
- Cheryl's Mom
- 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
- Chad Pigott-recovering from surgery
- Gary Blizzard's Parents
- Yvonne-Lymphoma
- Family of Bob Martin
- Cody Hutcheson
- Jim Boggs(Friend of Rex Kelch)- Eye Surgery

(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)