

## **ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST:**

August 28th: Dwayne Casteel from Churches of Christ Disaster Relief will be speaking.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ◇ **Our congregation will be collecting donations for the Southern Christian Children's Home in Arkansas.** Last year, our donations nearly covered the cost of their banquet for their kids. Please see Natalie if you would like to donate by August 28th.
- ◇ **A copy of the documents from the ladies planning meeting** have been placed on the back table. It is not too late to sign up for service opportunities throughout the year.
- ◇ **One of our shut-ins, Darrell Eddy, has a birthday coming up at the end of the month.** His mailing address is PO Box 216 Bridgeport, WV 26330 if you would like to mail him a card!

### **September Ladies Meeting**

**Apple Annie's (Fairmont)**

**Saturday, September 10th at**

**1:00 PM.**

**Come kick off our ladies events for the year in the private back room of Apple Annie's for lunch!**

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

**Deacons:** Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

**Minister:** Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

# Bridgeport Church of Christ

August 21st,

## The Failure of Feelings

We all have feelings. We respond to what we perceive around us and within us. Typical feeling statements might include: I feel hungry, I feel sleepy, I feel thirsty, I'm tired, I'm hot, etc. All of these statements describe needs or deficiencies that can be "felt." You have never asked anyone, "Am I sleepy?" That would be foolish. You are the only one who knows how you feel. But there are some things our feelings cannot do. Our feelings can't tell us all of our needs.



## Times of Service

### Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

### Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

There are places around the country that simulate skydiving. There are powerful fans that blow enough air upward that people can actually be held up by the air. The air going past them is the same speed as if they were actually falling through the air. If a person were to close their eyes while skydiving and close their eyes while in the simulator, it would feel the same!

Is being in a skydiving simulator and skydiving actually the same? Definitely not. The skydiver is falling toward the ground at about 120 mph!

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If they do not safely deploy a parachute to slow them down they will die in a very short time. The person in the machine is being held up by air being blown up at 120 mph and can stay as long as the air continues.

Many years ago I sat with a family in a hospital waiting area while a loved one went to have a minor surgical procedure to check out a bump. After the patient was taken back the remaining family and I made small talk and shared stories sitting in a small private waiting room. After about 30 minutes the surgeon came into the room. His report was quick and concise. The bump was cancer and there were many more spread all over the internal organs. There was nothing that could be done for him. The patient came in feeling fine but he was not fine at all. About six weeks later we had his funeral.

Good feelings do not guarantee that all is well in health or religion. There is no indication that Ananias and Sapphira felt any concern about their lives. Their feelings were wrong and God struck them dead for their sin (Acts 5:1-11). In Matthew 7:21 Jesus said many people will feel good about their religious practices right up through the time they die, even if their feelings are wrong. Jesus said it will not be our feelings that determine our soul's destiny, but (John 12:48) "... the word that I have spoken will judge in the last day." Feelings can be a safe guide only when they are safely guided by truth.

*Tim Orbison*  
*Maysville church of Christ*  
*Gurley, AL*

<p><b><u>August Card Distributor: Cathy Hart</u></b></p> <p><b><u>August Greeters: none</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Events for Bridgeport 2022</u></b></p> <p><b><u>August 28th– Disaster Relief Visitor</u></b></p> <p><b><u>September 25-28th– Fall Gospel Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b><u>October 28-29th Jackson’s Mill Youth Rally</u></b></p>
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<p><b><u>Our Record: August 14th</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday Morning Assembly</u></b> 79</p> <p><b><u>Sunday Bible Class</u></b> 51</p> <p><b><u>Sunday Evening</u></b> 25</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday Bible Study</u></b> 22</p> <p><b><u>Contribution (Budget \$4,000)</u></b> \$2,745</p>
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<p><b><u>August Birthday / Anniversary List:</u></b></p> <p><b>1-Helen Potts 6-Terri Vilain</b></p> <p><b>10-Gene &amp; Joyce Wright (A)</b></p> <p><b>18-Kaitlyn Vilain 21-Logan Harper</b></p> <p><b>25-Jonathan Hartman, Alan Shreves</b></p> <p><b>28-Nathaniel Harper, Allison Eskew</b></p> <p><b>30-Darrell Eddy 31-Cindy Buffington</b></p>
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## Prayer Requests

### For Our Congregation:

- *Our Shut-in's: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Darrell Eddy, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner*

### For Our Family & Friends:

- **Eddie Ross' Family:** Eddie's passing.
- **Sloter Family:** Larry, Kelly, and their family from Marietta, Ohio have requested prayers from our church. Larry has a serious illness.
- **Denise (Cathy' Cross's Sister):** has fluid building in her lungs.
- **Sally Harper's Dad:** Recovering from COVID.



*(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to [bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)*