

Bridgeport Church of Christ



November 8, 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.

The Danger of Slowing Drifting Away

Most Christians do not wake up one morning and suddenly decide to leave the Lord. Spiritual decline usually happens slowly. A missed prayer here, neglected Bible study there, worship becoming less important, sin becoming easier to excuse, and before long the heart has drifted farther than expected.

Hebrews 2:1 warns, "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away." Drifting is dangerous because it can happen quietly. A boat does not have to be powered away from the shore to become distant. It only has to stop being anchored.

That is why Christians must guard the heart. Hebrews 3:12–13 says, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." The passage then tells us to "exhort one another daily." We need God's Word, faithful worship, prayer, and the encouragement of other Christians to help keep our hearts strong.

The church at Ephesus had worked, endured, and rejected false teachers, yet Jesus said, "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (Revelation 2:4). His instruction was clear: "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works" (Revelation 2:5). Spiritual drifting can be stopped, but it must first be recognized.

Ask yourself: Is prayer becoming less important? Is Bible study becoming less frequent? Is worship easier to miss? Are sins being tolerated that once troubled you? Has your love for Christ grown weaker? Do not ignore the warning signs. Remember where you were. Repent where necessary. Return to faithful habits. Stay close to Christ, because drifting away rarely begins with a major decision. It often begins with small compromises that slowly move the heart away from God.

Jonathan Burns
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Sparta, TN

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: **84**
Sunday Bible Class: **49**
Sunday Evening: **34**
Wednesday Bible Study: **18**
Contribution: **$5,900** (Budget $4,000)

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Card Distributor: Cheryl Kelch
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A Prayer for Our Veterans

Oh God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed us with brave men & women who are willing to defend our freedom. May Your protection and grace surround them each day. Let Your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds & injuries. May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence. Comfort the families who mourn & are left to remember the precious lives of their loved ones. Help us to honor & support them. Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of the American people by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, & friends. Amen

Prayer Requests

(Shut-In Member: Ken Fortney)

Our Congregation:

Gary Blizzard: Had surgery on November 5th.
Ramola Lee & the Lee Family.
Joyce Wright: Is scheduled for surgery on December 5th in Chicago (if her infection clears up).
Megan Jones: Has a procedure this coming Tuesday.
Phill Seyler: Feeling better; has an appointment with cardiologist.
Phoebe Jones: Out sick last week.
RuthEllen Wilmoth.
Ed & Sharon Loy.
Charles Riley.
Evelyn Griffin.
Don & Kristina Riffle.
Tom & Nina Tucker.
Jerry Maxwell.
Lois Jenkins.
Kathy Cross.
Cathy Hart.
Allan & Erica Craig.

Our Family & Friends:

Jim Boggs (Cheryl's friend).
Cheryl's mother, Kathy.
Marilyn Blizzard (Gary's mother): Home form the hospital; doing better.
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.)

The Pain You Have Been Feeling Can't Compare to the Joy that is Coming. Romans 8:18

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:

- ⇒ Congratulations to Aaliyah Loy and great grandparents, Sharon & Ed Loy. Aaliyah gave birth to a baby boy, Damir Neal, on October 26th. Both mother & baby are doing good.
- ⇒ **Today** is our Friendsgiving meal downstairs. Everyone is welcomed to stay and fellowship with us.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Remember to wish a Veteran or Service Personnel a "Happy Veterans Day", and thank them for their service. Veterans Day is **Wednesday, November 11th**.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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.

November/December Events:

1. **November 10th: ASI Distinguished Lecture @ Harding University.**
2. **November 11th: Veterans Day—No School.**
3. **November 13th: Friday Night Sing at Camden Avenue CoC.**
4. **November 16th: Lighting Ceremony at Harding University.**
5. **November 23rd-27th: No School—Thanksgiving Break.**
6. **November 27th: Thanksgiving Day.**
7. **November 29th: Fifth Sunday of the Month—Prayer Service.**
8. **December 4th: Sounds of Christmas at Harding University.**
9. **December 5th: Ladies' Christmas Breakfast at the FOP.**
10. **December 21st: 1st Day of Winter.**
11. **December 21st-January 5th: No School—Christmas Break.**
12. **December 25th: Christmas Day.**



