

## ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST:

August 12th: Young Adult Game Night

August 27th: Rachel's Baby Shower



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◇ Our church will be hosting a Back-to-School Picnic on Saturday, September 16th at Compton Park. A food sign-up sheet will be located on the back bulletin board.
- ◇ The sign-up lists from the Ladies Planning Meeting will be available on the back table through the end of today.
- ◇ There will be a baby shower honoring Rachel West at the home of Karen Seyler on Sunday, August 27th. She is registered at babylist.com.
- ◇ Just a reminder: If you are planning an event please continue to pencil it into the calendar on the back table & let Natalie know so it can be published in the bulletin and not conflict with other events. Our calendar is filling up fast for the upcoming school year. Thank you!

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August 13th, 2023

## What Can You Do to Help?

Church growth is not an accident—it's deliberate. Churches that do not have plans or goals for growth usually do not grow. Having goals are nice, but every member must do their part to achieve these goals. Here are some suggestions for helping the church achieve its goals in attendance and conversions.

**Identify people.** New Christians do not magically appear, they are made from existing people. We can help the church grow by identifying people in our lives that need the gospel. The best candidates are friends and family members. Other prospects could be coworkers and acquaintances that we see often. Paul identified those on Mars Hill as ones needing the gospel (Acts 17:16-31).

**Pray for people.** Those we identify as needing the gospel deserve every effort we can give them. Prayer is a small but powerful effort that could be the difference between winning someone to Christ or missing that opportunity. Certainly Cornelius is an example of a sinner aided by prayer (Acts 10:1-8).

**Prepare for people.** Before we approach those we identify as having a need, we ought to prepare ourselves. We should know what we are going to say and how we might answer some objections. It all goes back to planning. Jesus spent over three years preparing the apostles to change the world (Luke 24:44-49).

**Approach people.** We often leave this undone. Searching for the perfect time to approach someone with the gospel usually means it never gets done. Once we have prepared...



## Times of Service

### Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

### Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

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

**Deacons:** Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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

we must approach them and bring up God. Philip was told by the Spirit to go to the eunuch, and he ran to approach him in the chariot (Acts 8:29-30).

**Invite people.** Once the subject of God is brought up, do not forget to invite them to study the Bible or come to worship with you. Sometimes we may feel like it is overbearing to invite people to study. However, without an invitation to do something, approaching some one about God becomes little more than an opinion swapping session. Here again, Philip serves as an example by asking him about his understanding (Acts 8:30).

**Invite them again.** If someone accepts our invitation be joyous, but do not be duped. Just because they came once, does not mean they are planning to come again. So, invite them again. Of course, if they reject our invitation that does not mean we stop inviting them. Persistence often pays off in time. On the day of Pentecost, many people heard Peter, but only 3,000 obeyed. However, by the fourth chapter the number was over 5,000 because many received another invitation (Acts 2:41;4:4).

*Sam Dilbeck  
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August Card Distributor: needed

August Greeters: needed

Baptismal Garments: needed

**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– 2024**

**September 9th:** Bluegrass and BBQ at WVCYC

**September 16th:** Back to School Cook-out at Compton Park

**September 23rd:** Teacher Training Day

**September 24th:** Pleasant Acres Service

**September 29th:** Edge of Town Pumpkin Patch/Hay ride for Youth & Families

**October 1st:** Dessert Fellowship

**October 7th:** Ladies' Game/Snack Day at the Home of Lois Reed

**October 15th-18th:** Fall Gospel Meeting

**October 21st:** Fall Camp at WVCYC

**November 5th:** Dessert Fellowship

**November 18th:** Ladies' Ceramic Tree Painting Class @ Mountain Top

**December 3rd:** Dessert Fellowship

**December:** Ladies' December Coffee at the Home of Cindy Moore

**December:** Light Up Night on Main St.

**December 17th:** Pleasant Acres Service

**January:** One Day Lectureship

**January:** Ladies' Lunch at Apple Annie's

**February 4th:** Dessert Fellowship

**February:** Ladies' Mystery Dinner

**March 3rd:** Dessert Fellowship

**March:** Ladies' Sewing Class at the

**Our Record:**

Sunday Morning Assembly

75

Sunday Bible Class

61

Sunday Evening

38

Wednesday Bible Study

27

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$5,720

**August Birthday / Anniversary List:**

1-Helen Potts 6-Terri Vilain

8- Blair Kolar 10- Allison Eskew/  
Gene & Joyce Wright (A) 12- Dale E Lee

18-Kaitlyn Vilain 25-Jonathan Hartman

25-Alan Shreves 28-Nathaniel Harper

31-Cindy Buffington

**Prayer Requests**

**For Our Congregation:**

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner
- **Jerry & Yvonne Maxwell:** Health concerns
- **Ed & Lois Jenkins:** Health concerns

- **Ed Loy:** Migraines
- **Gene & Joyce Wright**
- **Tom & Nina Tucker:** Health concerns

**For Our Family & Friends:**

- **Ernie Parsons (Hannah Epler's Dad)**
- **Roberta (Raymond's Sister):** Health problems.
- **Evelyn's Sister in Law:** Cataract was removed from her eye Monday.



*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.*