

ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL:

April 30th: Teachers' Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ Congratulations to Curtis Sleeth and Faith Sayers on their recent engagement!



⇒ There will be a Young at Heart covered dish luncheon tomorrow starting at 12:30 at the church building.

⇒ Our May Dessert Fellowship will take place downstairs after evening services next Sunday. If you have any graduates, please add them to our list in the back.



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Bridles Are Not Just For Horses

In the traditional sense, riders use a bridle to direct their horse where they want it to go. They use this small but effective tool to control a powerful, 1000-pound animal with ease.

James compares it to the influence we wield with the tongue, one of our smallest muscles: "If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things" (James 3:3,5 ESV).

The world overflows with chatter. Sadly, much of it contains meaningless words that will never bear fruit for God's Kingdom. Let's look at some numbers: Every single day, humans send more than 276 billion Facebook posts, tweets, texts, and emails. That amounts to 34 messages for every man, woman, and child—eight billion people—on Earth. And that doesn't include phone calls, dozens of other social media sites, or just plain old talking.

From a positive viewpoint, these platforms give us an extraordinary opportunity to glorify God and uplift others. They afford us unparalleled capability to offer a kind word to those who are hurt-ing, anywhere in the world. They reduce miles of separation from friends and family to a few keystrokes.



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Conversely, these technological advancements draw out the absolute worst—dare I say evil—in people. I don't need to explain my meaning. We've all seen it. Or been hurt by it.

Jesus makes it quite clear that we'll be held accountable for our words. "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37 ESV).

Let us pray to our Heavenly Father that our tongue always imparts blessings and life. "A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit" (Prov. 15:4 ESV).

Dan Biby
Garriott Road church
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CrossWORD

Plagues Begin

Exodus 7

Across

- The ___ of Egypt repeated the miracle.
- "...that they may ___ me in the wilderness."
- All the waters of Egypt became this.

Down

- Moses' age when he spoke to Pharaoh.
- Moses performed a ___ with the rod.
- Number of days that passed after the Lord struck the river.

Bulletin Digest

April Card Distributor: Debbie Anderson

April Greeters: Debbie Anderson

Baptismal Garments: Debbie Anderson

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

May 1st: YAH Luncheon **May 7th:** Dessert Fellowship Honoring Graduates **May 14th:** Mother's Day
May 19th: Young Adult Movie Night **May 21st:** Friends & Family Day **May 29th:** Memorial Day **June 10th:**
VBS June: Lavender Picking (Ladies) **July:** FOP Breakfast (Ladies) **August:** Ladies Annual Meeting

Our Record: April 23rd

Sunday Morning Assembly

82

Sunday Bible Class

52

Sunday Evening

24

Wednesday Bible Study

24

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,305

May Birthday / Anniversary List:

- 1— Tim & Brandi Richmond (A)
 3— Steve & Kathy Cross (A) 4- Eddie Eskew
 6-Joyce Wright, Brandon Southall
 6-Gary Blizzard 8-Cristy Buffington/
 Steve & Marcy Potts (A) 9-Raymond Anderson
 10- Julie Armstrong 13-Sally Harper
 14- Jacob Carder/ Wayne & Susan Hartman (A)
 16— Rodney & Leah Sleeth (A) 17-Marcy Potts
 27-Conner Buffington

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner
- **Weston & Hannah Wright**
- **Jerry & Yvonne Maxwell:** Jerry went back to VA to check on his trouble breathing.
- **Ed & Lois Jenkins:** Health issues, Lois had cataract surgery. Ed is weak but not nauseous.
- **Gene & Joyce Wright:** Joyce had a good report from doctor and hoping to be out soon.
- **Sharon Loy:** Healing from hand operation surgery.



For Our Family & Friends:

- **Rodney Fast (Wilson Ridge Member):** Bed-ridden in his 50s.
- **Weston's Grandma:** Having a tough time mentally after the house fire.
- **Becky Britton:** Health and family issues.
- **Loise Kelch**
- **Dave Newberry (Former Lubbock Church of Christ preacher):** Passed away yesterday.

If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin— Please email it to hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday.