ITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 24th: Pleasant Acres Service



September 29th: Pumpkin Patch & Hay Ride at Edge

of Town Market

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Teacher Training Day has been rescheduled for October 28th.
- The Young at Heart will be hosting the Young Adults for a "Chili Feed" on Saturday, Oct. 14th. More details to follow.

Bridal Shower Invite!

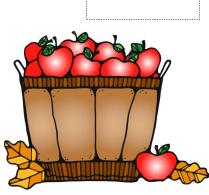
Date: Saturday, September 30th at 2 PM

upcoming marriage at the following address:

RSVP to Grace @ 304-288-2175

(Registry: Target & Amazon)





All ladies are invited to celebrate Faith & Curtis'

2351 Middleville Road, Flemington, WV 26347

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

> Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington **Deacons:**

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

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September 17th, 2023



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

When Jesus Doesn't Come

At separate times, both Martha and Mary said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (cf. John 11:21,32).

There are a few ways to understand these griefstricken words.

First, it is likely these were often repeated words around the home: "If only Jesus was here." It was common sentiment in that household that life was better when Jesus was around.

Second, there is an acknowledgment that Jesus has the special power and ability to accomplish feats that others cannot.

Third, it seems likely that there is also regret and confusion in these words. When Jesus was so greatly needed, He was not there. Why not? Didn't He know they needed Him? Did He care? Yet, because they were so confident He loved them, they struggled to understand why He did not do anything about the situation. Why didn't He prevent the tragedy from occurring?

We have probably found ourselves in similar situations. We all hurt and suffer. It is natural for believers to ask God where He is and why He allows such painful events to transpire (Ps. 13:1; 42:9; 43:2; etc.).

The response of Jesus to these sisters, particularly His response to Martha, is instructive (John 11:23-26). Their greatest need was not to have their brother back. Their greatest need was to trust Jesus. They needed to trust that, as the Lord of life, Jesus would provide for them in ways they did not yet see or understand. He was always there. He always knew.

The same is true for us—we must trust Jesus through the pain. We must acknowledge that He is matchlessly powerful and that life is better when He is involved. But we must also admit that He is always "here" (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5-6; Ps. 139:1-16). He blesses and restores in ways that bring Him glory and are often surprising to us.

Let us acknowledge that, in spite of any suffering we may be experiencing, our greatest need is to trust our Lord Jesus who is "here" even now.

Bart Warren
South Green Street
church of Christ
Glasgow, KY



 $\underline{\textbf{September Card Distributor: Debbie Anderson}}$

September Greeters: Needed

Baptismal Garments: Kathy Cross

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

October 1st: Dessert Fellowship

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

October 14th: YAH/YA "Chili Feed"

October 15th-18th: Fall Gospel Meeting

October 21st: Fall Camp at WVCYC

October 28th: Teacher Training Day

October 28th: Young Adult WVU Game

Viewing Party

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: TBD

April 7th: Dessert Fellowship

April: Family Hike at Cooper's Rock

May 5th: Dessert Fellowship

May: Friends and Family Day

May: Ladies' Tea Party at the Home of Cheryl Kelch

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

92

Sunday Bible Class

59

Sunday Evening

29

Wednesday Bible Study

23

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,450

September Birthday / Anniversary List:

1- Tom & Nina Tucker (A) 2-Steve Potts

5-Ken Fortney 9-Megan Root 12-Rodney Sleeth

13-Doug Stutler 16- Dennis Currey

18- RuthEllen Wilmoth 20-Mark Jones

23- Ramola J Lee 24-Don Riffle 28-Lois Reed

30-Rodney & Terri Vilain (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- Our Shut-in's: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner
- Ernie Parsons: Strength and comfort while fighting cancer.
- **Brooklyn Richmond:** Waiting for test results.

For Our Family & Friends:

- Ernie Parsons (Hannah Epler's Dad)
- Oakie (Evelyn's Brother): Gallbladder surgery went well.
- Bobbie Gelpi (Rachel West's Mom): Recovering from a recent heart attack.
- Loise Kelch: Healing from a broken shoulder
- Joann (Remola's friend): Kidneys are not working.
- Teresa (Kathy's friend): Health concerns