

## ACTIVITIES 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*

All ladies are invited to celebrate Faith & Curtis' upcoming marriage at the following address:

2351 Middleville Road, Flemington, WV 26347

RSVP to Grace @ 304-288-2175

(Registry: Target & Amazon)



Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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

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September 17th, 2023

## 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 grief-stricken 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.).



## Times of Service

### Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

### Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

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*



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