

ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER:

- **Hutcheson Moving Day:** September 20th
- **Ladies Dinner:** Our first Ladies Dinner will take place at Oliverios on Tuesday, September 21st @ 6pm.
- **September 22nd:** First Day of Autumn

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **MOPS** (Mothers of Preschoolers) rescheduled their first meeting to this Tuesday, September 21st from 9-11am. Expect breakfast, a speaker, and time to mingle with other moms. Childcare is provided. Located at the Whitehall Church of Christ. For updated information, follow their page on Facebook.



Fall Gospel Meetings

- **Pricetown Church of Christ—20th-26th**
- **Barrackville Church of Christ— September 26th-29th**
- **Sunrise Church of Christ—September 26th-29th**
- **Bridge Street Church of Christ—October 3rd-6th**
- **Camden Ave Church of Christ— October 3rd-6th**

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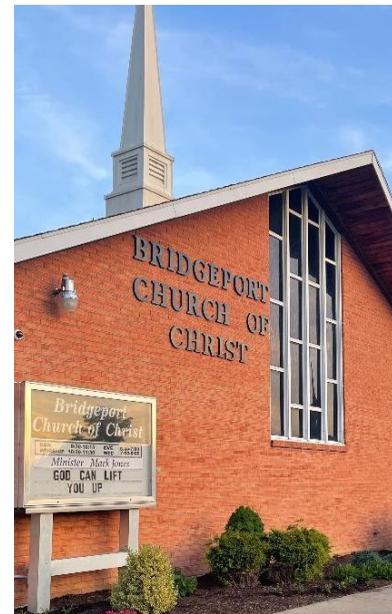
Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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

Bridgeport Church of Christ

September 19th, 2021



Go Prepared

After the resurrection of Jesus, He taught the apostles about their work. One message that Jesus repeats is that the apostles needed to go preach to all the world. We call that the great commission. Jesus speaks this commission to the apostles in Galilee (Matthew 28: 19) and again before His ascension (Mark 16:15). The spreading of the Gospel to all the world was assigned to the apostles and Paul the apostle notes in Colossians 1:6 that the gospel had indeed gone into all the world. Two obvious points that exist concerning the great commission are, first, the gospel still needs to be preached everywhere, and second, the Christian does not have the same commission of spreading the gospel in all the world as the apostles did. Jesus, in the very same commission given to the apostles, gives us the scope of our mission today in spreading the gospel. This scope is found in the word “go.”

The Greek word for “go” is the average, run-of-the-mill word for ‘go.’ But the sentiment of the Bible surrounding that ‘going’ is anything but ordinary. Prophets spoke of salvation flowing from Jerusalem into the whole world (Isaiah 2:3). Poets spoke of children being trained to fly fast into conflict with the enemy of sin (Psalm 127:4-5). The Gospel could not be stagnant in Jerusalem but must spread into all the world to be effective. The apostles started the spreading of the good news.

Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

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For the application of the scope of the Christian’s commission to “go” look to the context of Matthew 28 and Mark 16. In both Matthew and Mark’s account of the great commission, we see the process of the go-ing. In these accounts, one by one witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus went and told someone else about the resurrection. Likewise, when we believe, when we see in spirit the empty tomb and we are buried with Christ with Christ in baptism, we are changed by Christ and ready to **go** tell someone else about who Christ is. Our commission to spread the Gospel is simply to “go tell someone about Jesus.”

The challenge for the Christian is to remember our responsibility is here in the world. Often we think of the Christian walk as preparing for heaven. Jesus is the one who prepares a Christian for heaven and heaven for a Christian. What Jesus commands is that Christians prepare for evangelism, every good work, and resisting temptation. Christians must “go” to school, work, home, vacation, the doctors, the store, church services, mission works, bible camp... anywhere and everywhere! And as you go, be prepared to share Jesus with someone in word and deed and to keep yourself unspotted from the world.

This week we lose the Hutcheson family to a move for work. We certainly wish them well as we say good-bye, for now. But let us also be inspired by a family who came to Bridgeport prepared to serve God and leave prepared to serve God. That service comes from one simple premise: Jesus rose from the dead that I might have life. Christians must be prepared to tell others about Jesus, do good works to show the love of Jesus, and stand against the sin that is contrary to Jesus, for this is the mission of Christ and Christ commands us “go.”

Mark Jones



September Card Distributor: Susan Hartman

September Baptismal Garments: Jessica Kerns

September Greeters– 12– Karen Seyler 19– Debbie & Raymond 26– Need Greeter

Our Record: September 12th



Sunday Morning Assembly

57

Sunday Bible Class

50

Sunday Evening

25

Wednesday Bible Study

22

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,285

September Birthday / Anniversary List:



2-Steve Potts 5-Ken Fortney 8– Lafa Hutcheson 9-Jordan Ross 9-Megan Root 12-Rodney Sleeth 13-Doug Stutler 20-Mark Jones 24-Don Riffle 28-Lois Reed 30- Rodney & Terri Vilain (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in’s: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, and Brenda Fortney**
- **Cathy Hart**– broken foot

- **Tammy and Brad Greathouse** request prayers as they have been battling Covid.
- **Lois Jenkins**– Battling Covid.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Brandi’s Uncle**– brain bleed.
- **Sally Harper’s Cousin**– Fighting an illness.
- **Robbie Craig (Cheryl’s brother)**– Continuing to endure a lot of pain.
- **Jerry Nichols (Sally’s father-in-law)**- is recovering from back surgery.
- **Becky Britton**– Will undergo surgery to remove the bacteria infection near her brain.
- **Betty Peters (Karen’s mom)** recently fell and is now being treated in the hospital.

- **John Butcher**– Has cancer and undergoing treatments.
- **Residents & Staff at Pleasant Acres**– There are four covid cases currently.
- **Lindsey Farley (Former student at Harding University)**- victim of a car accident and was left with extensive injuries. She is now trying to recover in the hospital.
- **Allen Judy (Jessica’s boyfriend’s father)**- had surgery this week to remove the masses found on his brain. Waiting on pathology to determine if it is cancer.
- **Bagwell Family**– Brittany and her father have tested positive for Covid.

(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)