

ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL:

April 30th: Teachers' Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ Our graduation-themed dessert fellowship is coming up! If you have or know of a graduate, please be sure to add them to our list in the back so we can celebrate them May 7th!

⇒ Phillip & Natalie Seyler announced that they will be having a baby **BOY** this August. Congratulations!



⇒ We are still in need of a few teachers and a game coordinator for VBS. If you are interested or would just like to help out in any way, please sign the list on the back bulletin board.

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April 23rd, 2023

Planting Seeds

I'm no poet, but I certainly appreciate those who can create thought-provoking and vivid images with the words that they write. I came across an ever-so-brief poem recently that has made quite an impression on me. It is called, "Forecast" by Luci Shaw:

*"Planting seeds
Inevitably
Changes my feelings
About rain"*



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

There are numerous helpful insights here, many of them theological in nature.

First, a new perspective on adversity. Commonly, rain is seen as a nuisance. Of course we all acknowledge that such is necessary for life, but rare is the person who is thankful the ballgame was rained out. Unusual is the person who picnics, ride bikes, drives convertibles, or plays golf in the rain. Many avoid doing much of anything if it happens to be raining. However, we should be reminded that disappointment and adversity can build character. We are all going to go through difficult stages in life. When we do, let us look for the good. "For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it" (Heb. 12:11).



Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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Second, a new perspective on labor. Hard work pays off. The investment of time and energy pays off, even if it may not be immediate. So, take the time to plant seeds. Plant seeds of kindness. Plant seeds of the Gospel. The difficult and uncomfortable conversations matter and they make a difference. Paul planted seeds (1 Cor. 3:6). The Lord often used the imagery of planting seeds in His ministry. From the way people would receive the Good News (Matt. 13:1-23) to the way the Kingdom would grow (Matt. 13:31-32).

Third, a new perspective on hope. Let us be patient with God and His plan. Sometimes it is difficult to see past the storm clouds. However, without the rain, there is no growth. We must learn to trust God to bless us with blue skies after the storm. “He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him” (Ps. 126:6).

Plant seeds. Expect rain. Enjoy God’s blessings.

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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 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 16th

Sunday Morning Assembly

79

Sunday Bible Class

50

Sunday Evening

26

Wednesday Bible Study

28

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,305

April Birthday / Anniversary List:

4- Emory Armstrong 9- Gabriel Black

12-Brandi Richmond

13-Robbie Buffington

17-Wayne Hartman

19– Alan & Kelly Shreves (A)

24- Caroline Seyler

29– Ed & Sharon Loy (A)

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- *Our Shut-in’s: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner*
- **Weston & Hannah Wright:** Anticipating the arrival of their baby (Due date was Monday)
- **Jerry & Yvonne Maxwell:** In bad shape with health issues.
- **Ed & Lois Jenkins:** Health issues, Lois had cataract surgery
- **Gene & Joyce Wright:** Joyce healing from fall and broken vertebra and health issues.
- **Black Family:** Recent injuries

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Weston’s Grandma:** Having a tough time mentally after the house fire.
- **Jackie Moore**

- **Becky Britton:** Health and family issues.
- **Loise Kelch**



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.