

## ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

- TODAY @ 3:30– Children are invited to meet downstairs for a simple sewing project. Parents and Grandparents are encouraged to come and assist children with pins, needles, and scissors. Any questions, please see Lois Reed.
- **Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting**–Tuesday October 22nd at 7 PM
- **Youth Rally @ Jackson’s Mill**–October 25th and 26th
- **Teacher’s Meeting**– Sunday October 27th — 5 PM at the building

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mark Your Calendar:**
  - Gospel Meeting with Brent Gallagher–November 3-6
  - Ladies Christmas Party—Friday December 6th at 6 PM at the home of Evelyn Griffin
- **Pleasant Acres Annual Turkey Dinner**– Friday November 8th– All tickets \$10.00
  - Take out Only– 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
  - Dine In– 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

## UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETINGS: (Please see back bulletin board for more details)

- **Weston Church of Christ Gospel Meeting**— Oct 20-24 Theme: Why Should I?
- **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Victory Lectures**–WV School of Preaching—Oct 20-24

## UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:

- **Oct 25**–Rockport Church of Christ
- **Nov 1**–Pennsboro Church of Christ
- **Nov 8**–Camden Ave Church of Christ

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

**Deacons:** Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington

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

# Bridgeport Church of Christ

October 20, 2019

## In The Days of Our Youth

Our Youth Rally at Jackson’s Mill is scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week. Much planning and prayer has gone into this event and I believe it will be fruitful for those attending. The theme is IN THE DAYS OF OUR YOUTH and the topics focus on leading issues that take teens away from the church upon graduating college. Our keynote speakers, Josh Ball and Christ Roberts, are both campus ministers who have first-hand experience of why a young Christian drifts.

The topics deal with building a personal faith with Christ while young, resisting immorality, maintaining strong ties to Christ, and standing on the truth of



God’s word. According to a ten year study done by Dr. Flavil Yeakley, 85% of Christian college alumni remain faithful in the church of Christ. That same study found that 85% of secular college students who go to the church of Christ leave the church immediately upon entering college. Here are two considerations concerning this research.

First, this study (done between 1997-2006) is outdated, even though it is only 13 years old. Culture has changed so rapidly since 2006 that I imagine numbers of students remaining faithful are dropping across the board. The sway of social experimentation has convinced a generation that immorality is not that important in the eyes of God. Many young people struggle with the concept of compassion with rebuke. They feel that compassion cannot deny personal self-indulgences. But Jesus spoke to the woman caught in adultery in John ...*Continued*

### Sunday Worship

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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8 with compassion and truth when He said in verse 11, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." Jesus did not condemn her to death by stoning, but her sins would condemn her eternally at judgment, so in compassion, Jesus told her to stop sinning.

The second consideration is a course of action. If high retention rates correlate to Christian college attendance and high dropout rates correlate to secular school attendance, should we encourage Christian colleges over secular schools or should we focus on building the faith of a young person before they graduate high school? I support Christian education just as equally as I support Christian teachers shining Christ's light in the public school system and secular colleges. I also believe in a strong Sunday School program to that supports the faith building of a young person. But I believe faith is not a school issue as much as it is a home issue.

The function of Sunday Schools, Christian Schools, and Christian teachers ought to be a supportive, yet secondary player to the faith taught at home. The family identity must be made in the image of Christ if a child is going to develop a strong faith. Preachers and commentators have rightly said that "go into all the world" is understood to mean "as you are going about your life" preach the gospel. Academics, arts, athletics, entertainment, family traditions, leisure activities, and church work should all be seen through the eyes of Christ and parents must be the example for their children concerning the ways of furthering the Kingdom. We cannot stop the advances of Satan in the lives of our children, but we can tell them and show them how to overcome the devil and stay faithful. Visit us at Jackson's Mill this weekend and consider the importance of building faith before graduation.

*"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:5-9*

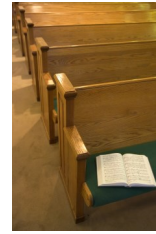
-Mark Jones

**October Card Distributor:** Cathy Hart

**October Baptismal Garments:** Lois Jenkins

**October Greeters**— 20-Need Greeter 27-Need Greeter

### **Our Record: October 13**



**Sunday Morning Assembly**

72

**Sunday Bible Class**

59

**Sunday Evening**

39

**Wednesday Bible Study**

41

**Contribution (Budget \$4,000)**

\$2,350

### **October Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**23**-Jessica Kerns **24**-Cindy Moore **25**-Leah Sleeth/Naomi Nichols **28**-Ed Jenkins  
**29**-Corbin Neill



### **Prayers- Those of Our Congregation**

- **Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**
- **Debbie Mowbray-Health Issues**

### **Prayers- Family & Friends**

- **Mike Yost**
- **Ester Lewis-home bound.**
- **Brandie Garner-Maintenance Medication**
- **Kay Burnett-metastatic breast cancer**
- **Delma Thompson**
- **Paula Garner (Valerie Neill's Aunt)**
- **Karen (Sharon Loy's Cousin)-Liver & Colon Cancer**
- **Mary Coffman (Brandie Garner's Grandmother)**
- **Faith Eagle-Recovering from Back Surgery- Is now at home**
- **Sam & Daniel Alois-In bad car wreck on July 4th**
- **Gary Blizzard's Parents**
- **Yvonne-Lymphoma**

- **Loverine Pigott**
- **Allen Osbourne-Cataract Surgery**
- **O'Connell Family**

- **Roberta (Raymond's Sister)**
- **Jones Family (Co-Worker of Jessica Kerns)**
- **Karen Seyler's Mom-Had surgery for pacemaker and shunts**
- **Marah Casey & Baby (Micah's Sister)-Recovering from C-Section- Baby is 5 weeks early**
- **Jay Bagwell-health complications from chemo**
- **Andrew Kelly**
- **Ashleigh Shepherd-recovering from C-Section**
- **Dorothy Daugherty (Vicki Kerns & Beth Hanlin's Mom)-at Ruby**

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