ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

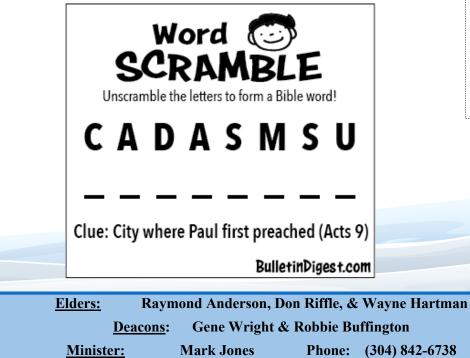
 \Rightarrow We have a new class starting downstairs! Our

Cradle Roll has reopened to welcome babies whose ages range from

birth-2 years old.

 \Rightarrow Our February Dessert Fellowship will take place downstairs after

evening services next Sunday, February 4th.





Website to access zoom link



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January 28th, 2024

The Disease of Discouragement

dis·cour·age·ment dəˈskərəjm(ə)nt

 a loss of confidence or enthusiasm; dispiritedness.
an attempt to prevent something by showing disapproval or creating difficulties; deterrent.
Where does discouragement come from? Let's consider an interesting comment in the book of Ezra.

The book of Ezra tells the story of the rebuilding of the temple. Though the act is brought about by God and authorized by King Cyrus, it does not come about easily. In Chapter 4 we see those that are attempting to thwart the efforts. In Ezra 4:4 we read, "Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build."

Notice how they discouraged them? They made them afraid. Where does discouragement come from? It's right there in the etymology:

DIS = not

Times of Service

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Evening Worship 6pm

Su<u>nday:</u>

COURAGE = overcome fear

MENT = the state of

Discouragement comes when we fear. Fear is a powerful motivator but more often than not it's one that stops us from doing something. That is why when fear is our primary motivator it usually doesn't last long and doesn't keep us motivated to go forward.

Don't let fear rule you or you will find a lot of discouragement.

Barry Haynes Hope church of Christ Hope, AR



January Card Distributor: Cindy Moore

January Greeters: Evelyn (7th) Kristina (14th) Debbie (28th)

Baptismal Garments: Evelyn

<u>Bible Class Locations</u> <u>Adults– Main Auditorium</u> <u>Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark's Office</u> <u>Children & Teens– Downstairs</u> (NEW) Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Events for Bridgeport 2024

February 4th: Dessert FellowshipFebruary: Ladies Lunch TBDMarch 3rd: Dessert Fellowship

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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

June: VBS

June: FOP Ladies' Breakfast

July: Back to School Cookout

August: Ladies' Planning Meeting

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly 67 Sunday Bible Class 48 Sunday Evening 47 Wednesday Bible Study 18 Contribution (Budget \$4,000) \$2,035

January Birthday / Anniversary List:

3-Barry Buffington 5-Evelyn Griffin, Karen Seyler 7-Phoebe Jones 8-Samuel Jones 9-Jacob Hartman 17- Lillian Armstrong 21-Megan Jones 22- Robert Armstrong 22- Elizabeth Carder 23- Xavier Seyler 27-Kelly Shreves

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- Our Shut-in's: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Yvonne Maxwell, Judy Garner, and Becky Britton
- Jerry Maxwell: Recovering from recent surgery.

For Our Family & Friends:

- Earnie Parsons: Continuing chemo.
- Teresa Kipp (Kathy's Friend): Continuing chemo.
- Sharon (Kelch) Paugh (Rex's Sister): Fighting another virus.

- **Sharon Loy:** Back in the hospital with low oxygen levels.
- Gene Wright: Health Concerns
- Lois Jenkins: Sick
- Brenda Fortney's Family: Dealing with the recent passing of Brenda Fortney.
- Dalynn Markley (Phill's Friend's Mom): Passed earlier this week.
- Cheryl's Mom: Fell and broke her clavicle.

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 the secretary before Thursday.