

ACTIVITIES FOR JULY/AUGUST

- **Teacher's Meeting**-Tonight- 5 PM at the building
- **Pleasant Acres Anniversary Dinner**- Saturday August 3rd
- **Elders and Deacons Meeting**-Tuesday August 6th- 6 PM at the building
- **Pleasant Acres Worship Service**-Sunday August 11th-2:30 PM- If you can help in any way, please see the Elders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We will be making sugar cookies on Sunday August 18th at 3 PM.
- **WV Christian Youth Camp Dates: Singing Emphasis Week**- July 28-August 3



Baby Boy Shower for Danalea O'Connell

Sunday August 11th- 2 PM at the home of Vicki Kerns

She is registered at Target and Amazon.

UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:

- August 2-Weirton Heights Church of Christ
- August 9- Sandhill Rd Church of Christ
- August 16- WV School of Preaching
- August 23-Whitehall Church of Christ

Bridgeport Church of Christ

July 28, 2019

Save Me!

“Save me!” This two word phrase is spoken twice in the Bible, once by Peter and once by Jesus. It is as profound in meaning as it is simple in form. There is no questioning its significance. It is stated in the moment of fear with humility and expresses the hope of immediate attention with forthcoming rescue and resolve. And though it might not be upon the lips of every soul in need of salvation it is in the heart of every repentant sinner calling for forgiveness. The way Peter and Jesus use this phrase offers practical advice for our lives.

Peter speaks says “save me” in Matthew 14:30.

In this passage Jesus is walking on the storm tossed Sea of Galilee. The apostles are in a boat. And Peter is standing on the water walking to Jesus. When he sees the boisterous waves, he becomes fearful and begins to sink. At this point he reaches for Jesus and cries, “Lord, save me!” Jesus caught Peter and rebuked him for his little faith. Herein is a lesson on our faith.

Jesus did not rebuke Peter when he said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” (Matthew 14:28) Peter was proving to the apostles, and I suppose to himself as well, that it was truly Jesus standing on the water. This is the great task of all Christians: proving Christ! Today we prove the will of God in Christ found in the Bible. Paul teaches us in Romans 12:1 that offering up your life for service unto God in Christ is a reasonable thing to do. ...*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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Peter asking Christ to command him to get out of the boat was a reasonable request, allaying the fears of the other apostles and proving the Christ.

But Paul goes on in Romans 12:2 to say conformity to this world will not “prove want is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” The world looks at the boisterous waves and is afraid. The Christian should look at Christ and say, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13) We must allow our faith to transform our minds into the mind of Christ, who said, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26) So we see Peter asking Jesus to save him from his lack of faith, which Jesus gladly did, but with rebuke, that Peter might learn and grow from the event.

Conversely, the way Jesus uses the phrase “save me” has nothing to do with deliverance. Jesus, a few days before His death, prays to God saying in John 12:27 “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.” Here Jesus speaks of His coming death on the cross. Hebrews teaches by faith, you too can overcome unbelievable challenges. The tormented Savior reminds us to not shy away from those challenges, but to remember God’s has purposed for us. If, by faith, you are in a challenging and even unwanted situation, do not ask to be saved from the situation. Know that perseverance by faith has great rewards.

Both Peter and Jesus made the statement “save me” at overwhelming times. When we become overwhelmed in our walk of faith, if we falter, let us take Peter’s example and cry, “Lord, save me!” If we consider the idea of shirking our responsibilities, let us be like Jesus and recognize the irrationality of asking God to remove such a Christian duty.

-Mark Jones

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams
Deacons: Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington
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July Card Distributor: Susan Hartman
July Baptismal Garments: Megan Jones
July Greeters– 28– Need Greeter

Our Record: July 21



Sunday Morning Assembly

74

Sunday Bible Class

45

Sunday Evening

41

Wednesday Bible Study

44

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,900

August Birthdays & Anniversaries:



1-Helen Potts **6-**Terri Vilain **7-**PJ Wilson
10-Gene & Joyce Wright (A) **12-**Sherri Gallagher **18-**Kaitlyn Vilain **21-**Logan Harper
25-Jonathan Hartman/Alan Shreves **28-**Nathaniel Harper **30-**Darrell Eddy **31-**Cindy Buffington/Danalea O’Connell

Prayers– Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**
- **Judy Garner**

- **Debbie Mowbray-Health Issues**
- **Loverine Pigott**

Prayers– Family & Friends

- **Mike Yost**
- **Ester Lewis-home bound.**
- **Marshall Doll-Cancer**
- **Dan Hatfield**
- **Brandi Garner-Chemo treatments**
- **Becky Britton**
- **Beth Carder**
- **Kay Burnett-metastatic breast cancer**
- **Delma Thompson**
- **Dave Jones**
- **Paula Garner (Valerie Neill’s Aunt)**
- **Karen (Sharon Loy’s Cousin)-Liver & Colon Cancer**
- **Mary Kaufman (Brandi Garner’s Grandmother)**

- **Landman Family-Baby Athan- liver transplant**
- **Christine Craig (Cheryl’s Sister) -Broke her leg.**
- **Cheryl’s Mom**
- **Steve Williams-Knee Recovery**
- **Christy Williams-Retina Tear**
- **Faith Eagle-will be having back surgery in Oct**
- **Sam & Daniel Alois-In bad car wreck on July 4th**
- **Chad Pigott-recovering from surgery**
- **Family of Mike Cook**
- **Gary Blizzard’s Parents**
- **Yvonne-Lymphoma**
- **Family of Bob Martin**
- **Cody Hutcheson**

(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)