

ACTIVITIES FOR MAY:

May 19th: Friends & Family

May 24th: Family Coal Country Miniature Golf Trip

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ We will have a lunch at the Benedum Civic Center following our morning services.
- ◆ Families are invited to Coal Country Miniature Golf in Fairmont on Friday, May 24th in the evening. We will meet for ice cream at Dairy Creme Corner afterwards.



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May 19th, 2024

Three Little Bears

Once upon a time, there were three bears... No, no, no—that's the wrong three bears. Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in Galatians 6 are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears."

Bear One Another's Burdens (v.1-2). This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "Share Bear."

Bear Your Own Burdens (v.3-5). This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The words that follow in v.6-9 are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "Aware Bear."



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm



Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body (v.11-17). Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word “marks” in the Greek text. It is the Greek word “stigma” and literally means “a mark pricked or branded upon the body.” Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ—not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ—he was Christ’s slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase “the Lord Jesus”—Jesus was Paul’s Lord and Master (v.14). Thus we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let’s identify this bear as

“Declare Bear.”

My hope for all of us is what Paul’s was for the Galatian Christians: “Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit” (v.18). And let us be reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

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May Card Distributor: Cindy Moore

May Greeter: Evelyn (5th)

Baptismal Garments: Kristina Riffle

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark’s Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Summer Events 2024

June 8th: VBS

June: FOP Ladies’ Breakfast

July 13th: Baby Shower for Hannah

Epler at the home of Terri Villain

July: Back to School Cookout

August: Ladies’ Planning Meeting

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

82

Sunday Bible Class

44

Sunday Evening

32

Wednesday Bible Study

22

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,270

May Birthday / Anniversary List:

1-Tim & Brandi Richmond (A) 3-Steve & Kathy Cross (A) 4- Eddie Eskew 6-Joyce Wright, Brandon Southall, Gary Blizzard 8-Cristy Buffington/ Steve & Marcy Potts (A) 9-Raymond Anderson 10- Julie Armstrong 13-Sally Harper 14- Jacob Carder/Wayne & Susan Hartman (A) 16 Rodney & Leah Sleeth (A) 17-Marcy Potts 25-Andrew & Holly Weaver (A) 27-Conner Buffington

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- ***Our Shut-in’s: Helen Potts, Yvonne Maxwell, Judy Garner, Ken Fortney, and Becky Britton***
- **Dave Pitts– Moved with a family in French Creek, WV. He will miss this church.**
- **Allen Wilmoth: Recovering from a recent heart attack.**

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Brenda Gerkins (Ramola’s friend): Home and doing rehab. She is starting cancer treatment now.**
- **Gary Hayes: Family suffered a house fire.**
- **Alice (Leah Sleath’s Mother): Mobility issues.**
- **Family of Jackie Moore on her recent passing.**
- **Tammy Wise: Diagnosed with cancer.**



If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to bgpchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to the secretary before Thursday.