

May Events:

- ⇒ **May 17th-21st: Daybrook CoC Gospel Meeting.**
- ⇒ **May 19th: Young at Heart --Working on VBS.**
- ⇒ **May 22nd: Friday Night Sing at Bridge Street CoC.**
- ⇒ **May 23rd: BHS Graduation.**
- ⇒ **May 24-28th: VBS at Barrackville CoC.**
- ⇒ **May 25th: Memorial Day.**
- ⇒ **May 30th: Appalachian Glass.**
- ⇒ **May 31st: Prayer Devotion Service: Fifth Sunday of the Month**

Today's Announcements: Welcome to Our Visitors!!

- Allen Wilmoth was moved from UHC back to Maplewood this past week. Ruth Ellen & Allen would like to “thank everyone for their prayers and support; it is so much appreciated.” Lord willing, they are leaving Maplewood on **May 22nd** and going to their daughter, DeeDee’s home. Ruth Ellen still has several weeks of PT and has limited mobility from her shoulder surgery.
- The Young at Heart Group will be meeting at the building on **May 19th** to work on VBS materials. Bring sharp scissors.
- If you are interested in going to the Appalachian Glass shop & getting a tour & demonstration followed by lunch at Stonewall Resort, there is a sign-up sheet on the back table. This event is scheduled for **May 30th**.
- VBS is approaching soon, **June 6th**. This year’s theme is **Dare to be Daniel**. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board for teachers & helpers. Please volunteer to help Adam & Hannah this year. Last year, we had a good group & let’s work towards another good group this year. There are flyers in the foyers to invite your friends & family to VBS.
- Welcome to Ed & Priscilla Heater. They have been frequent visitors with us and will be worshipping with us over the next several months. They will be leaving WV on **August 1st**.

Note of Interest:

- **Lora (Gallagher) Warren’s husband, Lott, is having serious heart issues. To send a card of encouragement to Lott & Lora, their address is: 1733 Sheffield Drive, Jackson, MS 39211. Please keep Lora in your prayers as she cares for him and the kids during this time.**

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth

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The Blessings of Friends & Family

It is truly a blessing to be part of a loving family. In like fashion, it is a great blessing to have dear friends. Sadly, not everyone knows what it feels like to be part of such things. All too often we take our family and friends for granted.

If you are so blessed as to have good friends, thank your heavenly Father.

If you are so blessed to have a loving earthly family, thank your heavenly Father.

If you are so blessed as to have a loving spiritual family (meaning you are a member of the body for which Jesus died—the Church), thank your heavenly Father.

In fact, the sacrifice that brought about the New Testament Church is one of the ways by which we know we are deeply loved by God (Acts 20:20).

In the church, God has provided everything a family needs: Leadership (1 Peter 5:1-4); Companionship and Strength (Gal. 6:2; 1 Thess. 4:18; Heb. 10:24); Love (1 John 3:1, 11). Don’t you want to be part of this? Don’t you want all that are dear to you to be part of this?

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Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Satan: The Grand Illusionist

2 Corinthians 11:14

Deception is commonplace in warfare, and the Devil is a master of illusion. Though he is pure evil, he can give the appearance of being an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). He can make the righteous feel outnumbered, outgunned, and overpowered, when such is not the case at all. He can talk us into surrendering on his terms by getting us to overlook the vast spiritual resources God puts at our disposal. What kind of illusions does Satan offer us?

Human Wisdom is Sufficient

Man's wisdom only seems to be wise (Prov. 14:12). But God's ways are far above ours (Isa. 55:8-9). Failure to recognize the wisdom of Christ will cause us to be destroyed (Matt. 7:24-27). The wisdom of God is supreme (1 Cor. 2:4-8).

Sin Brings Happiness

Moses rejected the passing pleasure of sin (Heb. 11:25). The result of sin is always death (Rom. 6:21-23). Remember the prodigal son (Luke 15:11ff). The consequences of sin are eternal!

His Servants Are Outnumbered

Long ago, the prophet Elisha was surrounded by a Syrian army bent on his capture (2 Kings 6:8-17). Elisha was not bothered by this, but his servant was greatly distressed. Elisha told his servant, "Fear not; for they that are with us are more than they that are with them." Elisha then prayed for God to open the eyes of his servant so he could see what Elisha already saw. God did so, and the servant was able to see "the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." God had the matter well in hand, and was more than able to conquer the Syrians, which he did. Elisha's servant gained a new perspective that he must have carried the rest of his life. He learned the enemy's strength was illusory, and that, if God is for you, there is more power at work than can be defeated. And there is more to a battle than meets the eye.

So the next time you feel surrounded and outnumbered, don't surrender. Don't fall for the illusion that all is lost! Dig in. After all, "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

Matt Clifton, Bulletin Digest

Bible Class Locations:

Adults—Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)—Mark's Office

Children & Teens—Downstairs

Cradle Roll—Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

May 22nd: Friday Night Sing at Bridge Street CoC.

May 23rd: BHS Graduation.

May 24-28th: VBS at Barrackville CoC.

May 30th: Appalachian Glass.

May 31st: Bridgeport's Prayer Devotion Service--Fifth Sunday of the Month.

May 31st: Day of Prayer & Giving for Children.

June 1st-5th: VBS at Daybrook CoC--Classes for Everyone.

June 3rd-July 29th: Lubeck CoC Summer Series; every Wednesday Evening during the summer.

June 6: VBS.

June 7th-13th: Old-Fashioned Tent Meeting, Camden Avenue CoC sponsoring, Parkersburg, WV.

June 28th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.

June 28th-July 3rd: WVCYC Senior Week.

July 5th-10th: WVCYC Intermediate Week.

July 12th-17th: WVCYC Junior Week.

July 19th-24th: WVCYC All Age Week.

July 19th-24th: Texas Normal Singing School.

August 15th: Back to School Picnic.

Our Record for Last Week:

Sunday Morning Assembly: 70

Sunday Bible Class: 42

Sunday Evening: 26

Wednesday Bible Study: 22

Contribution: \$4,100

(Budget \$4,000)

May Birthday/Anniversary List:

1-Tim & Brandi Richmond (A); 3-Steve & Kathy Cross (A); 4-Eddie Eskew & Jessica & Cody Judy (A); 6-Joyce Wright, Brandon Southall, & Gary Blizzard; 8-Cristy Buffington & Steve & Marcy Potts (A); 9-Raymond Anderson; 10-Vanessa Partain; 13-Sally Hurtado; 14-Wayne & Susan Hartman (A); 16-Rodney & Leah Sleeth (A); 17-Marcy Potts; 24-Faith Sleeth; & 27-Conner Buffington.



Prayer Requests:

Our Congregation:

Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney and Becky Britton.

- Allen & Ruth Ellen Wilmoth.
- Wayne & Susan Hartman: Awaiting on results of PET Scan.
- Cindy Moore: Fell & fractured her knee; her leg in a brace to help it heal over the next several weeks.
- Allan & Erica Craig: Allan has been dealing with problems with his eyes.
- Ed & Priscilla Heater's son, James: Was injured in a motor bike accident in Texas.
- Joyce Wright.
- Kathy Cross.
- Evelyn Griffin.
- Ed & Sharon Loy.
- Cathy Hart.
- Don & Kristina Riffle.
- Charles Riley.
- Tom & Nina Tucker.
- Jerry Maxwell.
- Lois Jenkins.

For Our Family & Friends:

- Lott Warren (Marsha Gallagher's son-in-law & Lora's husband).
- Cheryl Kelch's mother, Kathy.
- Brian Kinline (Jones' friend): Member of Barrackville CoC.
- Carina Hayes' mother, Valerie (Rachel's friend): Has breast cancer.
- Harmon Family (Jerry's friends): Wife & brother going on hospice care.
- Nelta Conrad (Charles' friend).
- Megan Currey's father, Terry McCracken.
- Erica Craig's grandmother: Has breast cancer and has started chemo.
- Rodney Sleeth's sister: Heart issues.
- Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond's friend).
- Linda Grimes & family (Susan's Supervisor).

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 Karen Seyler before Thursday.