

**January Events:**

- ⇒ **January 7th: Young at Heart Meeting**
- ⇒ **January 19th: One Day Lectureship**
- ⇒ **January 24th-25th: Ohio Winter Lectures; See Flyer on back bulletin board**

**Today's Announcements:**

- ◆ The Young at Heart group will meet this Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the building for a New Year White Elephant Gift Exchange. All are invited to come out for a fun time. Bring a snack to share. This will also be the group's planning session for 2025.
- ◆ Last week, many former members and family members were visiting with the congregation. It was good to see Mary Kate and Isaac with their spouses along with Robert & Courtney Bartlett and Cary & Lori Duncan with their families.
- ◆ There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back for the One-Day Lectureship soup and sandwich luncheon at the Benedum Civic Center. Anyone interested in helping to set up for this event, please let Karen know. Set up time is 8:00 a.m. at the Civic Center. Food can be dropped off beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ If you would like to send a card to Tammy Wise or Michael Reid, their address is listed here: Tammy Wise, 19 Park Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554; and Michael Reid, 6636 West William Cannon Drive, #1333, Austin, TX 78735.

**Notes of Interest:**

- ◆ *Lois Jenkins called and wanted to let the church know she is still struggling and having a difficult time. She is getting grief counseling and attending church services with family and friends. She loves everyone here. Please keep Lois in your prayers.*
- ◆ *See the cards on the back bulletin board from Bill & Loverine and Becky Britton.*
- ◆ *Caitlin Moore has moved to Oakland, Maryland. We wish her much success.*
- ◆ *Thanks to Cheryl Kelch for the beautiful floral arrangements.*
- ◆ *Check out those having birthdays this month.*

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

**Deacons:** Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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

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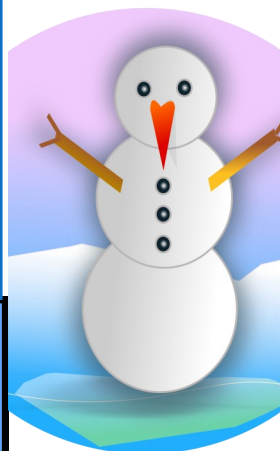
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January 5, 2025

## I Give Up!

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:7-8).

For Christians to have a right relationship with God they may have to get to the point in life where they say, “I give up!” This is not a declaration of quitting but rather admitting that they have tried to face life’s challenges on their own terms instead of submitting to the Lord and letting Him help them get through life. The above passage simply states, “submit to God” which means we should give up and give in, allowing God to control every aspect of our lives. I know that’s a tall order, however when we base our decisions upon God’s instruction and wisdom life can indeed be less frustrating.

Now take a look at the next part of the passage. Resisting Satan is easier said than done because he’ll use every means possible to make us fail in both our physical and spiritual lives. But God assures us here that if we stand up and stand strong the old devil will leave us alone for a while.

Finally, we’re told to “draw near to God.” We get close to God through Jesus Christ and when we trust and depend on the Lord to help us He will be right by our side. We’re never promised that life will be easy, what we are promised is we’ll be able to handle whatever life throws us because we have the peace that passes understanding in our hearts (Phil. 4:7) and our Father will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

*Jay Launius, via Chapman church of Christ  
Ripley, MS*



## Times of Service

### Sunday:

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6pm**

## Benefit of Memorizing Scripture

Now that the New Year has come, many Christians are still thinking about what they can do differently this year. One thing to do is committing to memorizing a book of the Bible. Here are four points on the benefits for memorizing scripture.

1. Draw Near to God (James 4:8)
2. Do God's Word (James 1:22; 2 Tim. 2:15)
3. Develop Your Faith (James 1:2-4; Rom. 10:17)
4. Defend Against Sin (James 1:21; Psalm 119:11)

No doubt many will believe they can't memorize a whole book of the Bible! Do a quick search for scripture memorization techniques on the internet and find ways to encourage them to try it!

What books can you envision memorizing this year?

**January Card Distributor: Heather Blizzard**

**January Greeters: Need Greeters**

**January Baptismal Garments: Susan Hartman**

### Bible Class Locations

**Adults**– Main Auditorium

**Young Adults (20s-30s)**– Mark's Office

**Children & Teens**– Downstairs

**Cradle Roll**– Downstairs

## Upcoming Events/Dates to

### Remember

**January 19th: One Day Lecture-ship**

**January 24th-25th: Ohio Winter Lectures**

**March 21-22: Congregational Retreat at Jackson's Mill**

**April 12th: Barrackville Ladies Day.**

**End of April/May: The Wild Son Flower Farm.**

**May 18th: Friends and Family Day**

**June 29th: Ladies Buffet Tea at Adaland Mansion**

**June (TBA): VBS**

**Happy  
New Year!**



## Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

92

Sunday Bible Class

57

Sunday Evening

26

Wednesday Bible Study

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$

## January Birthday/Anniversary List: *(No anniversaries listed for this month)*

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; and 27-Kelly Shreves

## Prayer Requests:

**Our Congregation:** *Shut-in Members: Helen Potts, Ken Fortney, and Becky Britton.*

- **Brandi Richmond.**
- **Ken Fortney.**
- **Joyce Wright.**
- **Jerry Maxwell.**

- **Lois Jenkins.**
- **Alice Rollyson.**
- **Wayne & Susan Hartman:** COVID illness.

### For Our Family & Friends:

- **Michael Reed (Lois Reed's son):** Health issues.
- **Evelyn's brother Okie:** Health issues.
- **Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola's daughter-in-law):** Health issues.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross's friend):** No doing well.

- **The family of Conda Mace** due to her passing.
- **Tammy Wise:** Recovery from surgery; cancer treatments in the future.
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie and Raymond's friend).**
- **Brenda Jerkin (Friend of Dale and Ramola):** Health issues.
- **Roy (Raymond's friend):** Not doing well.

*If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to [hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.*