ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

- **Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting–** Tuesday April 23rd at 7 PM
- **VBS Planning Meeting**-Sunday April 28th at 5 PM at the building. Please come help plan lessons, crafts, games and décor.
- **Singing Emphasis/Ice Cream Fellowship (Honoring our Graduate)-** Sunday May 5th-After Evening Services. Please bring finger foods to share and Ice cream will be provided. ***Our high school graduate:** *Michaela Hutcheson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Ladies Retreat–** May31-June 1st– All ladies are encouraged to come and bring a friend.
- We are in need of greeters for Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board.
- **Mark your Calendars-**VBS will be June 7, 8 and 9. Friday and Sunday at 6 PM and Saturday at 9:30 AM with lunch to follow.

UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETINGS: (Please see back bulletin board for more details)

- **Pack the Pew–** Washington St. Church of Christ– April 21st– 6PM
- **Barrackville Church of Christ Ladies Day–** April 27th– Speaker: Beth Cook RSVP by April 13th
- **Wileyville Church of Christ Ladies Day–** April 27th– Speaker: Renne Casto
- **North End Church of Christ Gospel Meeting–** April 28th—May 1st— Speaker: Phil Sanders
- **Shinnston Church of Christ Gospel Meeting-**April 28th—May 2nd— Speaker: Steve Smith

UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS: (See back bulletin board for full schedule)

- **April 19-**South Logan Church of Christ
- **April 26-**Sunrise Church of Christ
- **May 3-**Dewey Ave Church of Christ
- **May 10-**Belle Church of Christ

Bridgeport Church of Christ

April 14, 2019

Of Facts and Feelings

The movie and television industries exist to promote entertainment fantasy. One of the latest fads is the "reality" show. The only problem is that there is almost nothing even remotely "real" about these shows. So what?! Selling fantasy is about creating feelings not delivering facts. Except for a few documentaries and such, the purpose of television programming in general is to provoke emotions.

It is sometimes difficult in matters of religion to balance the dual presence of both facts and emotions. Some have argued that religion is exclusively about facts and there is no place for feelings. Not true. Others seem to care only about emotional responses and have little regard for truth.

Feelings are not equal to truth. Jacob grieved over the death of his son, Joseph, and could not be consoled by the rest of the family, (Gen. 37:33-35) even though Joseph was in fact not dead. The so-called evidence presented to Jacob led him to conclude his son was dead. Those "facts," though deceptive, caused Jacob to "feel" exactly the same as if Joseph was truly dead.

In Acts 23:1, Paul stated that he had lived with a clean conscience before God all his life. Later, to Timothy, he would say that he was the chief of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15), guilty of blasphemy and violence (v. 13). How could both be true?

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Sunday Worship

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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Simple, Paul actually did the deeds of animosity and destruction against the church while denying that Jesus was the Christ. However, since Paul believed he was fighting for God he felt good about his actions. Later, when he learned that he was wrong in what he had believed and was wrong in what he had done he felt very bad about the same actions he had previously felt good about.

Jacob's feelings of loss did not change the truth about Joseph. Paul's feelings of zeal in persecuting Christians did not change the fact that he was wrong and was harming the church of Christ.

Whether one is in a lost or saved condition cannot be ascertained by the emotions that one feels. It is one's obedience to the word of God, and not feelings, that determines salvation. However, when one has come to understand the truth of God, it is normal, and expected, that feelings will follow. The response of the Jews in Acts 2:37 shows that a proper understanding of the truth of the gospel can bring about deep convictions and that obedience to the word of God can also evoke great emotions "and he went on his way rejoicing," (Acts 8:39).

-Tim Orbison

Elders: **Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams**

Deacons: **Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington**

Minister: **Mark Jones**

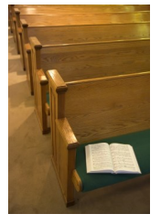
Phone: (304) 842-6738

April Card Distributor: Micah Nichols

April Baptismal Garments: Debbie Anderson

April Greeters– **14**–*Need Greeter* **21**–Natalie & Karen Seyler **28**–*Need Greeter*

Our Record: April 7



Sunday Morning Assembly
77
Sunday Bible Class
59
Sunday Evening
46
Wednesday Bible Study
54
Contribution (Budget $4,000)
$4,015

April Birthdays & Anniversaries:

14-Stan & Linda Williams (A)
17-Wayne Hartman **19**-Alan & Kelly Shreves (A) **24**-Meagan Hutcheson
29-Ed & Sharon Loy (A)

Prayers– Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**-In the hospital
- **Judy Garner**-Recovering from surgery
- **Debbie Mowbray**-Health Issues
- **Jones Family**-Flu and colds
- **Almeada Eddy**-Complications after colonoscopy

Prayers– Family & Friends

- **Mike Yost**
- **Ester Lewis**-home bound.
- **Marshall Doll**-Cancer
- **Dan Hatfield**
- **Brandi Garner**-Chemo treatments
- **Anita Parker**-Cancer
- **Harold Williams (Stan's Brother)**-Heart Problems
- **Becky Britton**
- **Beth Carder**
- **Kay Burnett**-metastatic breast cancer
- **Delma Thompson**
- **Erin Murphy**-Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- **Dave Jones**
- **Brenda Donnellan**
- **Maurice Young (Kristina Riffle's dad)**-Abdominal Aneurysm-Surgert will be April 16th at UT Medical Center
- **Paula Garner (Valerie Neill's Aunt)**-Chemotherapy for lymphoma
- **Karen (Sharon Loy's Cousin)**-Liver & Colon Caner
- **Bonnie Snabley**-Cancer
- **Mary Kaufman (Brandi Garner's Grandmother)**-Congestive Heart Failure
- **Cody Hutcheson**
- **Linda Hutcheson (Lafe's Mom)**-had a bad fall
- **Landman Family**-Baby Athan needs a liver transplant

(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)