

ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

- **Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting**— Tuesday September 24th at 7 PM
- **Teacher's Meeting**— Sunday September 29th at 5 PM at the building
- **Singing Emphasis/Dessert Fellowship**— Sunday Oct 6th— Evening Worship. (Ladies in Charge: Evelyn Griffin, Lois Jenkins, & Cathy Hart) For those attending, please bring a snack, dessert, or drink.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There is a sign-up sheet for Greeters on the back bulletin board.
- **Mark Your Calendar:**
 - Gospel Meeting with Brent Gallagher— November 3-6
 - Ladies Christmas Party— Friday December 6th at 6 PM at the home of Evelyn Griffin
- Fall Camp at WVCYC— October 12th— 9:30 am— 8:00 PM “You are Not Alone”

UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:

- September 27— Sunrush Church of Christ
- October 4— Winfield Church of Christ
- October 11— Central Church of Christ
- October 18— West Ripley Church of Christ

UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETINGS:

- Shinnston Church of Christ Gospel Meeting— Sept 22-27 Speaker: Terry Kee
- Washington St Church of Christ — Pack the Pew— Sept 29 Theme: Make Me a Servant
- Oakwood Road Church of Christ Gospel Meeting— Sept 29— Oct 2 Speaker: Steve Higginbotham
- Salem Church of Christ Gospel Meeting— Oct 6-11 Speaker: Terry Jones
- Weston Church of Christ Gospel Meeting— Oct 20-24 Theme: Why Should I?

Bridgeport Church of Christ

September 22, 2019

Do Better Than Job's Friends



Job had been sitting on the ground in misery. Everything had been taken from him. He showed amazing restraint after losing all his possessions. Even more incredible self-control was on display when he was told about the death of his children. Even after being afflicted with a painful illness, even after his own wife told him he should just curse God, Job still would not do it. In fact, the Bible says that he worshiped (Job 1:20)! However, everyone has a breaking point. When three of his friends came by they sat with him for seven days. Afterward Job finally speaks and curses the day of his birth. Understandable? Yes, I think so. But I'm sure at the time what he said was shocking to his friends. Job just wants to die.

Now here's what I want you to consider. If one of your friends (who is suffering for some reason) went on a ten-minute rant cursing the day their mother gave them birth how would you reply? Yes, they are hurting but what they said offended your sensibilities. What you want to do is let them have it, right then. You want to tell them how they're so wrong to talk that way, how they better snap out of it and be a little more grateful for the good things God gave them. And that's what Job's friends did. In the first reply Eliphaz says “Call if you will, but who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn? Resentment kills a fool and envy slays the simple” (Job 5:1-2). Of course, this damages their friendship. Job later says “Now you too have proved to be of no help” (Job 6:21).

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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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I suggest that in times of pain and crisis sometimes people say things that they don't really mean. Some of these things will seem insulting to you. You might have some righteous indignation when they question God's plan or justice. However, wisdom shows us that instead of replying right away there are times when it is a good idea to wait until they (and you) have calmed down. That remains true even if you are personally insulted: "Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult" (Proverbs 12:16). When someone is struggling they will appreciate your loving presence much more than your indignant snap-judgements on something that was misspoken due to pain. In my experience nine times out of ten the person apologizes later anyway. If you remember love is patient and love is kind you will be way more helpful than Job's friends.

-Doug Wells

Our Record: September 15



Sunday Morning Assembly

72

Sunday Bible Class

48

Sunday Evening

50

Wednesday Bible Study

48

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,425

September Birthdays & Anniversaries:

23-Cody Hutcheson **24-**Don Riffle **25-**Ciara Sleeth **28-**Lois Reed **30-**Rodney & Terri Vilain (A)



Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**
- **Debbie Mowbray-Health Issues**

- **Loverine Pigott**
- **Allen Osbourne-Cataract Surgery**

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**
- **Steve Williams-Knee Recovery**
- **Christy Williams-Retina Tear**
- **Faith Eagle-will be having back surgery in Oct**
- **Sam & Daniel Aloï-In bad car wreck on July 4th**
- **Gary Blizzard's Parents**
- **Yvonne-Lymphoma**
- **Jim Boggs (Friend of Rex Kelch)- Eye Surgery**
- **Al Buzzelli**

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

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

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

September Card Distributor: Addy Buffington

September Baptismal Garments: Cristy Buffington

September Greeters- 22-Need Greeter 29-Stan & Linda Williams

(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)