

## **ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER:**

September 18th: Teacher's Meeting at 5 PM.

September 25-28th: Fall Gospel Meeting at our church with a meal to follow on Sunday.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ◇ A Teacher's Meeting will be held at 5PM *today* at the building.
- ◇ We will be collecting funds to celebrate the marriage of Don & Kristina's son, Isaac to his beautiful future wife, Jordan! Please give any donations you would like to contribute for the gift card to Hannah Epler by September 25th.
- ◇ There will be a meal at the Civic Center following service next Sunday, September 25th. A sign up list has been placed on the back table.
- ◇ A goodbye gift for Tim & Rebecca Jorgensen will be available on the back table this month for members to sign. They will be moving to Arkansas mid October to live closer to their daughter, and they will be dearly missed!
- ◇ Our monthly dessert fellowships will be starting up again with the next one taking place after services October 2nd. A list of those in charge each month is located on the back card table.
- ◇ Dave Bice's GoFundMe: see <https://gofund.me/f69f37c9>

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# Bridgeport Church of Christ

September 18th, 2022

## Can Everyone Sing?

Do you believe that everyone can sing?" Does any and everyone who has a voice possess the ability to sing a song? This question is well worth investigating because it has such bearing on our worship and spiritual well-being.

The Bible says, "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20). It is a well-established fact that singing is to be a part of our worship to God. But time and time again we hear some say, "Brother, you don't want me to sing to you, I couldn't carry a tune if I put a bucket on my head!" Then others will say, "I don't sing out loud during the worship because I don't have the ability, but I do make melody in my heart." The American humorist, Charles Farrar Browne who was popular in the mid 1800's said, "I am saddest when I sing. So are those who hear me." However, we must ask, "Why would God demand we do something that everyone doesn't have the ability to do?"

The following exert is from the *Columbia Encyclopedia*:

"Not only is the voice the principal means of human communication, but it was undoubtedly the first musical instrument. The instrument is within the performer, and the condition of the vocal apparatus, and thus the quality of the voice, is strictly dependent on the physical and mental condition of the singer.

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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

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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

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Since the vocal impulse cannot actually be described, the teacher’s task is to provide the pupil with concepts, usually systematized into a vocal “method,” that will free the vocal apparatus from restrictive tensions and lead ultimately to the complete coordination of all the faculties involved.”

Surprising, there is an absence of articles or explanations on why people have an inability to sing. It is true that some natural ability comes into play and some of us don’t have the vocal range that others have but it would seem to reason that development of your singing voice is no different than learning to ride a bike, play tennis, or shooting a gun, it just takes practice.

Can everyone sing? Yes, if you have the ability of speech, you also have the ability of song. Isn’t that exciting? Isn’t it a comfort to know that God hasn’t placed a command upon us that we all can’t comply with? I want to encourage you to sing in our worship together. You’ll receive such a blessing while actively participating in the worship of our Heavenly Father. You can now comply with the Psalmist when he said, “I will declare Your name to my brethren, in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You” (Psalm 22:22; Hebrews 2:12).

Jay Launius  
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**September Card Distributor: Karen Seyler**

**September Greeters:**

**4th– Lois Reed, 11th– Karen Seyler**

**Baptismal Garments: Hannah Epler**

**Events for Bridgeport 2022**

**September 25-28th– Fall Gospel Meeting**

**October 28-29th Jackson’s Mill Youth Rally**

**October 2nd: Dessert Fellowship**

**December 4th: Dessert Fellowship**

**Our Record: September 11th**

**Sunday Morning Assembly**

72

**Sunday Bible Class**

53

**Sunday Evening**

28

**Wednesday Bible Study**

22

**Contribution (Budget \$4,000)**

\$2,535

**September Birthday / Anniversary**

**List:**

- 1– Tom & Nina Tucker (A) 2–Steve Potts**
- 5–Ken Fortney 9–Jordan Ross, Megan Root**
- 12–Rodney Sleeth 13–Doug Stutler**
- 20–Mark Jones 24–Don Riffle 28–Lois Reed**
- 30– Rodney & Terri Vilain (A)**

## Prayer Requests

### For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in’s: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner**
- **Lois Jenkins:** Recovering from gallbladder surgery.



### For Our Family & Friends:

- **Eddie Ross’ Passing**
- **Darrell Eddie’s Passing**
- **Abigail Hobdy (Hannah Epler’s Sister):** Congratulations on their healthy baby boy!
- **Kristina Riffle’s Parents:** Dealing with Covid.
- **Dave Bice:** Diagnosed with cancer

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