ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST:

• Ladies Planning Luncheon—The annual ladies planning meeting luncheon will be held *TODAY* at Panera Bread immediately following morning services. Signups are on the back bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• On Saturday, September 4th, there will be a BBQ at West Virginia Christian Youth Camp with food served from noon-4pm. They are asking for a \$10 donation. A flyer is located on the back bulletin board with more information.

A big thanks goes out to all the volunteers and participants of our VBS this year! It was such a refreshing time to plan, decorate, and provide an in-person VBS! Many of the volunteers performed first time duties and others handled areas that were new to them and the "old pros" did a masterful job. We had a total of 35 present, which, with all things considered, this was a good number! I look forward to next year!

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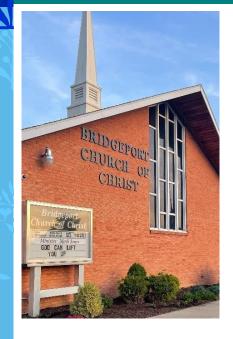
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Bridgeport Church of Christ

August 29th, 2021



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

The Mediation of Christ

The Master said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Jesus Christ is our Savior, our Mediator, our High Priest, and our Advocate.

Jesus Christ is our SAVIOR. The angel directed Joseph to "call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). When Peter told the Sanhedrin about Jesus Christ of Nazareth, he declared, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The word "Savior" (soter) means "deliverer." Jesus Christ is our Savior.

Jesus Christ is our MEDIATOR. Paul wrote, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). The word "mediator" (mesites) literally means "go between." As our Mediator He is "the one who seeks to resolve the differences between two conflicting parties" – God and us! As God incarnate, He is eminently qualified to do this. He "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus Christ is our Mediator!

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Jesus Christ is our HIGH PRIEST. In Hebrews 4, "Jesus the Son of God" is identified as our "great High Priest who has passed through the heavens" (verse 14). He can "sympathize with our weakness" (verse 15). Because He is our High Priest we can "hold fast our confession" (verse 14) and "come boldly to the throne of grace" (verse 16). From the shadow of the Levitical priesthood, we learn that the role of the "High Priest" (archiereus) is to offer sacrifice for the people and to mediate on their behalf. As our Savior, Jesus "appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" and as our Mediator He went "into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Hebrews 9:24-26). Jesus Christ is our High Priest!

Jesus Christ is our ADVOCATE. John wrote, "My little children, these I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). The word "Advocate" (parakletos) literally means "called to one's side." Jesus Christ is "counsel for the defense." He is the One who pleads our cause before the Father. He is "the righteous." Jesus Christ is our Advocate!

He is our Savior! He is our Mediator! He is our High Priest! He is our Advocate! Thus, we see the mediation of Christ. Simply stated, we come to God through Jesus Christ! We express our gratitude to God through Him (Romans 1:8). We glorify God through Him (Romans 16:27). We have victory over death through Him (1 Corinthians 15:57). We are heirs of God through Him (Galatians 4:7). We have access to the Father through Him (Ephesians 2:18). We have eternal life through Him (Romans 6:23). Our response can only be, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

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Agust Card Distributor: Karen Seyler

August Baptismal Garments: Natalie Seyler

August Greeters— 22— Linda Williams 29— Linda Williams



August Birthday / Anniversary List:



1-Helen Potts 6-Terri Vilain 10- Gene

& Joyce Wright (A) **18**-Kaitlyn Vilain **21**-Logan Harper/ Madeleine Weaver **25**-Jonathan Hartman/ Alan Shreves **28**-Nathaniel Harper **30**-Darrell Eddy **31**-Cindy Buffington

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- Our Shut-in's: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, and Brenda Fortney
- Rachael Seyler Prayer of Thanks: She accepted a new job and has already started.
- Kathy Hart broken foot
- **Kelly Shreves** Pray for her family.

For Our Family & Friends:

- Neighbors of the Riffle Family—They recently lost their father.
- Sally Harper's Cousin—Fighting an illness.
- Janet Wanstreet's (teacher aid at Johnson Elementary) Mother is in very poor health.
- Matt Adkins (42) recently passed away. Please pray for his family during this difficult time.

(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 Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)