

ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

- Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting— Tuesday September 24th at 7 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Sign-up sheets from the Ladies Planning Meeting are on the back bulletin board if you would like to sign up.
- 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

UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:

- September 13— Pike Church of Christ
- September 20—Lower Paw Paw Church of Christ
- September 27—Sunrush Church of Christ
- October 4—Winfield Church of Christ

UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETINGS:

- Bridge St Church of Christ Gospel Meeting— Sept 8-11
Speaker: Matt Thomas Theme: A Life of Ministry
- Mannington Church of Christ Gospel Meeting— Sept 8-12
Speaker: Steve Stevens Theme: The Trial of Your Faith

Address Update:

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Bridgeport Church of Christ

September 8, 2019

Let Patience Work!

The Christian life can be very challenging. Due to the many obstacles and trials Christians encounter, we need to “let patience work.”

James wrote the following about the need to let patience work: “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (James 1:2-4). Notice the statement: “let patience have her perfect work.”



James informs Christians that we need patience when facing various kinds of trials. “Patience” means “endurance.” Christians may have to cope with the criticism of non-Christians, financial loss, family problems, failing health, and many other trials. Patience is the virtue needed in such times.

The passage teaches that Christians must “let patience have her perfect work.” If we do this, then we will be “perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” This sounds appealing, so how do we let patience work? First, consider that we do not let patience work when we hinder or interrupt the process of enduring trials. When facing challenges, we may feel tempted to panic. Sometimes people try to run from problems, and escape through drug abuse and alcohol. Others may turn to illicit relationships with the opposite sex to find comfort. However, turning to these things to escape problems only creates more problems.

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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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What, then, is the solution? How does one allow “patience to have her perfect work”? There are three basic things we can do to let patience work: 1) Do not try to squirm out of trials. Since trials present an opportunity to grow, we should face them. Rather than running from problems, the psalmist wrote: “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth” (Psalm 46:10). Just be still; 2) Trust that God will work things out in His own time. Trials will not last forever. Rather, than rushing God, we should be patient, listen, and learn lessons as life is happening (James 1:19); 3) We should pray that God would use this trial to make us stronger. Prayer is an act of submission, showing that the one praying relies on God (James 1:6-7).

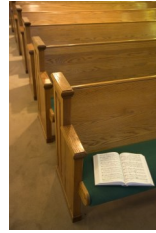
By remaining calm, trusting God, and praying to God, one allows patience to work. After patience completes her work, then one will be “perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” So, in trials, let patience work!

-Mark Lindley

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– 8– Cathy Hart 15–Need Greeter
22–Need Greeter 29–Stan & Linda Williams

Our Record: September 1



Sunday Morning Assembly

81

Sunday Bible Class

66

Sunday Evening

51

Wednesday Bible Study

46

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,180

September Birthdays & Anniversaries:



8-Lafe Hutcheson **9**-Jordan Ross/ Megan Root **12**-Rodney Sleeth **13**-Doug Stutler
20-Mark Jones **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**
- **Family of Gwen Ice**
- **Robin Bunner (Niece of Bill & Loverine Pigott)- scheduled for major surgery Aug 30th at Ruby**

(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)