

### December/January Events:

- ⇒ **December 21st: Winter Begins.**
- ⇒ **December 25th: Christmas Day.**
- ⇒ **January 1st: New Year's Day.**
- ⇒ **January 4th: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship--Cindy, Cristy, Addie, & Syd Buffington are in charge.**

### Today's Announcements:

- Brother David Deagel from the WV School of Preaching will be providing our lessons today due to Mark and family out of town for the holidays.
- Our Wednesday night Bible class has been changed to Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will resume Wednesday night Bible class on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- If you would like to send well wishes to Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, WV National Guard, who was injured during an attack in DC Washington, cards and letters can be sent at 510 South Raleigh Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401. Address the cards to Andrew Wolfe.
- Our annual One-Day Lectureship will be here soon on January 18th. Mark has chosen three excellent speakers for the day. Please plan to attend and invite others to come. There are flyers on the tables in the foyers.
- Save the Dates for WVCYC! The dates have been posted for Senior, Intermediate, Junior, All Age, and Singing Weeks for this coming summer of fun, fellowship, and Christian worship. Mark your calendars!

### Notes of Interest:

- ⇒ *Due to the winter blizzard last Sunday, worship services were canceled so the attendance and contribution totals are blank for last week.*
- ⇒ *Debbie Mowbray says "We wanted to say thank you so much for the prayers, cards, & calls. Thank you too for the pretty box full of goodies..." See Ken & Debbie's card posted on the back bulletin.*

**Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman**

**Deacons: Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth**

**Minister: Mark Jones**

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*December 21, 2025*

## A Special Day to Celebrate

The most popular holiday of the year has arrived once again. Hopefully, by now the shopping has been done, preparation has been made, and all are ready to celebrate this wonderful time of the year. Our hearts are warm during this season as we give to others and enjoy being with friends and families.

With the joy of this season also come religious Christmas plays, manger scenes, special services in Churches, and all the oft-used expressions such as, "Jesus is the reason for the season, and "Let's put Christ back in Christmas."

The idea behind all these things is that Jesus was born December 25, and therefore we should celebrate that day as the birthday of Jesus. Despite this claim, however, the Bible is silent as to the date Christ was born. Throughout history, men have suggested other dates as the birthday of Christ. The reason for this confusion is that no one knows the date Christ was born. This we do know: the celebration of Christmas is traceable to Liberius, Bishop of Rome, who in A.D. 357 designated December 25 as the day to celebrate Christ's birth. The celebration of Christmas, then, originated with men, not with God.

Yet, in the New Testament there is a day ordained of God when His people are to come together to celebrate. The day is referred to in Scripture as "the Lord's day" (Revelation 1:10). It is the "first day of the week," the day Jesus arose from the dead (Luke 24:1-3). It was upon this day that the early Christians assembled for worship. They remembered the death of Christ as they observed the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). They gave of their means (1 Corinthians 16:1-2), prayed (Acts 2:42), sang praises to God (Ephesians 5:19), and studied God's Word (Acts 20:7; Colossians 4:16). This is the special day Christians are to celebrate.

## Times of Service

### Sunday:

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6pm**

### Wednesday:

**Bible Study 7 pm**

Enjoy the holiday season to the fullest but be reminded that “the first day of the week” is the Lord’s Day—a special day for God’s people. See you Sunday! Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Mark Lindley, Chapman church of Christ, Ripley, MS

Giving Like God

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16. There’s a lot of talk about giving this month. Even the retail stores, who have separated themselves from the reason for the season, have not moved away from this concept. But, the reason so many Millennials are abandoning Christmas for Halloween as the biggest holiday is because when the “good news of great joy” is cut off, crass commercialism and greed are not enough reason to sustain it. Giving to others only makes sense to an increasingly selfish world when it realizes that God gave first ... and the most. God’s giving was His Son on the cross, began when the second person of the Godhead was made like His brothers in every way, but was planned before the creation of the world. The expression is true: “we can’t out-give God.” But do we try? Truly understanding and appreciating His gift is the first step for us to pull our focus from our self-absorption and give to others from gratitude to Him. Do you give like God?

Doug Kashorek, Plattsburgh church of Christ, Plattsburgh, NY

Card Distributor: Debbie Anderson

Greeter: Debbie Anderson

Baptismal Garments: Debbie Anderson

Bible Class Locations

Adults–Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)-Mark’s Office

Children & Teens–Downstairs

Cradle Roll–Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

January 18th: One Day Lecture-ship.

January 19th: MLK, Jr. Holiday.

January 23rd-24th: CoC on Fishing-er Road Ohio Winter Lectures.

January 31st: Ladies’ Work Day at the Building; Breakfast at Winnie’s.

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February 1st: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.

February 8th: Card Decorating for Shut-ins & Sick.

February 14th: Valentine’s Day.

February 16th: President’s Day Holiday.

February 22nd: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.

February 28th: Ladies’ Lunch and visit to the Mannington Tea Shop.

March 1st: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.

March 7th: Fishinger Road Ladies’ Day.

March 29th: Prayer devotion; Fifth Sunday of the month.

April 26th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.

May 17th: Friends & Family Day.

June 28th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.

June 28th-July 3rd: WVCYC Senior Week.

July 5th-10th: WVCYC Intermediate Week.

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly:  
Sunday Bible Class:  
Sunday Evening:  
Wednesday Bible Study:  
Contribution:  
(Budget \$4,000)

December Birthday/Anniversary List:

9-Rachel West; 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A); 12- Jerry Maxwell; 13-Andrew & Rachael Seyler (A); 14-Daniel Black; 15-Adam Epler; 17-Tom Tucker & Ann Black; 18-Tim Richmond; 21-Kristina Riffle; 23-Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A); 24-Millie Cate Currey; & 29-Curtis Sleeth

Prayer Requests:

Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney, Becky Britton, and Jerida Floyd.

Our Congregation:

- Ed & Sharon Loy: Sharon had surgery on her hand/thumb this past Thursday.
- Debbie Anderson: Had surgery on Tuesday this past week.
- Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth: Allen is not doing well; RuthEllen going to the doctor about her shoulder.
- Tom & Nina Tucker & Jim Tucker.
- Kristina Riffle.
- Evelyn Griffin.

- Gary Pastorial.
- Jerry Maxwell.
- Kathy Cross.
- Lois Jenkins.
- Charles Riley.
- Allan & Erica Craig.
- Debbie Mowbray: 2nd knee surgery scheduled for January 19th.
- Michaela Hutcheson: Mission work.

For Our Family & Friends:

- Harley West’s sister: Had surgery and now has pneumonia.
- Kathy Cross’ friend, Linda Wilson: Was in the hospital due to complications with diverticulitis.
- Larry Seyler’s sister, Audrey Schmidt: Passed away on Saturday, December 13th.
- Brandi Gardner’s mother, Charlotte Pearson.
- Matt Buffington’s father-in-law.
- Megan Currey’s father, Terry McCracken.
- Mike Wolfe’s mother.
- Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond’s friend).
- Jessica Judy’s mother-in-law.
- Linda Grimes & family (Susan’s Supervisor).
- Judy Stahl: Recovery from surgery.

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 Karen Seyler before Thursday.