

ACTIVITIES FOR MAY/JUNE

- **Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting**— Tuesday May 28th at 7 PM
- **Ladies Retreat at Jackson’s Mill**— May31-June 1st– All ladies are encouraged to come and bring a friend.
- **Vacation Bible School**— Friday June 7th—6:00—7:30 PM, Saturday June 8th– 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM, and Sunday June 9th- 6:00—7:30 PM (Flyers are on the tables)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to our Friends & Family Day, you are our honored guest!

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card found on the back of the pew in front of you

Luncheon will follow after worship service at the Bridgeport High School

Afternoon Session will begin back at the building at 1:30

(Reminder: No Evening Service Tonight)

- The girls of the church are going to be making a cookbook. The girls would like for each of the ladies in our congregation to write three of their favorite recipes. We will be handing out three sheets of papers so you will be able to write your recipes on. When you get them done, put them in the basket in the back of the building. Please put your name on the bottom and the year. I’ll pick them up the first week in July. Thank you — Evelyn
- **WV Christian Youth Camp Dates:** (Registration Forms are available on the tables)
 - College Week**— June 16– June 21 **Sports Week**— June 23– June 28
 - Senior Week**— June 30– July 6 **Intermediate Week**— July 7– July 12
 - Junior Week**— July 14– July 19 **All Age Week**— July 21– July 27
 - Singing Emphasis Week**— July 28-August 3

Bridgeport Church of Christ

May 19, 2019

Intentions of God



God intends the church to be the greatest family with the strongest friendships on the earth. It is obvious that we do not always live up to God’s expectations. The church is often strained by sin or suffering until it hardly resembles family or friendship. Sometimes members feel alienated due to the lies Satan tells them. Sometimes the path of unity and wisdom is forsaken and members truly are spiritually and emotionally isolated from one another. Even still there are times when individuals intentionally destroy the bonds of Christ. And unfortunately most of us have witnessed such breakdowns in the

church.

But God intends the church to be a family. He compares the church to a marriage in Ephesians 5:32. God reveals Himself as the Father and Christ as the Son and the church as children. God emphasizes the importance of family and even directs the church to consider one another as fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters. (1 Timothy 5:1-2) And it is by the power of Christ through the church all families of the earth are blessed. (Acts 3:25)

God also intends the church to be friends. Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.” (John 15:13) Salvation comes through friendship; first Jesus befriended us, then we befriend Jesus. (1 John 4:19). Jesus also says, “You are My friends if you do whatever*Continued*

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 command you.” (John 15:14) Now it is true that a servant follows commands. And while we are servants of Christ, Jesus has yet again said, “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:15)

Our family and friendship in the church is made possible through Christ. If we love Christ we ought to also love one another. (John 13:34) The reason why the church does not always behave according to the will of God is due to sin and worldliness. Sin festers envy, strife, hatred, and division. And worldliness is something we are told not to befriend lest we become enemies of God (James 4:4).

So as we enjoy this Friends and Family Day let us remember the significance of friendship and family in the church. Remember that it is by the blood of Christ that we are called sons of God and friends of Christ. Remember the love that God’s love for us must be reflected by us among our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us never forget the great family and friends that God intends us to be as the church.

-Mark Jones


Elders:
Deacons:
Minister:

Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams
Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington
Mark Jones

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May Card Distributor:
May Baptismal Garments:
May Greeters

Kristina Riffle
Linda Williams
19–Need Greeter 26–Need Greeter



Our Record: May 12
Sunday Morning Assembly
75
Sunday Bible Class
84
Sunday Evening
48
Wednesday Bible Study
49
Contribution (Budget \$4,000)
\$3,735

May Birthdays & Anniversaries:
27-Conner Buffington



Prayers– Those of Our Congregation

- Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney
- Jackie Moore-In the hospital
- Judy Garner-Recovering from surgery

Prayers– Family & Friends

- Mike Yost
- Ester Lewis-home bound.
- Marshall Doll-Cancer
- Dan Hatfield
- Brandi Garner-Chemo treatments
- Anita Parker-Cancer
- Harold Williams (Stan’s Brother)-Heart Problems
- Becky Britton
- Beth Carder
- Kay Burnett-metastatic breast cancer
- Delma Thompson
- Erin Murphy-Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- Dave Jones
- Brenda Donnellan

- Debbie Mowbray-Health Issues
- Don & Kristina Riffle-Travelling
- Lou Skidmore & Family-Lou’s Brother Rudy Luza-der passed away
- Maurice Young (Kristina Riffle’s dad)
- Paula Garner (Valerie Neill’s Aunt)-Chemotherapy for lymphoma
- Karen (Sharon Loy’s Cousin)-Liver & Colon Caner
- Bonnie Snabley-Cancer
- Mary Kaufman (Brandi Garner’s Grandmother)-Congestive Heart Failure
- Cody Hutcheson
- Linda Hutcheson (Lafe’s Mom)-had a bad fall
- Landman Family-Baby Athan- liver transplant
- Christine Craig (Cheryl’s Sister) -Broke her leg.
Address for cards: 12 Pelham Road N. Voorhees, NJ 08043
- Matt & Tiffany Buffington-upcoming birth

(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)