

April/May Events:

- ⇒ April 26th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.
- ⇒ April 26th-30th: Belington CoC Gospel Meeting.
- ⇒ April 26th-29th: University CoC Gospel Meeting.
- ⇒ May 2nd: Harrisville CoC Ladies' Day.
- ⇒ May 3rd: Singing Emphasis/Dessert Fellowship--Natalie Seyler in charge.
- ⇒ May 3rd-6th: Shinnston CoC Gospel Meeting.
- ⇒ May 3rd-6th: Salem CoC Spring Gospel Meeting.

Today's Announcements:

- **Today**, our congregation is responsible for worship service at Pleasant Acres.
- **Today**, after morning service, there will be a VBS planning meeting.
- We have two graduates this year!! Addyson Buffington from Bridgeport High School and Connor Buffington from Fairmont State University. Our May Dessert Fellowship will honor these two graduates. There is a basket in the back to place cards for them.
- A short survey regarding a trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre. Please provide your response and place in the baskets located in the foyers.
- Our Friends & Family Day is **May 17th**. Please start thinking of people to invite for our special day to honor them. There are flyers & envelopes in the foyers for mailing out to friends or just to hand out.
- Everyone is invited to an Open House at Debbie & Raymond's on Saturday, **May 9th**, to celebrate Raymond's 70th birthday. Bring lawn chairs.

Notes of Interest/Updates:

- **New address for the Wilmoth's: Bridgeport Healthcare Center, Assisted Living Room 3213, 1000 South Maplewood Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.**
- **Check out the back bulletin board for upcoming Ladies' Days & Gospel Meetings in our area.**

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth

Minister: Mark Jones

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How Encouraging Are You?

Encouragement can sometimes be scarce in our world. It's not something you'll hear on the news very often. We often have a difficult time encouraging others when we ourselves feel discouraged on the inside. It's simply becoming a rare commodity in our modern world. Yet for us as disciples, we have every reason to be encouraged in our lives, and to be encouraging to others. We can be encouraged to know that Jesus has overcome our greatest problems, namely sin and death, once and for all (Heb. 10:1-18) and that we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us (Rom. 8:37). It is encouraging to know that while we were yet still sinful, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8). It's encouraging to know that no matter what happens to us that God can work in it for good (Rom. 8:28). It is encouraging to know we have a living hope that's rooted in the resurrection of Jesus (1 Pet. 1:3) to an inheritance that is eternal and unfading (1 Pet. 1:5). It is encouraging to know that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, that they are new every morning, and the Lord's faithfulness is vastly great (Lam. 3:22-24). This is just a sampling of the great encouragement we have received in Jesus Christ!



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Paul would urge the Thessalonians to "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thess. 5:11). It's easy to tear someone down. It's easy to belittle and criticize people. It's easy to talk about others without ever helping them. I would like to nudge us in the direction of encouragement: to build each other up, to say a kind word, to appreciate someone else's gifts, to say "thank you" when you normally wouldn't, among other things. What else could you do to be an encouraging person? Don't be afraid to get creative!

*Todd McMillen
Monticello church of Christ
Monticello, AR*

A Priceless Memory

One of the richest memories of a mother was the day she told her son the sunlight was God's smile. Later when the sunlight was flashing through a window, the lad stood in it and said, "Now I'm standing in God's smile."

Years passed, the boy grew to be a man, and the mother had long ago gone to heaven. One day the son searched through the attic of the old home and found a pair of boy's shoes.

On the bottom of them was inscribed, in his mother's own handwriting, these words: "My boy wore these shoes when he said, 'I am standing in God's smile.'"

The man, his eyes moist, remarked, "The dearest memory, perhaps, of mother has become my own. I want to stay in the sunlight of His love, that I shall always have His smile, and someday be home again with mother".

Dr. A. Purnell Bailey



Vanessa & Isabella Partain. They have been attending services with us on Sunday mornings & Wednesday nights. Isabella is a freshman at RCB.

Corrections to the Wilmoth's address: It is 1000 South Maplewood Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

Card Distributor: Lydia Jones

Greeter: Needed for the month

Baptismal Garments: Cindy Moore

Bible Class Locations:

Adults—Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)-Mark's Office

Children & Teens—Downstairs

Cradle Roll—Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

May 2nd: Harrisville CoC Ladies' Day.

May 3rd: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.

May 3rd-6th: Shinnston CoC Gospel Meeting.

May 3rd-6th: Salem CoC Spring Gospel Meeting.

May 5th: Cinco de Mayo.

May 8th: Friday Night Sing at Belle CoC.

May 10th: Mother's Day.

May 12th: Voting Day--No school.

May 17th: Friends & Family Day.

May 22nd: Friday Night Sing at Bridge Street CoC.

May 23rd: BHS Graduation.

May 30th: Appalachian Glass.

May 31st: Day of Prayer & Giving for Children.

June 6: VBS.

June 28th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.

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

July 5th-10th: WVCYC Intermediate Week.

July 12th-17th: WVCYC Junior Week.

July 19th-24th: WVCYC All Young Week.

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly: 70
Sunday Bible Class: 48
Sunday Evening: 26
Wednesday Bible Study:
Contribution:
(Budget \$4,000)

April/Anniversary List:

4-Emory Armstrong; 9-Gabriel Black; 12-Brandi Richmond; 13-Robbie Buffington; 16-Kora Hill; 17-Wayne Hartman; 19-Alan & Kelly Shreves (A); 24-Caroline Seyler; 26-Forrest Wright & Hannah Wright; and 29-Ed & Sharon Loy (A).



Prayer Requests:

Our Congregation:

Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney and Becky Britton.

- **Allen & Ruth Ellen Wilmoth:** Allen fell on Tuesday, at UHC, has a lot of pain determined to be from an UTI. Their daughter is with him. Ruth Ellen has six more weeks of immobility from her surgery.
- **Debbie Anderson:** Recovering from surgery.
- **Evelyn Griffin:** Recovering from surgery.
- **Joyce Wright:** Recovering from an infection.
- **Kathy Cross:** Had pacemaker surgery on Thursday.
- **Megan Jones:** Has been dealing with an Ulcerative Colitis flare up.
- **Allan & Erica Craig:** Allan has been dealing with problems with his eyes.
- **Wayne Hartman:** Blood test was high for possible signs of Prostate cancer return.
- **Don & Kristina Riffle:** Kristina has been out dealing with abdomen issues.
- **Cathy Hart.**
- **Chris Gawin.**
- **Charles Riley.**
- **Tom & Nina Tucker.**
- **Jerry Maxwell.**
- **Ed & Sharon Loy.**
- **Lois Jenkins.**

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Cheryl Kelch's mother, Kathy:** Fractured T6 & T7 when she fell a few weeks ago; doctors looking at cause of fall.
- **Brian Kinline (Jones' friend):** Member of Barrackville CoC.
- **Carina Hayes' mother, Valerie (Rachel's friend):** Has breast cancer.
- **Harmon Family (Jerry's friends):** Wife & brother going on hospice care.
- **Nelta Conrad (Charles' friend).**
- **Megan Currey's father, Terry McCracken.**
- **Erica Craig's grandmother:** Has breast cancer and has started chemo.
- **Rodney Sleeth's sister:** Heart issues; has been in & out of the hospital.
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond's friend).**
- **Linda Grimes & family (Susan's Supervisor).**

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.