

February Events:

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- ⇒ February 16th: President's Day Holiday.
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Today's Announcements:

- Our Seasonal Adult Bible Class is Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. here at the building, (weather permitting) and continues through the winter months. We are studying the book of Ruth.
- There are new Christian couriers, new tracts, and new House to House, Heart to Heart pamphlets in the foyers.
- North End CoC is having their Youth Rally on March 13th-14th. There is a registration form that must be completed and returned by March 1st. The registration forms are on the back table.
- February 21st is the Ladies' work day here at the building to clean up the resource room, and any of the classrooms. Bring your ideas and organizing skills to improve this room and to organize our resources. Anyone interested, we will be meeting at Winnie's for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. before meeting at the building around 10:00 a.m.



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February 8, 2026

Do You Know This About The First Valentine?

This month we will celebrate the holiday referred to as Valentine's Day. It is a time when we show others that we care for them.

But it might surprise you to find out that this holiday started out as a day to remember a Christian hero. According to the history books, Valentine was a 3rd century Christian preacher who lived near Rome. At this time the Roman Emperor Claudius II was ordering all young men not to marry. He thought they made better soldiers if they were single. He also commanded that all people worship the false gods of Rome.

Valentine was arrested for performing Christian marriages and preaching that there was only one true God – the God of the Bible.

Valentine knew that no man – even the king – had the right to stop Christians from marrying (1 Corinthians 7:8-9). You see, while Romans 13:1-7 tells us that we are to respect and obey our leaders, Acts 5:29 tells us that when man's law contradicts God's law, we should obey God. And that's what Valentine did ignoring the king's orders. Claudius commanded Valentine's arrest.

While in prison, many Christians threw little notes of encouragement through Valentine's prison window. These were the first valentines.

In the end, Claudius had Valentine beheaded for his faith. It was because he loved the Lord and his fellow humans so much that he was willing to risk his life to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

This gives us pause when we think of Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day represents much more than romantic love. It is a day that honors God and those who love Him ... and obey Him.

Larry Fitzgerald
Abilene, TX



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Note of Interest:

- *There is a card posted on the back bulletin board from Jack & Sharon Paugh who wish to thank the congregation for the cards of encouragement sent to Jack's sister, Jerida Floyd.*
- *Mike Wolfe's mother passed away recently. If anyone would like to send a card to Mike, Melody & their family, their address is: 1051 Main Street, Lumberport, WV 26386.*

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth

Minister: Mark Jones

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Love's Rollercoaster

A male and a female get married. They think they know one another well, but soon learn not *that* well. They move into their first home together, he leaves the seat up, she has hair everywhere. The roller coaster is halfway up the steep hill. Children come into the family; the son is an athlete while the daughter is homecoming queen. The drama surrounding both is a bit much, but the parents are glad to be there to help with the navigation. The rollercoaster car begins to crest. The children move out of the house, empty nest settles in. What to do? The newlyweds 25 years ago get reacquainted, go many places together, waste gas, eat out, spend money (every now and again) frivolously. The rollercoaster car has crested and is halfway down the highest hill of the ride. Fifty-five years after marriage, the rollercoaster car comes to a rest. The husband and wife of nearly six decades get out and rest on solid ground, reflecting on the ride. What a ride! It was joyous, aggravating, and concerning, and now they can't believe it's almost over. Oh, how they would like to ride again! Time's up, another newlywed lifts the safety bar and sits down.

Ron Thomas, Sunrush church of Christ, Chillicothe, OH

Card Distributor: Megan Jones

Greeter: Natalie & Caroline Seyler

Baptismal Garments: Megan Jones

Bible Class Locations:

Adults—Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)—Mark's Office

Children & Teens—Downstairs

Cradle Roll—Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

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March 1st: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.

March 7th: Fishinger Road Ladies' Day.

March 13-15th: North End CoC Youth Rally.

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

April 11th: WVCYC Spring Camp.

April 18th: Barrackville Ladies' Day.

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.

July 12-17th: WVCYC Junior Week.

Our Record:

Sunday Morning
Assembly:
Sunday Bible Class:
Sunday Evening:
Wednesday Bible Study:
Thursday Morning Bible Study:
Contribution:

February/Anniversary List:

2-Ed Loy & Alana Harper, 4-Carson Currey & Kathy Cross; 5-Larry Seyler, 6-Jim Seese, 7-Howard Collins Jr., 9-Sydney Buffington, 13-Caitlin Kolar, 14-Allan Craig, 16-Rachael Seyler, 23-Michael Black, 27-Allen Wilmoth, & 28-Steve Cross.



Prayer Requests:

Our Congregation:

Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney and Becky Britton.

- **Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth:** Allen having kidney issues; upcoming shoulder surgery for RuthEllen.
- **Ed & Sharon Loy:** Ed having surgery on February 26th for blockage in his neck.
- **Jerry Maxwell.**
- **Evelyn Griffin:** Possible Gallstones.
- **Tom & Nina Tucker.**
- **Terry Southall:** Will have knee replacement surgery beginning on February 17th; both knees within 4-6 weeks time frame.
- **Joyce Wright.**
- **Don & Kristina Riffle.**
- **Gary Pastorial.**
- **Kathy Cross.**
- **Charles Riley.**
- **Allan & Erica Craig.**
- **Lois Jenkins.**
- **Debbie Mowbray:**
- **Michaela Hutcheson:** Mission work.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Gardner & Pearson families:** Due to the passing of Charlotte Pearson.
- **Mary Kay Minsker:** Her brother, Roger Clemons, in the hospital in Baltimore, MD, not doing good.
- **Rodney Sleeth's sister.**
- **Kathy Cross' friend, Linda Wilson.**
- **Matt Buffington's father-in-law.**
- **Megan Currey's father, Terry McCracken.**
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond's friend).**
- **Linda Grimes & family (Susan's Supervisor).**
- **Judy Stahl.**

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.