

## ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST:

- **Vacation Bible School**– August 21st from 9:30-12:00.
- **Ladies Planning Luncheon**– The annual ladies planning meeting will be held after services on August 29th at Panera Bread. Signups are on the back bulletin.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ We are still in need of additional VBS volunteers. The list for signing up has been placed again on the back bulletin board.
- ◆ Don Riffle and Wayne Hartman have been presented as candidates for elders. If anyone has any concerns about those men, please state in writing and submit that to the elders or Mark.
- ◆ If any ladies have been in charge of a service in the past that they would like to speak about at the meeting on the 29th please see Natalie Seyler. Likewise, if you have a new service opportunity you would like to bring up at the meeting, please let her know so she can add it to the agenda.



### We Moved!

Phillip and Natalie Seyler have moved from Fairmont back to Bridgeport. The updated address is:

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# Bridgeport Church of Christ

August 8th, 2021



## **Elders Need to Lead with Compassion**

Elders face problems of all shapes, sizes, and colors. A few years of putting out fires can leave them burned out. They can come to rule with an iron fist rather than a velvet touch—more of the shepherd’s rod than his crook. Early Roman philosopher Publilius Syrus said, “You can accomplish by kindness what you cannot by force.” Peter explained that elders take the oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock (1 Peter 5:2-3).”

## **Times of Service**

### **Sunday:**

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6 pm**

### **Wednesday:**

**Bible Study 7 pm**

A couple facing an imminent divorce will be more open to counsel from elders whose eyes fill with tears and whose voice shake with tender emotion. A wayward member will be more likely to humbly return when elders gently plead and softly admonish. A congregation that sees the compassion of an eldership as they have to exercise church discipline will stand behind their leaders’ decision. The bishops’ heartfelt love for lost souls will be recognized by a congregation looking for a cause to support.

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson & Lafe Hutcheson  
**Deacons:** Gene Wright, Don Riffle & Robbie Buffington  
**Minister:** Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

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The Bible often pictures elders as shepherds, a figure that emphasizes care, concern, and compassion (1 Peter 5:1-4). When a sheep is missing, a shepherd lovingly pursues it and compassionately brings it back (Luke 15:4-7). The shepherd-elder restores "... restores him in a spirit of gentleness," considering himself "...lest you too be tempted (Galatians 6:1)." The word restore is a medical term that has reference to setting a broken bone. An elder seeking to restore an erring child of God goes with trepidation, knowing that the stakes are high. He goes with compassion, just as a doctor would set a broken arm. Such elders are worth cherishing and complimenting: "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching (1 Timothy 5:17)."



Allen Webster

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**Word**   
**SCRAMBLE**  
Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

**D P H E S H E R**

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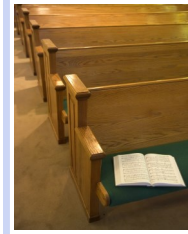
Clue: He knows His sheep.

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**Agust Card Distributor:** Karen Seyler

**August Baptismal Garments:** Natalie Seyler

**August Greeters**– 8–Linda Williams 15–Linda Williams 22– Linda Williams 29– Linda Williams



**Our Record: August 1st**

**Sunday Morning Assembly**

55

**Sunday Bible Class**

43

**Sunday Evening**

32

**Wednesday Bible Study**

22

**Contribution (Budget \$4,000)**

\$2,475

**August Birthday / Anniversary List:**



**1**-Helen Potts **6**-Terri Vilain **10**– Gene & Joyce Wright (A) **18**-Kaitlyn Vilain **21**-Logan Harper/ Madeleine Weaver **25**-Jonathan Hartman/ Alan Shreves **28**-Nathaniel Harper **30**-Darrell Eddy **31**-Cindy Buffington

## Prayer Requests

### For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, and Brenda Fortney
- **Our Elders**

### For Our Family & Friends:

- **Loy's Son** - cancer and undergoing treatments.

*(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 Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)*