

ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

- **Singing Emphasis/Dessert Fellowship:** Sunday January 5– Evening Services (Ladies in Charge: Sharon Loy & Susan Hartman) For those attending, please bring a snack, dessert, or drink
- **Elders & Deacons Meeting-**Tuesday January 7th at 6 PM at the building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mark is teaching a class on the book of Matthew on Thursday mornings at 10 AM
- Mid Week Bible Study this week will be on Thursday night instead of Wednesday night.
- We will be collecting money for gift cards to provide for our college students. Money for gift cards can be given to Karen Seyler.
- There is a sign up sheet on the back table for the One Day Lectureship Luncheon.
- There is also a sign up sheet for meals for Bill and Loverine Pigott.
- **Mark Your Calendar:**

One Day Lectureship-Sunday January 12th

2020 Vision

Bible Study: “A Clear Vision of Sin” -Ben Jones

Worship: “A Clear Vision of Salvation” -John Keith

Afternoon: “A Clear Vision of Service” -Terry Jones

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Lafe Hutcheson & Stan Williams

Deacons: Gene Wright, Don Riffle, Robbie Nichols, & Robbie Buffington

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Bridgeport Church of Christ

December 29, 2019

Don't Let the Lights Go Out!

One of my favorite things about this time of the year is experiencing the beauty of Christmas lights. Ordinarily only dimly lit by dull street lamps, towns are now awash in brilliant displays of holiday cheer. So much more joyful than the rest of the year!

Eventually, however, those lights will be taken down, packed up, and put away again until next December. One of my least favorite times of the year is when those lights—and the accompanying joyful attitudes—are hidden for 11 months. Too bad! Wouldn't it be great if they stuck around all year long!

Even more sadly, some Christians only let their lights shine during special occasions. Currently there is a surging wave of good will toward our fellowman as we all seek to do something good for those in need. But what if we didn't just drag our Christian lights out only for holidays?

Jesus told His disciples that they were the light of the world (Matt. 5:14). Accordingly, He told them, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).

Certainly we should do all the good we can during the holiday season, but let's refrain from packing up our Christian lights and putting them away for the rest of the year. The world needs the light of the church and God's word shining in the darkness! Will you be a light for Christ 365 days in the coming year?

-Matt Clifton

Sunday Worship

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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Resolutions for a New Year

I have heard people say that they do not like to call them “New Year Resolutions,” but a “To-Do List” for the new year. I am sure we can all agree that we are great at making resolutions, but we are horrible at following through with them.

Decision-making is easy. It is easy to start a new diet. It is easy to decide to pay off all of one’s loans. Once we have decided to put our hand to something, that is the easy part. What is not always easy is following through with your decision.

Likewise, it is easy to start one’s journey to follow Jesus the Messiah. If one is going to be successful at following Jesus, we need to heed Jesus’ stern warning about counting the cost. It is foolhardy not to calculate the cost before pursuing any endeavor. Jesus said that following him meant certain hardship. He said, “If you do not bear your cross and come after me, you cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:27).

I not only encourage you this new year to start your journey with Jesus, but also to follow through with your convictions.

-Stephen Scaggs

Our Record: December 22



Sunday Morning Assembly

87

Sunday Bible Class

47

Sunday Evening

38

Wednesday Bible Study

37

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$4,055

December/January Birthdays



& Anniversaries:

29-Curtis Sleeth/ Josh Carpenter **30**– Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A) **3**-Barry Buffington **5**-Evelyn Griffin/ Karen Seyler **7**-Phoebe Jones **8**-Samuel Jones **9**-Jacob Hartman **11**-Stan Williams **12**-Michaela Hutcheson **21**-Megan Jones **22**-Lafe & Lorna Hutcheson (A) **23**-Xavier Seyler **27**-Kelly Shreves

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**
- **Debbie Mowbray**-Health Issues
- **Loverine Pigott**-recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Judy Garner**

Prayers- Family & Friends

- **Mike Yost**
- **Ester Lewis**-home bound.
- **Brandie Garner**-Maintenance Medication
- **Kay Burnett**-metastatic breast cancer
- **Delma Thompson**
- **Karen (Sharon Loy’s Cousin)**-Liver & Colon Cancer
- **Mary Coffman (Brandie Garner’s Grandmother)**
- **Faith Eagle**
- **Daniel Aloï**-In bad car wreck on July 4th
- **Roberta (Raymond’s Sister)**
- **Jones Family (Co-Worker of Jessica Kerns)**
- **Jay Bagwell**-health complications from chemo
- **Sarah Palmer**-Cards can be sent to:
125 Jefferson St. Bridgeport, WV 26330
- **Louise Kelch**
- **Andrew Kelly**
- **Dorothy Daugherty (Vicki Kerns & Beth Hanlin’s Mom)**-pancreatic cancer
- **Heidi Adams**-4 years old and going through chemo
- **Susie Myers (Cindy Buffington’s Cousin)**- fell and broke both arms
- **Becky Britton**-Total knee replacement
- **Jerome Axton**-had surgery on the 17th.
- **Betsy Yeager**-Broken arm

December/January Card Distributor: Lois Jenkins/Micah Nichols

December/January Baptismal Garments: Vicki Kerns/Cindy Buffington

December/January Greeters– **29**- Need Greeter **5**–Need Greeter

12–Need Greeter **19**–Need Greeter **26**- Need Greeter

(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)