

ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE:

June 25th: Baby Shower honoring Natalie at 2:00pm at home of Cindy Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◇ “Young at Heart” will meet July 10th at 12:30pm at the church building for a covered dish luncheon.
- ◇ There is a signup sheet on the back table still for meals for Ed & Lois Jenkins. They have requested one meal/ week. Thank you!
- ◇ There will be a baby shower honoring Natalie Seyler at the home of Cindy Moore this afternoon at 2pm.

Baby Boy Showers to Look Out For:

Name	Location	Date/Time	Registered at
Natalie Seyler	Cindy Moore (336 Grand Ave)	June 25th @2pm	Amazon
Erica Allman	Cindy Moore (336 Grand Ave)	July 9th @2pm	Target
Rachel West	Karen Seyler (107 Pinewood Ave)	August 27th @2pm	Babylist.com

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

Minister: Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

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June 25th, 2023



Finding Joy in a Joyless World

Media outlets bombard us 24 hours a day with graphic accounts of depravity in our neighborhoods, cities, and schools. Thousands of ads *per day* tell us we must buy stuff in order to achieve self-worth, happiness, and fulfillment. And pharmaceutical companies will gladly treat whatever ails us, for a price that many cannot afford.

It's no wonder that people of the world feel lost, depressed, and unhappy. Their only hope of joy comes from earthly events, circumstances, or possessions, which Jesus tells us are temporary (Matt. 6-19).

As Christians, our joy is not rooted in the outcome of a golf game, a promotion, or shiny new sports car. It comes from who we are and *Whose* we are. It comes from personally knowing our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ through our repentance and baptism (Acts 2:38). And it comes from His resurrection that assures our Heavenly inheritance (1 Peter 1:3) and obedience to His commands (John 14:21).

Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

That does not mean, however, that we are immune to pain or sadness. As Christ's followers, we *should* experience sadness when a friend or family member denies Christ or dies without knowing Him. We should grieve with others who've lost a loved one. And hurt when they've been hurt. After all, they're God's creations, too.

And, like everyone else, we are frail and flawed humans who live in a sinful, imperfect world. We're vulnerable to accidents, malevolence, and painful – even terminal – diseases. We aren't immune.

Thankfully, through our relationship with Christ, we can rise above the trials and tribulations. Look at the Apostle Paul... he was whipped, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, and imprisoned, among many other extreme hardships (2 Cor. 11:24-27). Yet, he found joy: *"In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy."* (2 Cor. 7:4 ESV)

We can find joy, too. As that beautiful hymn reminds us, *"this world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through."*

Dan Biby
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June Card Distributor: Karen Seyler

June Greeters: Karen Seyler

Baptismal Garments: Karen Seyler

Bible Classes & Current Topics of Study

Adults– Main Auditorium (*S- Matthew/ W-Gospel Survey*)

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

Children & Teens– Downstairs (*1st Samuel*)

Events for Bridgeport 2023

July 9th: Erica's Baby Shower **July 10th:** YAH Luncheon **July 15th:** FOP Breakfast (Ladies)

August 6th: Ladies' Annual Planning Meeting **August 27th:** Rachel's Baby Shower

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

70

Sunday Bible Class

53

Sunday Evening

25

Wednesday Bible Study

24

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,625

June Birthday / Anniversary List:

3-Cheyenne Harper 6-Rodney Vilain,

Debbie Anderson 8-Austin Richmond/

Dale & Ramola Lee (A) 12-Gene Wright

15– Barry & Cindy Buffington (A)

16-Phillip Seyler 21-Natalie Seyler

24-Susan Hartman 29-Lois Jenkins

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- *Our Shut-in's: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner*
- Jerry & Yvonne Maxwell: Health concerns
- Ed & Lois Jenkins: Health concerns
- Jessica & Heather Blizzard: Battling pneumonia.
- Harper Family



For Our Family & Friends:

- Louise Kelch: Health concerns

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.