

# ACTIVITIES FOR November :

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- If you would like to be added to the Call-Out System Directory, please let Robbie Buffington know or add your name to the list on the back bulletin.
- Next month's Ladies Dinner will be December 3rd at 6 PM - Please sign-up in the back.
- A rough draft of the updated directory is available on the back table for anybody who wishes to take one.
- If you would like to help with blanket donations, you can do so by:
  - cash donation
  - material donation
  - bringing in a blanket you made
  - volunteering to tie donated materials

### Holiday Baskets

- \* All children are asked to take up to five coloring cards off the back table to color this week and return by December 11th to be included in our baskets. Please have them sign their names.
- \* Anyone wanting to help with our holiday baskets, please see Debbie.



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## Bridgeport Church of Christ

November 28th, 2021

### Outside Looking In

A young girl stood alone, watching the other children play. She leaned against the window, trying to be unnoticed but watching intently while the rest of the kids laughed and held hands and talked excitedly. She shifted her weight back and forth. Her body language clearly said she wanted to be included in the group. She wanted to be right in the middle of all the other kids but she didn't know how. She was afraid. She was alone. She was on the outside looking in. All she really needed to change all of this would be for just one young boy or girl to come over where she was, and say, "come on in!"

Most of us have experienced the fear and awkwardness of being in unfamiliar surroundings and not knowing where to go or what to do. We have been to places where we were alone while everyone else seemed to be with other people enjoying themselves. Do you remember how uncomfortable it is to be in a church or around a group of people who are all enjoying themselves, who are obviously friends, but you are not one of them?

While sitting with our friends, it's not uncommon for church members to look over and see a person or a family that they don't know and say,

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### Times of Service

#### Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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

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“Who is that?” “I don’t think I’ve seen them before, have you?” But do nothing.

I ate with a church earlier this year. It was a “fellowship” dinner for their gospel meeting. As the speaker, I was invited to be first to eat and sit. A man came to sit with me. He asked, “I was told that most visiting preachers usually have to sit alone at church dinners, is that true?” “It is,” I told him. He was one of the elders. Interestingly, all of the elders came and sat with me. First time in 40 years of preaching!

It just takes one. Barnabas brought Saul into the church at Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-7). Andrew brought Peter to Jesus (Jn. 1:40-41). Jesus said, “I was a stranger and you took me in,” (Mat. 25:35).

At most services we have visitors. They may be traveling or just moved near us and know little about God, or maybe looking to find a group of Christians to work with or... they have come to our “home.” They are testing our beliefs. They are testing our manners. They are testing our hospitality and shifting their weight and wondering – waiting – hoping for someone. Be looking out for those who are looking in.

Tim Orbison  
Maysville church of Christ  
Gurley, AL

WORDSEARCH

Two Masters (Matthew 6:24)

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November Card Distributor: Linda Williams

October Baptismal Garments: Linda Williams

November Greeters– 28– Karen Seyler

Our Record: November 14th

Sunday Morning Assembly

53

Sunday Bible Class

42

Sunday Evening

28

Wednesday Bible Study

30

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,635

November Birthdays / Anniversary List:

2-Michael Roy 7-Jackie Moore 8-Lou Skidmore

12-Rex & Cheryl Kelch (A) 19-Cathy Hart

21-Aaliyah Loy 24-Addyson Buffington

27- Payton Adams 28-Andrew Seyler

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:


- Our Shut-in’s: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, and Brenda Fortney
- Cindy Moore– answers for health concerns

For Our Family & Friends:

- Robbie Craig (Cheryl’s Brother)-Cheryl is visiting him this weekend.
- Betty Peters (Karen Seyler’s Mother)
- Ruth Dagger– mourning the loss of her husband.
- Brandi Garner– in the hospital
- Kerns Family– Jessica’s uncle Ed Kerns passed away.

- Kay Butnett– Metastatic Cancer
- Lorna Hutcheson– She is unable to keep her oxygen saturation at a normal level. Her lung and lymph node biopsies returned back negative and doctors continue to investigate.
- Christy (Lois’ daughter-in-law)- admitted to hospital for testing.
- Kay Palmer’s Father, Stan Yost, passed away.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to [bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)