

November/December Events:

- ⇒ November 27th: Thanksgiving Day.
- ⇒ December 6th: Caroling with the Shut-ins.
- ⇒ December 7th: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship--Sharon Loy & Cindy Moore in charge.
- ⇒ December 13th: Ladies' breakfast and White Elephant gift exchange.

Today's Announcements:

- Today, we will be meeting at 4 pm here at the building to make decorative cards for the sick and shut-in members. This will be a good project for the young kids of the congregation to help with.
- There is a new Teacher's sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board for the coming year starting this December. Please see the sheet and sign up to help.
- December 6th, Christmas caroling with the shut-ins and at Pleasant Acres followed by Christmas festivities at Debbie & Raymond's. We will be traveling to Pleasant Acres around 2 pm. Then going to shut-in member's homes. If you can't do the caroling, you are still invited to come out to Debbie and Raymond's home at 6 pm. Bring a covered dish to share with the group and enjoy the fellowship. If participating, there is a sign-up sheet on the back table, so Debbie & Raymond have a head count. See Phillip or Natalie if you have any questions.
- Young at Heart will be meeting at the Wilmoths on December 9th at 11:30 am for a holiday get together. Bring a covered dish to share.
- "Thank You" Adam & Hannah Epler for organizing and shipping the military care packages this past week.
- December 13th at 9 am at the FOP restaurant in Nutter Fort will be the Ladies' Christmas breakfast and White Elephant gift exchange. No gift over \$10.00. If participating, please sign-up on the flyer at the back table.

Note of Interest:

*Please remember all those who have lost loved ones over the past year. There have been many of our congregation. The holidays will not be the same for these families, so let's keep them in our prayers.*

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman


**Deacons:** Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth

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November 23, 2025



**How One Person Made a Difference at Thanksgiving**

With Thanksgiving getting closer, I am reminded about the amazing story of how God used a Native American named Squanto to bless the Pilgrims who settled in America. Historical accounts of Squanto's life vary, but around 1608, a group of European traders sailed to what is today Plymouth, MA. When the trusting Wampanoag Indians came out to trade, they were kidnapped, taken to Europe, and sold into slavery. This was, of course, a bad thing. But God can even use bad things to bless others.

The man who bought Squanto treated him well and taught him English and about Jesus Christ. Ten years later, Squanto was given his freedom and sailed back to America. By now, he knew both the English language and the Christian faith.

A year later, a shipload of English families arrived and settled in Plymouth. Squanto went to meet them, greeting the startled Pilgrims in English. According to Pilgrim Governor William Bradford, Squanto "became a special instrument sent of God for [our] good ... He showed [us] how to plant [our] corn, where to take fish and to procure other commodities ... and was also [our] pilot to bring [us] to unknown places for [our] profit, and never left [us] till he died."

**Times of Service**

**Sunday:**

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6pm**

**Wednesday:**

**Bible Study 7 pm**

Bradford wrote that without Squanto; they would never have survived their first year at Plymouth. God sent His blessings to our "Pilgrim Fathers" in the form of a former slave. Likewise, the Lord showers blessings on us in all sorts of ways. "And God can bless you abundantly, so that in all things; always having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.' Now he who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:8-11).

*Larry Fitzgerald, Woodlawn church of Christ, Abilene, TX*

**Forget Not All His Benefits**

David the prophet proclaimed: “Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (Psalms 103:2).

The Apostle Paul encourages us with these words: “Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks to Him through God the Father” (Colossians 3:17).

Prayer is a constant event in the life of a Christian. And one of the main parts of that prayer is giving thanks to God.

In November, our nation recognizes a day set aside to give thanks. The original presidential proclamations of this holiday all point out that the subject of our thanks should be to our Creator – the Lord God of the Bible.

George Washington once wrote: “it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits ...”

Give thanks to God for all our gifts. That is exactly what we all should do this Thanksgiving. But according to Colossians 3:17, we should be thankful for what we have and who we love 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Not just one day a year. However, Thanksgiving would be a good time to count your blessings and tell God, “Thank you.”

*Larry Fitzgerald, Woodlawn church of Christ, Abilene, TX*

**Card Distributor: Rachel West**

**Greeters: (Needed)**

**Baptismal Garments: Susan Hartman**

**Bible Class Locations**

**Adults–Main Auditorium**

**Young Adults (20s-30s)-Mark’s Office**

**Children & Teens–Downstairs**

**Cradle Roll–Downstairs**

**Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember**

**November 27th: Thanksgiving Day.**

**December 4th: Bridgeport’s Light Up Night.**

**December 6th: Caroling with the Shut-ins.**

**December 6th: Bridgeport’s Christmas Parade.**

**December 6th: Backwoods Christmas Craft & Vendor Show at the Bridge Sports Complex.**

**December 7th: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship.**

**December 9th: Young at Heart at the Wilmoths.**

**December 13th: Ladies’ Breakfast at FOP--White Elephant gift exchange.**

**December 21st: Winter Begins.**

**December 25th: Christmas Day.**

**January 1st: New Year’s Day.**

**January 18th: One Day Lecture-ship.**

**January 19th: MLK, Jr. Holiday.**

**January 23rd-24th: CoC on Fishinger Road Ohio Winter Lectures.**

**January 31st: Work Day at the building.**

**March 7th: Fishinger Road Ladies’ Day.**

**Our Record:**

Sunday Morning  
Assembly: 63  
Sunday Bible Class: 41  
Sunday Evening: 31  
Wednesday Bible Study: 19  
Contribution: 3,570  
(Budget \$4,000)

**November Birthday/Anniversary List:**

8-Lou Skidmore; 12-Rex & Cheryl Kelch (A); 19-Cathy Hart; 24-Addyson Buffington; 28-Andrew Seyler & Rachel Black; & 29-Erica Craig.



**Prayer Requests:**

***Shut-in Members: Ken Fortney and Becky Britton.***

**Our Congregation:**

- **Lois Jenkins.**
- **Ed & Sharon Loy:** Ed had procedures this past week; Sharon will have surgery in December.
- **Gary Pastorial:** Having surgery on his left knee on November 25th.
- **Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth.**
- **Debbie Mowbray.**
- **Tom & Nina Tucker.**
- **Joyce Wright & the Vilain family.**

- **Evelyn Griffin.**
- **Kathy Cross.**
- **Jerry Maxwell.**
- **Kristina Riffle.**
- **Charles Riley.**
- **Allan & Erica Craig.**
- **Michaela Hutcheson:** Mission work.

**For Our Family & Friends:**

- **Brandi Gardner’s mother, Charlotte Pearson:** Not doing well. To send a card, her address is 151 Valley St, Salem, WV 26426.
- **Matt Buffington’s father-in-law.**
- **Megan Currey’s father, Terry McCracken.**
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie & Raymond’s friend).**
- **Hannah Epler’s co-worker:** Fell 18 ft. off a ladder and was taken to Ruby memorial with a broken orbital bone. Please keep her & her family in your prayers.
- **Linda Grimes & family (Susan’s Supervisor).**
- **Judy Stahl:** Had surgery at UHC this past week.
- **Gabriella Anderson.**

*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 Karen Seyler before Thursday.*