

ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

- Lads to Leaders—Today— 4:30 at the building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mark is teaching a class on the book of Matthew on Thursday mornings at 10 AM

- **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

Bridgeport Church of Christ

December 8, 2019

Where Is Your Joy?

I recently witnessed a discussion on Facebook regarding when it is appropriate to put up Christmas decorations. Personally I love Christmas. My mother one year began listening to Christmas music in October. That was torture. Why? Because by the time Christmas actually rolled around I was so sick of hearing those same songs over and over that it actually took some of the joy out of the holiday. I am not however scarred by that event and when I think on it, it is an awesome memory.



Still it is amazing to me how often I let little things take my joy. It can be service times at a restaurant, or the guy in front of me in line at the gas station buying lottery tickets when I am in a hurry, stupid little things take my joy. And I let them. Why? Why would I let something so petty steal my joy when I know that 1. My God has created a planet perfect for my existence and 2. That same God has given me the opportunity to live forever with Him.

As Christians it seems that we, while in our struggle against sin, allow the little things creep in and steal bits of our joy. As Christians we should be the most joyous people around. We should not let the little things sneak in and distract us from the fact that we are heirs to the Kingdom of God. We are his children. He chose us.

In this season of Holidays we can easily get caught up in the hustle and bustle of family dinners, fellowship with friends, and hopefully remembering and being thankful for the blessings we have been given. Let us not fall prey ...*Continued*

Sunday Worship

Bible Study 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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

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to society's pull to take your joy with stress and distractions like lower prices on things we don't really need.

Let's instead remember our joy. Let us remember that we can know that we have eternal life (1John 5:13). We can know that God loves us (John 3:16). Because of those things there should not be any time, any event, any person that can steal our Joy. But also we must remember that as Christians our Joy began at the beginning. When Almighty God said "Let us make man in Our own image" (Gen. 1:26). Our Joy is in Christ, who was there from the beginning, who was there on the cross burdened with our sins, and who will come again to take His bride home. Home to bask in Joy.

-James Bennett

Our Record: December 1



Sunday Morning Assembly

72

Sunday Bible Class

45

Sunday Evening

33

Wednesday Bible Study

47

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3,391

December Birthdays & Anniversaries:



9-Rachel West 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A) 12-Brittany Bagwell 14-Brenda Fortney 15-Adam Epler 16-Bill & Loverine Pigott (A) 18-Tim Richmond 21-Kristina Riffle/ Mary Kate Riffle 22-Noah Hart 23-Caylee Hope/Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A) 24-Millie Cate Currey 25-Ken & Brenda Fortney (A) 29-Curtis Sleeth/Josh Carpenter 30- Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A)

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- **Our shut-in's: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney**
- **Jackie Moore**
- **Debbie Mowbray**-Health Issues
- **Loverine Pigott**-having shoulder surgery on the 12th at Mon General

- **Sarah Palmer**-Cards can be sent to:
125 Jefferson St. Bridgeport, WV 26330
- **Callahan (Terry & Yonnie's Grandson)**-in the hospital
- **Linda Williams**-Pinched Nerve

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 Alois**-In bad car wreck on July 4th
- **Roberta (Raymond's Sister)**
- **Jones Family (Co-Worker of Jessica Kerns)**
- **Jay Bagwell**-health complications from chemo

- **Andrew Kelly**
- **Dorothy Daugherty (Vicki Kerns & Beth Hanlin's Mom)**-diagnosed with pancreatic cancer- having a PET scan this week
- **Family of Keith Ball**
- **Family of Doretta Yost**
- **Heidi Adams**-4 years old and going through chemo
- **Susie Myers (Cindy Buffington's Cousin)**- fell and broke both arms last week
- **Becky Britton**-Total knee replacement
- **Jerome Axton**-having surgery on the 17th.

(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)

December Card Distributor: Lois Jenkins

December Baptismal Garments: Vicki Kerns

December Greeters- 8-Need Greeter 12- Need Greeter 15- Need Greeter

22-Need Greeter 29- Need Greeter