

ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY:

January 1st: New Years (no evening services)

January 8th: One Day Lectureship & Lunch

January 9th: Young at Heart Fellowship at 1:30PM

January 21st: Ladies Breakfast at Panera at 9:30 AM

January 28th: Blackwater Falls Sledding 1-3PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be no evening services *tonight*.
- The One Day Lectureship Luncheon sign-up list is on the back table for those who would like to sign up to bring food. Please drop off food at the Civic Center before services begin.
- Wednesday Evening Devotional: A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for all men who would be willing to present a brief devotional on aa Wednesday evening beginning in February 2023. If you have any questions, please see an elder or Steve Cross.
- If you are not receiving notifications via phone, text, etc. regarding issues such as change in time or date of services, please let Robbie Buffington know.
- If you would like to place membership, new forms are available on the back table and can be dropped off in the upstairs office or given to an elder.

Family Event: Black Water Falls State Park Sledding!!

Our church family will be embarking on a sledding adventure at Black Water Falls State Park on *January 28th from 1-3PM*. More information can be found on the state park website. Cost is \$30/ticket– See Don for payment. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the back bulletin board. Thank you!



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January 1st, 2023

What Will You Do With The New?

Toward the end of the year, we begin to focus on the “new.” We enjoy giving and receiving “new” presents, and we look forward to the hope of a “new” year. A blank calendar page represents fresh opportunity, but what will we do with it?

Hezekiah was known as a man who received renewed opportunity from the Lord. A godly king, Hezekiah destroyed the idols in Judah (2 Kings 18:4) and trusted God (2 Kings 18:5-6).

When Assyria came knocking on the door threatening to destroy Jerusalem, Hezekiah prayed (2 Kings 19:15-19), and God spared Judah. When Hezekiah fell ill, and God told him that he would not survive, Hezekiah again went to the Lord in earnest prayer, and God extended his life by 15 years (2 Kings 20:1-6).

Two challenges in Hezekiah’s day were overcome by going to God in prayer. The nation now had renewed hope, and Hezekiah especially should have been filled with new enthusiasm for the future after God spared his life. *Continued...*



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

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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However, when a third challenge presents itself, Hezekiah seems to display resignation and selfishness. Isaiah reveals to him that Babylon would soon come and take away the wealth of Judah, as well as Hezekiah's own descendants (2 Kings 20:16-18). Instead of meeting this challenge with more prayer, Hezekiah says, "The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good!" and "Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?" (2 Kings 20:19). Hezekiah was given new opportunities, but he was content to live with his personal blessings, and gave no prayer for the future generations.

As Christians, we have been cleansed by the blood of Christ, and walk in newness of life. We've had our lives extended eternally! But what about the lost around us? What about future generations? Will we be content with our own salvation, and give no thought, prayer, or action for the salvation of others?

What will we do with the new?

Matt Clifton, Judsonia church of Christ, Judsonia, AR



January Card Distributor: Evelyn Griffin

January Greeters: Karen Seyler (22nd)

Baptismal Garments: Karen Seyler

Events for Bridgeport 2023

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February 8th: Young Adults to Penguins Game

Our Record: December 25th

Sunday Morning Assembly

53

Sunday Bible Class

35

Sunday Evening

19

Wednesday Bible Study

16

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$1,830

January Birthday / Anniversary
List:

3-Barry Buffington **5-**Evelyn Griffin, Karen Seyler **7-**Phoebe Jones **8-**Samuel Jones **9-**Jacob Hartman
17- Lillian Armstrong **21-**Megan Jones / Adam & Jessica Elkins (A)
22- Robert Armstrong, Elizabeth Carder, Adam Elkins **23-**Xavier Seyler **27-**Kelly Shreves

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner
- **Jessica Blizzard:** Surgery to remove her gallbladder was successful.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Louise Kelch:** Went to the ER with high blood pressure & had a follow up on Monday.
- **Steve & Kathy's Families:** Each have a loved one they have recently lost.
- **Elsie Smith (Jeremiah Smith's Daughter):** Fighting cancer
- **Fetty Family:** Kent passed away on Wednesday afternoon.

