

September Events:

September 14th: Ladies Trip to the Wild Sunflower Farm (see flyer)

September 23rd: Pleasant Acres Worship Service

September 28th: Lois Reed's 80th Birthday

Today's Announcements:

- ◆ Happy Grandparents on Grandparents Day!
- ◆ Meals are needed for the Wilmoths over the next few weeks. See the signup sheet on the table in the back if you can help.
- ◆ There is a sign-up sheet on back bulletin board for anyone interested with teaching or assisting with teaching.
- ◆ Ladies Trip to the Wild Sunflower Farm in Jane Lew is planned for **Saturday, September 14th at 10 a.m.** There are flyers on the table in the foyer. Let Karen know if you plan to go or need a ride.
- ◆ There is a Friday Night Sing **this Friday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Sunrise church of Christ.
- ◆ Mannington church of Christ is hosting VBS—A Day at Camp for all ages **this Saturday, September 14th, beginning at 9 a.m.** Breakfast and lunch will be provided. See the flyer on the back bulletin board.

Notes of Interest:

- ◆ *Lois Reed will be celebrating 80 years young on September 28th. We want to fill Lois' mailbox with lots of cards and well wishes for many more birthdays to come. Her address is 702 Pennsylvania Ave, Bridgeport, WV 26330 .*
- ◆ *Check out the bulletin board in the back for upcoming meetings/ events from other local congregations.*
- ◆ *A Gospel Meeting at Pricetown CoC September 16th-22nd with Dick Bartrung.*

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Why We Fail...Sometimes

Let's just face the facts: Sometimes we fail. However, Jesus never fails. Multiplying the loaves and the fishes is one of the most amazing of all Christ's miracles. Jesus set aside laws of physics and science to multiply and magnify matter. At the same time He multiplied and magnified His name.

When He was faced with the unrealistic challenge of feeding a hungry multitude, the apostles felt defeated and destroyed. The events they faced seemed like they were just too much. How in the world were they to go forward and continue to help others. Philip tried to calculate the cost of a feeding that would allow each person to get what they wanted (John 6:7,11). He knew that they were unable to do this on their own. Jesus in a feat of magnificence showed why He was the true Bread of Life (John 6:35). The question becomes why did the disciples feel hopeless and defeated?

They Underestimated Themselves. Phillip quickly calculated that it was too big of an endeavor and just knew that they could do nothing. He did not say it was a bad work but just felt they were not the ones to do it.

They Underestimated the Power of Small Things. The disciples were unable to see the potential in the small amount they already had collected. They had everything they needed except an accomplishing mindset.

They Underestimated the Power of God. This was the most serious mistake they could have made and is one of the failures we make also. He could do anything and still can. We just have to remember that He is in control. We just have to remember that His power is greater than anything upon this earth!

*Jonathan Burns
Findlay church of Christ
Sparta, TN*



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

What is a Grandparent?

These answers to that question were taken from papers written by a class of eight-year-olds.

- Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's kids.
- Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run.
- When they take us for walks, they slow down for things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They don't say, "Hurry up."
- They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums out.
- Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because grandparents are the only grown-ups who like to spend time with us.
- They know we should have snack time before bedtime, and they say prayers with us every time and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

Ultimately, grandparents are people who have lived and loved long enough to do it better every day!

September Card Distributor: Kristina Riffle

September Greeters: 8th-Debbie Anderson; 15th-Lois Reed; 22nd- Karen Seyler; 29th-Kristina Riffle

September Baptismal Garments: Kathy Cross

Upcoming Events/Dates

to Remember

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September 29th - October 2nd: Fall Gospel Meeting

September 29th: Day of Prayer and Giving for Children

October 5th: The Patch: Harvest Festival--School Age Kid Group

October 6th: Singing Service and Dessert Fellowship

November 3rd: End of Daylight Saving Time (Fall Back)

December 16th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service

January 19th: One Day Lecture-ship

March 21-22: Congregational Retreat at Jackson's Mill

May 18th: Friends and Family Day

June (TBA): VBS

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

79

Sunday Bible Class

57

Sunday Evening

32

Wednesday Bible Study

17

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3450

September Birthday/Anniversary

List:

1- Tom & Nina Tucker (A); 2- Steve Potts; 5- Ken Fortney; 6- Nathan Venable; 9- Megan Currey; 12- Rodney Sleeth; 13- Doug Stutler; 16- Dennis Currey; 18- RuthEllen Wilmoth; 20- Mark Jones; 23- Ramola J Lee; 24- Don Riffle; 28-Lois Reed; & 30- Rodney & Terri Vilain (A)

Prayer Requests:

For Our Congregation:

Shut-in Members: Helen Potts, Ken Fortney, Judy Gardner, and Becky Britton

- **Cheryl Kelch and her family, Robbie, Christina, and Cassie:** Passing of their father.
- **Hannah Epler & Baby Judah:** Baby is due soon.
- **Barry Buffington:** Recovering from open heart surgery; is at home doing well.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola's daughter-in-law):** Health issues/illness.
- **Cody Skinner (Adam's friend):** Liver Transplant.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross's friend).**
- **Raymond and Debbie's neighbor:** Having cancer treatments.

- **RuthEllen Wilmoth:** Recovering from surgery.
- **Wayne Hartman:** Had Pet Scan this past week; waiting on results..
- **Lois Jenkins:** Having a difficult time.
- **Becky Britton:** Health issues.
- **Alice (Leah Sleath's Mother):** Mobility issues.
- **Jerida Floyd (Rex & Cheryl's Brother-in-Law).**
- **Tammy Wise:** Having Chemo treatments.
- **Barbie McDonald (Mark's friend).**
- **Shirley, Jerry's neighbor:** Having breathing issues.

If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin-- Please email it to hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.