

ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

- Pleasant Acres Ladies Meeting— Tuesday June 25th at 7 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The girls of the church are going to be making a cookbook. The girls would like for each of the ladies in our congregation to write three of their favorite recipes. We will be handing out three sheets of papers so you will be able to write your recipes on. When you get them done, put them in the basket in the back of the building. Please put your name on the bottom and the year. I'll pick them up the first week in July. Thank you — Evelyn

- WV Christian Youth Camp Dates: (Registration Forms are available on the tables)

College Week— June 16— June 21

Sports Week— June 23— June 28

Senior Week— June 30— July 6

Intermediate Week— July 7— July 12

Junior Week— July 14— July 19

All Age Week— July 21— July 27

Singing Emphasis Week— July 28-August 3

UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:

- June 14— Salem Church of Christ & Ten Mile Church of Christ @ Salem Int'l University
- June 21-36th Street Church of Christ
- June 28— North End Church of Christ
- June 28— Valley Bend Church of Christ
- July 5-Cairo Church of Christ

Bridgeport Church of Christ

June 9, 2019

Overwhelmed, Or Is It Just An Empty Stomach?



I watched a groundhog have his fill on clover in a yard that was just a few days overdue for a mowing. He ate as fast as he could and covered quite a bit of ground. Yet as much as he ate, the yard was still filled with clover and the ground he covered showed no sign of thinning. And a thought occurred to me. As this groundhog ate hundreds of clovers he made no *observable* impact on the number of clover in the yard-BUT-he filled his belly and was satisfied.

Does the amount of work Christ has left for us leave you a bit overwhelmed? You are not alone. Consider Christ Himself: “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’” (Matthew 9:36-38)

If the multitude persuaded Jesus to instruct His disciples concerning the large harvest and the few reapers, contemplate the over seven billion souls on the earth that need to hear the Gospel. Think of all the good works that go undone at the end of the day for lack of time. Reflect on the increased effort to which you could engage drawing closer to God and man. What more can you be doing in service to Christ? Overwhelming isn't it?*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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Perhaps we are thinking about it the wrong way. Perhaps instead of looking at the field and being overwhelmed with the great task set before us, perhaps we ought we to remember the words of Jesus when He said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” (Matthew 5:6) What if instead of the toil set before us we focus on the satisfaction of the soul will gain? I don’t go to a buffet and think, “this is all too overwhelming so I am not going to eat a thing.” (I am certain the groundhog in a field of clover doesn’t think that way either.) When I go to a buffet I eat until I am satisfied, and then some! Jesus promised us that if we hunger and thirst after righteousness we will be filled and happy (blessed).

Additionally, as servants of the King, we must satisfy our God in our devotion to Him. And Jesus says this task is not laborious (Matthew 11:30). It is meant to be intuitive. “Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them” (Matthew 7:12). We see Jesus giving a glimpse of the judgment in Matthew 25:31-46. Jesus speaks of giving drink, food, clothing, shelter, and comfort as the criteria of service to God. And the righteous didn’t even realize the good work they were doing for the cause of Christ. The righteous were simply increasing God’s talents entrusted to them by virtue of their abilities (Matthew 25:14-30). They worked to be well pleasing to God and satisfied by Christ in their labor.

So the next time you feel overwhelmed with the Lord’s harvest field, remember that the gauge of your work is not the perceived “little” impact you make, but rather the fulfillment of God’s will and the satisfaction of your hunger for righteousness which is always profitable in the Kingdom.

-Mark Jones

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June Card Distributor: Linda Williams
June Baptismal Garments: Valerie Neill
June Greeters– 9-Need Greeter 16-Need Greeter 23-Need Greeter 30- Need Greeter

Our Record: June 2



Sunday Morning Assembly
89
Sunday Bible Class
52
Sunday Evening
58
Wednesday Bible Study
54
Contribution (Budget \$4,000)
\$4,057

June Birthdays & Anniversaries:



12-Gene Wright **13**-Jessica Pigott **15**-Barry & Cindy Buffington (A) **16**-Phillip Seyler
21-Natalie Seyler **24**-Susan Hartman/Robbie & Micah Nichols (A) **25**-Lori Baxter
29-Lois Jenkins

Prayers- Those of Our Congregation

- Our shut-in’s: Helen Potts & Brenda Fortney
- Jackie Moore
- Judy Garner
- Debbie Mowbray-Health Issues

Prayers- Family & Friends

- Mike Yost
- Ester Lewis-home bound.
- Marshall Doll-Cancer
- Dan Hatfield
- Brandi Garner-Chemo treatments
- Anita Parker-Cancer
- Becky Britton
- Beth Carder
- Kay Burnett-metastatic breast cancer
- Delma Thompson
- Erin Murphy-Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- Dave Jones
- Maurice Young (Kristina Riffle’s dad)
- Paula Garner (Valerie Neill’s Aunt)
- Karen (Sharon Loy’s Cousin)-Liver & Colon Caner
- Bonnie Snabley-Cancer
- Mary Kaufman (Brandi Garner’s Grandmother)- Congestive Heart Failure
- Landman Family-Baby Athan- liver transplant
- Christine Craig (Cheryl’s Sister) -Broke her leg. Address for cards: 12 Pelham Road N. Voorhees, NJ 08043
- Evelyn’s Sister Louise-Health Issues
- Cheryl’s Mom

(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)