

**December Events:**

- ⇒ **December 6th: Caroling with the Shut-ins.**
- ⇒ **December 7th: Singing Emphasis & Dessert Fellowship--Sharon Loy & Cindy Moore in charge.**
- ⇒ **December 9th: Young at Heart Christmas Get Together at the Wilmoths.**
- ⇒ **December 13th: Ladies' breakfast and White Elephant gift exchange.**

**Today's Announcements:**

- Next Saturday, December 6th, Christmas caroling with the shut-ins and at Pleasant Acres followed by Christmas festivities at Debbie & Raymond's. Meeting at the church building at 1:30 pm and traveling to Pleasant Acres. Then traveling to the 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 Phill or Natalie Seyler 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.
- 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.

**Elders:** Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman  
**Deacons:** Robbie Buffington, Adam Epler, & Rodney Sleeth  
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*November 30, 2025*

## What Are We to Do with Christmas?

Christmas – what are we going to do with it? Some say, “We need to put Christ back into Christmas.” Others say, “Christ was never meant to be in Christmas.” Some celebrate it as a religious holiday. Other celebrate it as a secular holiday. Other do not celebrate it at all. What does God say about it?

God has not authorized the church to celebrate Christmas as an official religious holiday. In fact, Paul condemned those who were binding religious holidays (Gal. 4:9-11).

What about individuals honoring Christmas? Paul said in Rom. 14:5-6, “One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord.” Paul is not speaking about honoring the Lord on Sunday, because God has already set aside that day for us to honor Him (1 Cor. 16:1- 2; Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:25). This passage teaches that if someone wants to honor God in some way on a day other than Sunday he or she may do so. He has the liberty to do so, but he cannot bind that day on anyone else. Parallel to that special day, if one wants to honor God by remembering Christ's birth or some other aspect of God on December 25th, he has that liberty, but he cannot bind that on anyone else.

So, what is the application from all of this? If you want to honor Christmas as a way to honor God, you have that right, but you can't bind that on anyone else (Rom. 12:5-6). The church cannot publicly have Christmas as a special religious holiday because God has not authorized it to be done.

## Times of Service

### Sunday:

**Bible Study 9:30 am**

**Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 6pm**

### Wednesday:

**Bible Study 7 pm**



But, there is a practical side of Christmas. Let’s promote the spirit that comes from Christmas. It is a time of families getting together. It is a time of giving gifts. It is a time of joy. All of those benefits are needed year-round. Let’s also take the opportunity to correct some false teaching that is done about Christ and Christmas. People are more open to learning about Jesus now than probably any other time of the year. Let’s teach and correct them in a spirit of love (Eph. 4:15), not in a spirit of condemnation with a “holier than thou” attitude.

I hope that you and your family will have a wonderful Christmas time, however you decide to use it!

*Wayne Burger (adapted and condensed)  
via Broadway church of Christ  
Campbellsville, KY*



Card Distributor: Debbie Anderson

Greeter: Debbie Anderson

Baptismal Garments: Debbie Anderson

Bible Class Locations

Adults–Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)-Mark’s Office

Children & Teens–Downstairs

Cradle Roll–Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

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

**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 Lectureship.**

**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: 78  
Sunday Bible Class: 53  
Sunday Evening: 29  
Wednesday Bible Study: 14  
Contribution: 8,015  
(Budget \$4,000)

**December Birthday/Anniversary List:**

9-Rachel West; 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A); 12- Jerry Maxwell; 13-Andrew & Rachael Seyler (A); 14-Daniel Black; 15-Adam Epler; 17-Tom Tucker & Ann Black; 18-Tim Richmond; 21-Kristina Riffle; 23-Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A); 24-Millie Cate Currey; & 29-Curtis Sleeth

**Prayer Requests:**

**Our Congregation:**

- **Lois Jenkins.**
- **Ed & Sharon Loy:** Sharon will have surgery this month.
- **Gary Pastorial:** Had surgery on his left knee on November 25th.
- **Allen & RuthEllen Wilmoth.**
- **Debbie Mowbray.**
- **Tom & Nina Tucker.**
- **Joyce Wright & the Vilain family.**

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

- **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:** Recovery from surgery.
- **Gabriella Anderson.**

*If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to [bgtchurchofchrist@yahoo.com](mailto:bgtchurchofchrist@yahoo.com) or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.*