

December Events:

⇒ No Mid-Week Bible Study on December 25th or on January 1st.

Today's Announcements:

- ◆ Mark and Megan Jones along with the children are vacationing in Florida over the next few weeks.
- ◆ Thanks to Don Riffle for his sermon last Sunday. Great lesson!
- ◆ No mid-week Bible Study on December 25th or January 1st due to folks traveling.
- ◆ Flyers announcing our One-Day Lectureship are on the table in the foyer so you can invite family and friends.
- ◆ There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back for the One-Day Lectureship soup and sandwich luncheon at the Benedum Civic Center.
- ◆ If you would like to send a card to Tammy Wise or Michael Reid, their address is listed here: Tammy Wise, 19 Park Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554; and Michael Reid, 6636 West William Cannon Drive, #1333,

Notes of Interest:

- ◆ ***The Bridgeport Middle School football team was honored at the Tuesday, Dec. 17, Board of Education meeting for winning the NC7 Conference Championship. Congratulations to Coach Robbie Buffington and the team.***
- ◆ ***Brother Tom Tucker turned 90 years young this past week. If you haven't already, please wish him a happy belated birthday.***



Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

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Money Cannot Buy Happiness

The title of this article has almost become trite. If you search for the phrase, "Money cannot buy happiness," literally hundreds of articles appear with the same or similar title. So why is it that people still seek after money with such diligence? A second question is comparable. Why do people seek things like notoriety and fame as if it's an end-all of life?

The answer maybe that things like riches and fame are a poor substitute for putting God first in your life.

Consider the example of Marshall Brain. Professor Brain was a multimillionaire. He had all the money anyone could want. He was the founder of HowStuffWorks.com which sold for \$250 million in 2007. He was a very popular writer and TV host. Among scientists and students of science, he was a rock star. He was also a militant atheist.

He was apparently forced into retirement by the university where he taught. But he stated in media and to over 30 of his colleges that he was being fired for filing ethics complaints against his bosses. So he took his own life, according to authorities in his home state of North Carolina.

Riches and fame let Mr. Brain down. Money makes a good tool; but it is a lousy god. The same can be said about fame. All Brain had left was his lack of faith.

We have a God who has promised hope in this world and everlasting joy and fulfillment on the other side of this life. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Larry Fitzgerald
Woodlawn church of Christ, Abilene, TX

Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Christmas Dad Jokes

Q: How do elves produce toys so quickly?

A: They make short work of it.

Q: What did one snowman say to the other?

A: I only have ice for you.

Q: Why do wiener dogs love winter?

A: They like to dachshund through the snow.

Q: Why do reindeer have fur coats?

A: Because they don't fit into parkas.

Q: What did the reindeer say to Santa?

A: Nothing. Reindeer can't talk.

Q: Why did Santa go to the podiatrist?

A: He had mistletoes.

Q: What do you call a snowman who works out?

A: An abdominal snowman.

December Card Distributor: Cindy Moore

December Greeters:

December Baptismal Garments: Karen Seyler

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark's Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to

Remember

January 4th: Ladies Lunch at Muriale's

January 19th: One Day Lectureship

January 24th-25th: Ohio Winter Lectures

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

April 12th: Barrackville Ladies Day.

End of April/May: The Wild Son Flower Farm.

May 18th: Friends and Family Day

June 29th: Ladies Buffet Tea at Adaland Mansion

June (TBA): VBS



Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

80

Sunday Bible Class

47

Sunday Evening

22

Wednesday Bible Study

14

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$4490

December Birthday/Anniversary List:

9-Rachel West; 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A); 12- Jerry Maxwell; 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 & 24-Robert & Julie Armstrong (A); 29-Curtis Sleeth; and 30-Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A).

Prayer Requests:

For Our Congregation:

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

- **Brandi Richmond:** Recovering from heart surgery; has follow-up appointments at Cleveland Clinic in 2025.
- **Ken Fortney:** Respiratory illness.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Michael Reed (Lois Reed's son):** Recovering from surgery.
- **Evelyn's brother Okie:** Health issues.
- **Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola's daughter-in-law):** Health issues.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross's friend).**
- **Conda Mace (BCoC neighbor).**
- **Joyce Wright:** Upcoming future surgery in Charlotte.
- **Jerry Maxwell:** Recovering from fell; feeling better.
- **Lois Jenkins:** Not doing well.
- **Alice Rollyson (Leah Sleath's Mother):** Mobility issues.
- **Tammy Wise:** Recovery from surgery; cancer treatments in the future.
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie and Raymond's friend).**
- **Brenda Jerkin (Friend of Dale and Ramola):** Health issues.
- **Roy (Raymond's friend):** Not doing well.

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.