

ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER:

December 25th: Christmas Day (no evening services)



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There will be no evening services December 25th or January 1st.
- 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 signup sheet will be posted on the back bulletin board. Thank you!



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Jesus Love the Little Children

In Mark 10:1-16, we see Jesus sitting in a house doing some teaching when people started bringing children to Him. At first, the disciples of Christ forbade this from happening. But then we see that Jesus got upset and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” Then Jesus took the children up in His arms and blessed them.



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

In this beautiful account, we see Jesus’ opinion of children, for here we can see four actions from our Savior that prove His love for them.

Jesus made Himself available for children. He was in a position for people to bring the children to Him. He was willing and receptive. When you love someone, you make time for them. Jesus made time for children.

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Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

Minister: Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

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Jesus was angry when injustice was done to children. He was indignant that they were not allowed access to Him. They had just as much right as anyone else to be in His presence.

Jesus likened the kingdom of God to children. Little children are pure, innocent, humble, and so is the church that belongs to Christ. To be saved, we must become helplessly dependent upon Him – like a little child.

Jesus hugged children. He took them up in His arms. He touched them and blessed them. What a beautiful, tender moment that demonstrates how much He loved and cared for them!

Every day we hear of parents and other “trusted” adults abusing children verbally, physically, and sexually. How horrible and tragic that is. But also, another tragedy occurs when parents do not take their children to Jesus, to His church, or to Bible study where they can learn more about a Savior that cares for them.

Remember that Jesus loves your little children. Take them to Him. He will bless them.

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Events for Bridgeport 2023

- January 1st: New Years (no evening service)**
- January 8th: One Day Lectureship**
- January 9th: Young at Heart Fellowship**
- January 21st: Ladies Breakfast @ Panera**
- January 28th: Blackater Falls Sledding**
- February 8th: Young Adults to Penguins Game**
- May 7th: Friends & Family Day**

December Card Distributor: Karen Seyler

December Greeters: Evelvn Griffin (4th) Natalie Seyler (11th)

Baptismal Garments: Julie Armstrong

Our Record: December 18th

Sunday Morning Assembly

65

Sunday Bible Class

53

Sunday Evening

19

Wednesday Bible Study

25

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$1,830

December Birthday / Anniversary

List:

- 9-Rachel West 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A)
- 12- Jerry Maxwell 14-Brenda Fortney
- 15-Adam Epler 17- Tom Tucker 18-Tim Richmond
- 21-Kristina Riffle 22-Noah Hart
- 23- Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A)
- 24-Millie Cate Currey/ Robert & Julie Armstrong (A)
- 25- Yvonne Maxwell/ Ken & Brenda Fortney (A)
- 29-Curtis Sleeth 29-Josh Carpenter

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's: Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Brenda Fortney, Yvonne Maxwell, and Judy Garner**
- **Rex & Cheryl:** Sick
- **Joyce Wright:** Will be seeing a specialist in Charlotte, NC on Dec. 19th concerning her abdomen.
- **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.
- **Nathan Venable (Natalie Seyler's Dad)-** Please pray for a smooth transition as he moves from Arkansas to WV.
- **Denise (Steve's Sister):** Received bad news regarding her health issues.
- **Adam Epler's Aunt:** passed away on Dec. 1st after a short battle with cancer.
- **Elsie Smith (Jeramiah Smith's Daughter):** Fighting cancer
- **Fetty Family:** Kent passed away on Wednesday afternoon.

(If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Natalie Seyler before Thursday of that week.)