

September Events:

September 23rd: Pleasant Acres Worship Service

September 28th: Lois Reed's 80th Birthday

September 29th - October 3rd: Fall Gospel Meeting--Multiple Speakers

Today's Announcements:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for our luncheon following Sunday's Gospel Meeting on September 29th. Anyone who would like to help setup or clean up, please let Karen know.

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/*

Just for Laughs

Monkey Confusion

One day a zoo-keeper noticed that a monkey was reading two books: The Bible and Darwin's The Origin of Species. In surprise he asked the ape, "Why are you reading both those books"? "Well," said the monkey, "I just wanted to know if I was my brother's keeper or my keeper's brother."

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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Five Questions about Inner Space

You may have heard of a couple of astronauts who are stuck in outer space and can't return to earth until someone picks them up in February. That is a long time to wait for a ride home! Man has always been interested in the place we call "outer space," but for all of our progress trying to conquer the "final frontier," there is another frontier that needs even more work and exploration: Inner Space!

In Acts 5:1-6, the Bible gives a case where a man and a woman failed to conquer their own inner space, and it led to their destruction. In confronting Ananias and Sapphira, Peter alluded to five questions relevant to our inner space—the heart—that must be answered by us all.

"Why has Satan filled your heart...?" The Bible gives us a clear answer on this: Because he is the father of lies (John 8:44); because he is your enemy (1 Peter 5:8); and because he is the enemy of Christ and the church (Rev. 12). In order to conquer inner space, we must resist Satan's temptations (James 4:7).

"...to lie to the Holy Spirit...?" Can we lie to God? No, because nothing can be hidden from Him (Ecc. 12:14). Ananias and Sapphira failed to realize that lying to the apostle was in effect lying to God, and the Holy Spirit, because of the authority they carried.

"...and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?" Greed and selfishness can destroy us. Ananias and Sapphira wanted the apostles and the church to believe they sold the land and gave the *entire* proceeds. They wanted *recognition* for the gift, but to *profit* financially as well.

Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm



To control our inner space, we need to beware of the love of money (1 Timothy 6:10) and refrain from our desire to be seen among men (Rom. 12:3; Matt. 6:2).

“...was it not your own...was it not in your own control?” The offering was a “free will” offering. There was no set amount commanded (2 Cor. 9:7). Rather it is what we “purpose” in our inner space, our heart, that is important! There was no reason to lie, but their inner space was out of control.

“Why have you conceived this thing in your heart?” The simple fact is, Ananias and Sapphira made the plan in their own hearts, and executed it because their inner space was out of control. Their hearts were not right with God (Acts 8:22). In their hearts they hatched the plan (James 1:14-15).

Of all the frontiers, “inner space” is the most difficult to tame. Jesus says sinful actions from within man (Mark 7:20-23). We can’t tame the heart on our own. Instead, we need the word of God (Psalm 119:9-11).

Matt Clifton, Judsonia church of Christ, Judsonia, AR

September Card Distributor: Kristina Riffle

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

September Baptismal Garments: Kathy Cross

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark’s Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

September 23rd: Pleasant Acres Worship Service

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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 Lectureship

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

May 18th: Friends and Family Day

June (TBA): VBS

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

90

Sunday Bible Class

54

Sunday Evening

31

Wednesday Bible Study

15

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$9145

September Birthday/Anniversary List:

1- Tom & Nina Tucker (A); 2- Steve Potts; 3- Dianna Pastorial; 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:** Passing of their father.
- **Sharon Loy:** Recovering from a fall.
- **Hannah Epler & Baby Judah:** Baby is due soon.
- **Jim Tucker:** Health issues.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Carson Elrod, Cathy Hart’s nephew and counselor at WVCYC:** In a car accident and recovering at Ruby Memorial. Improving and making good progress.
- **Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola’s daughter-in-law):** Health issues/illness.
- **Cody Skinner (Adam’s friend):** Liver Transplant.

- **Barry Buffington:** Recovering from open heart surgery; is at home doing well.
- **RuthEllen Wilmoth:** Recovering from surgery.
- **Wayne Hartman:** Received a good report-cancer didn’t spread. Will have surgery soon.
- **Lois Jenkins:** Having a difficult time.
- **Becky Britton:** Health issues.
- **Alice (Leah Sleath’s Mother):** Mobility issues.
- **Cindy Moore:** Recovering from COVID.

- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross’s friend).**
- **Raymond and Debbie’s neighbor:** Having cancer treatments.
- **Tammy Wise:** Having Chemo treatments.
- **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 bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.