

November/December Events:

November 23rd: Ladies Brunch at the Caboose, Clarksburg.

November 26th: Mid-week Bible Study instead of Wednesday, November 27th.

December 1st: Singing Emphasis and Dessert Fellowship: Terri, Kaitlyn, and Lucianna Vilain in charge.

December 10th: Young at Heart Meeting.

December 14th: Christmas Coffee at Cindy Moore's.

December 15th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service.

Today's Announcements:

- ◆ Ladies Brunch on Saturday, November 23rd at 9 a.m. at the Caboose in Clarksburg. Please let Karen Seyler know if you want to attend. Also, due to limited parking, we will be carpooling to the location. Let Karen know if you need a ride.
- ◆ Due to members traveling during the Thanksgiving holiday, our mid-week bible study will be Tuesday, November 26th, instead of Wednesday, November 27th.
- ◆ Anyone interested in serving or working with Pleasant Acres, please advise Debbie or Raymond Anderson.
- ◆ The Holiday Craft day for the kids was cancelled but will be rescheduled soon.
- ◆ Several of our members and children have been out sick with colds and stomach bugs. We are thankful they are improving.

Notes of Interest:

- ◆ *Due to scheduling conflicts, our congregation will not be participating in Bridgeport's Light Up Night.*
- ◆ *30-Bible Challenge is posted on the back bulletin board.*
- ◆ *Remember those affected by the recent hurricanes. The CoC Disaster Relief Effort, <https://www.disasterrelieffort.org/>, is taking donations to help those affected.*

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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November 17, 2024



The Empty Pew

Preachers have a distinctive view of the congregation as he stands before them and delivers the message from God's word. As he teaches the lesson, he subconsciously assesses the audience, and immediately knows if the attendance for that day is good or is lacking. As human nature would have it, members have the habit of sitting in the same place for each service they attend. If the congregation is small, the preacher has probably memorized each member's or family's designated pew. So, when those pews are empty, especially for several services, it is a matter of concern for the following reasons:

- Is someone sick? Do they need prayer, comfort, or ministered to? "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up" (James 5:15a).
- Are they suffering from loss or tragedy? Do they need God's comfort that can be given through us (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)?
- Are they at odds with a fellow member? Jesus taught us conflict resolution, even if it needs mediation (Matthew 18:15-20).
- Is the new convert struggling with their commitment to God? Mature Christians should encourage them (Romans 15:1).
- Have they been offended by truthful presentation of the scriptures which convict the world of sin (John 16:8)?
- Have they willfully missed worship while pursuing pleasure? This is idolatry, is sinful and requires repentance (Hebrews 10:24-27).

Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

• Have they become distracted by life? Work and family obligations can lead us on the gradual road to unfaithfulness (Colossians 3:1-2).

These are just a few of the things that can concern the preacher (or elder) as they observe the empty pew.

*Jay Launius
Maud Church of Christ
Maud, TX*

Congratulations to Sydnie Buffington who decided to follow Jesus and was baptized on November 3, 2024. We pray for Sydnie as she grows in her Christian faith.



November Card Distributor: Kathy Cross

November Greeters: 17th-Cindy Moore;
24th-Karen Seyler

November Baptismal Garments: Lois Reed

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark’s Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

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January 19th: One Day Lectureship

January 24th-25th: Ohio Winter Lectures

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

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

May 18th: Friends and Family Day

June (TBA): VBS

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

80

Sunday Bible Class

42

Sunday Evening

18

Wednesday Bible Study

14

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$3390

November Birthday/Anniversary List:

8-Lou Skidmore; 12- Rex& Cheryl Kelch (A); 19-Cathy Hart; 24-Addyson Buffington; 28-Andrew Seyler & Rachel Black; and 29- Erica Craig

Prayer Requests:

For Our Congregation:

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

- **Ken Fortney:** Respiratory illness.
- **Wayne Hartman:** Recovering from surgery.
- **Joyce Wright:** Upcoming future surgeries in Charlotte.
- **Megan, Lydia, and Phoebe Jones:** Out sick for several weeks.

- **Jerry Maxwell:** Diagnosis with Black Lung disease.
- **Lois Jenkins:** Not doing well.
- **Alice Rollyson (Leah Sleath’s Mother).**
- **Lionel Garner:** On the passing of Judy.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola’s daughter-in-law.**
- **Dave (Dale’s brother):** He has blood clots.
- **Betty Peters (Karen Seyler’s mother):** In the hospital--waiting biopsy and testing.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross’s friend):** Having difficulty with her cancer treatments.
- **Conda (BCoC neighbor).**
- **Tammy Wise.**
- **Reva Bagwell:** Had surgery on her hand/arm.
- **Helen Isabelle (Debbie and Raymond’s friend).**
- **Jerry’s friend Dave:** Injured his hand but doing better.

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.