

January Events:

- ⇒ **January 24 -25th: Ohio Winter Lectures--An All-Day Saturday** event for teens grades 7-12 to learn about God’s word from renowned Christian speakers. See the Flyer on back bulletin board for a full schedule list.
- ⇒ **January 26th: VBS Planning Meeting** after AM Service.

Today’s Announcements:

- ◆ The Elders have submitted two men for consideration for serving the congregation as Deacons: Adam Epler and Rodney Sleeth. If you have questions regarding these appointments, please see the Elders.
- ◆ There will be a VBS Planning Meeting on January 26th after Sunday morning worship service.
- ◆ Prayers for those who have been affected by the California wildfires.

Bible Quiz: 1 John 4:1-11

1. “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but ___ the spirits, whether they are of ___; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”
2. “Every spirit that ___ that Jesus Christ has come in the ___ is of God,”
3. True or False: A spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.
4. “You are of God, little children, and have ___ them, because He who is in you is ___ than he who is in the world.”
5. True or False: The world does not hear those who are of the world.
6. “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of ___; and everyone who loves is ___ of God and knows God.”
7. “He who does not ___ does not know ___, for God is love.”
8. True or False: The love of God was shown by Him sending His Son into the world.
9. “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the ___ for our sins.”
10. “___, if God so loved us, we also ought to love ___.”

Solution: test, God; confesses, flesh; true; overcome, greater; false: God, born; love, God; true; propitiation; Beloved, one another

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What Can I Do?

“I do not feel as close to the Lord as I once did. I know that I do not study and pray as I once did. I want to be close to God again. What can I do?” We have all felt this way! We have awakened to find ourselves adrift from God. We become concerned and begin searching. “What can I do to be close to the Lord again? What has caused me to drift? If I can find out why I have drifted away, maybe I can reverse the process and more easily find my way back to God. What can I do?”

The key to being nearer to God is communication! If I want to be nearer to God, I must let Him talk to me and I must talk to Him. He talks to me through His Word. I talk to Him through prayer. The shortfall of personal study and prayer is not only an indication of drifting away from God, but a cause! We need to reverse the process, we can draw closer to God by being more consistent and intense in our personal devotional lives.

Our faith is strengthened by the study of God’s Word (Romans 10:17). God’s Word is able to build us up (Acts 20:32). The Word of God, stored in our hearts, can keep us from sin (Psalm 119:11). Bottom line: We need to study God’s Word every day! Every day! We need to be like the noble Bereans “who received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily” (Acts 17:11).

How important is prayer to our daily walk with God? The Master taught that “men always ought to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). He further admonished, “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is Weak” (Matthew 26:41).

Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm



Our teachers have often reminded us that “our Savior was a praying Savior.” Praying Master – praying disciple! Like Him, every aspect of our lives should be (must be) bathed in prayer. Prayer is inviting God into our lives! “Pray Without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Don’t go it alone! Go to God! “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).

“What can I do”? How can I get closer to God?” Do not overlook the obvious! The key to relationship is relating! I must study and pray, pray and study! Upon this foundation I can add a double portion to my devotional life! How? By worshipping God regularly, being involved in His work, and serving Him with gladness! This we can do!

Dwight Fuqua, Findlay church of Christ, Sparta, TN

January Card Distributor: Heather Blizzard
January Greeters: Need Greeters
January Baptismal Garments: Susan Hartman

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 24th-25th: Ohio Winter Lectures
January 26th: VBS Planning Meeting
February 2nd: Singing Emphasis and Dessert Fellowship
March 16th: Pleasant Acres Worship
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
75
Sunday Bible Class
51
Sunday Evening
26
Wednesday Bible Study

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)
\$

January Birthday/Anniversary List:
(No anniversaries listed for this month)

3-Barry Buffington; 5-Evelyn Griffin & Karen Seyler; 7-Phoebe Jones; 8-Samuel Jones; 9-Jacob Hartman; 17- Lillian Armstrong; 21-Megan Jones; 22- Robert Armstrong; 22- Elizabeth Carder; 23-Xavier Seyler; and 27-Kelly Shreves

Prayer Requests:

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

- Brandi Richmond.
- Ken Fortney.
- Joyce Wright.
- Jerry Maxwell.
- Lois Jenkins.
- Alice Rollyson.
- Dave Bright (former member): Health issues

For Our Family & Friends:

- Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross’s friend): Not doing well; back in the hospital.
- Dave Thorn (Dale Lee’s brother-in-law).
- Michael Reed (Lois Reed’s son).
- Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola’s daughter-in-law): Health issues.
- Tammy Wise: Doing well; taking medication for cancer.
- 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 bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.