

August/September Events:

August 30: Young Adult Group Meeting

September 3: Young at Heart Meeting

September 29th - October 2nd: Fall Gospel Meeting

Today's Announcements:

- ◆ The Eplers are planning a game night for the Young Adult Group at their home this **Friday, August 30th at 6:00 p.m.** Dinner will be provided.
- ◆ Anyone who missed the Ladies Planning meeting and would like to volunteer to assist on a service position, please see the sign-up sheets on the back table, and complete the Opportunity Sheet.
- ◆ The Young at Heart Group will be meeting at **11:30 a.m. on September 3rd**, in the home of Jerry Maxwell. Bring food to share.
- ◆ There is a sign-up sheet on back bulletin board for anyone interested with teaching or assisting with teaching.

Notes of Interest:

- ◆ *Check out the bulletin board in the back for upcoming meetings/ events from other local congregations.*
- ◆ *Family activities and Ladies get togethers are being planned for the upcoming year. If you are interested in a community activity, going to a gospel meeting, or other activity, please let Karen Seyler know what activity you may be interested in and she will post the information in the bulletin for the congregation.*

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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Light for the Road Ahead

Change is stressful. Our country is torn apart and the world seems turned upside down. The Bible is a balm for our hearts in these troubled times. One book in particular shows us how to think as we adjust. It is the book of Ecclesiastes. Here are some verses that will give us peace of mind.

No matter what happens, it has happened before. “The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun” (Ecc. 1:9).

Situations come and go. Whether good or bad, our days go through cycles. “To everything there is a season, and A time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones and a time to gather them; A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain and a time to lose; A time to keep and a time to throw away; A time to tear and a time to sew; A time to be silent and a time to speak; A time to love and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace.” Ecc. 3:1-8).

Since we will have good days and bad days, we should enjoy the good days and ponder the bad times. “In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider. Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, So that man can find out nothing after him” (Ecc. 7:14).



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Our lives are in the hand of God. “For all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: People know neither love nor hatred by anything they see before them” (Ecc. 9:1).

Things can change quickly and drastically. “There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error proceeding from the ruler: Folly is set in great dignity, while the rich sit in a lowly place. I have seen servants upon horses, while princes walk upon the earth like servants.” (Ecc. 10:5-7).

In a world of change, our main goal should stay the same. “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Ecc. 12:13-14). *Kerry Duke, West End church of Christ, Livingston, TN*

August Card Distributor: Kristina Riffle
August Greeters: 25-Karen Seyler
Baptismal Garments: Rachel West

Bible Class Locations
Adults– Main Auditorium
Young Adults (20s-30s)- Mark’s Office
Children & Teens– Downstairs
Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

- August 30: Young Adult Group--Game Night at the Eplers.**
- September 2nd: Labor Day**
- September 3rd: Young at Heart Group meeting at Jerry’s home.**
- September 6th: Bridge Street CoC Friday Night Sing**
- September 23rd: Pleasant Acres Worship Service**
- September 29th - October 2nd: Fall Gospel Meeting**
- September 29th: Day of Prayer and Giving for Children**
- October 5th: The Patch: Harvest Festival--School Age Kid Group**
- October 6th: Dessert Fellowship**
- November 3rd: End of Daylight Saving Time (Fall Back)**
- December 16th: Pleasant Acres Worship Service**
- January 19th: One Day Lecture-ship**
- March 21-22: Congregational Retreat at Jackson’s Mill**
- May 18th: Friends and Family Day**
- June (TBA): VBS**

Our Record:

<u>Sunday Morning Assembly</u>	86
<u>Sunday Bible Class</u>	56
<u>Sunday Evening</u>	26
<u>Wednesday Bible Study</u>	20
<u>Contribution (Budget \$4,000)</u>	\$3300

August Birthday /Anniversary List:

1- Helen Potts; 6- Terri Vilain; 8- Blair Kolar; 10- Gene & Joyce Wright (A); 10- Allison Eskew; 12- Dale E. Lee; 13- Yonnie Southall; 18- Kaitlyn Vilain; 25- Jonathan Hartman, Alan Shreves & Kalen Craig; 28- Nathaniel Harper & Theodore Seyler; & 31-Cindy Buffington

Prayer Requests:

For Our Congregation:

- Shut-in Members: Helen Potts, Ken Fortney, Judy Gardner, and Becky Britton*
- **RuthEllen Wilmoth:** Home from the hospital; had surgery on her knee this past Thursday.
 - **Barry Buffington:** Having open heart surgery to replace a heart valve on August 29th.
 - **Steve Cross:** Had COVID this past week.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Cody Skinner (Adam’s friend):** Liver Transplant.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross’s friend).**
- **Raymond and Debbie’s neighbor:** Having cancer treatments.
- **Jerida Floyd (Rex & Cheryl’s Brother-in-Law).**

- **Lois Jenkins:** Having a difficult time.
- **Becky Britton:** Health issues.
- **Alice (Leah Sleath’s Mother):** Mobility issues.
- **Hannah Epler & Baby Judah:** Baby is due in September.
- **Wayne Hartman:** Cancer diagnosis. Additional testing and pending surgery.
- **Gary Blizzard:** Recovering from MRSA and doing better.
- **Tammy and Mark Wise.**
- **Barbie McDonald (Mark’s friend).**
- **Friends of Rachel West:** Babies, Myles and Maggie, are out of the NICU and improving.
- **CoC Minister Terry Varner** passed away last week on August 19th. Service was held on August 22nd, Hillview Terrace CoC.
- **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.