

January Events:

- ⇒ No Mid-Week Bible Study on January 1st.
- ⇒ January 4th: Ladies Lunch at Murielle's
- ⇒ January 19th: One Day Lectureship

Today's Announcements:

- ◆ Thanks to Adam Epler for two great lessons on feasting and gifts with illustrating Christ as our example.
- ◆ No mid-week Bible Study on January 1st.
- ◆ Ladies' Lunch at Murielle's Restaurant in Fairmont on January 4th at 2:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, let Karen Seyler know so she can make a reservation.
- ◆ Flyers announcing our One-Day Lectureship are on the table in the foyer so you can invite family and friends.
- ◆ There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back for the One-Day Lectureship soup and sandwich luncheon at the Benedum Civic Center.
- ◆ If you would like to send a card to Tammy Wise or Michael Reid, their address is listed here: Tammy Wise, 19 Park Drive, Fairmont, WV

Notes of Interest:

- ◆ *It was good to see Brandi Richmond out last Sunday with Brooklyn and Austin. Keep Brandi and the family in our prayers as she continues with her health issues.*



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December 29, 2024

Stepping Toward the Future

The new year will soon be upon us and I'm sure we are all individually making plans for our future. As we make steps toward completing our desires and expectations, there are some things to remember. The apostle Paul can help us through his example in Philippians 3:12-14.

As we step toward the future, we all need to remember that it needs to be...

...a step forward. It is important that our plans and actions be steps of progress. Too many Christians do not plan for the future. They seem to live in the present or, even worse, in the past. It is important to plan and move forward. Paul recognized the need to be "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead" (v.13). He did this by having a "goal" and "upward call" to reach toward (v.14). We should also.

...a step in faith. It is vital that we move forward in faith. Too many folks get bogged down in doubt and dismay. As we step forward, we are stepping into the unknown – thus the need for great faith. This means that even though we do not know what the future may hold, we do know Who is already there – Almighty God. We move into the future with faith in Him that He will be there for us and He will ensure success if we act according to His will. Paul could "reach forward" for the "upward call" because it was in "God and Christ Jesus" (v.14). His faith in God caused him to step forward. Let us do the same.



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

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

...a step of function. It is critical that we also conduct ourselves properly – that we make concentrated efforts in implementing our plans. I have found that a lot of people plan but do not do.

It is critical that we work tirelessly, persistently, and unwaveringly. In the passage we have been examining, Paul said: “I press on” (v.12) and “I press toward” (v.14). Paul made mighty efforts, through thick and through thin, for success – and we must as well.

“Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind...” (Philippians 3:15)

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**Happy
New Year!**

December Card Distributor: Cindy Moore

December Greeters:

December Baptismal Garments: Karen Seyler

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 19th: One Day Lectureship

January 24th-25th: Ohio Winter Lectures

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

72

Sunday Bible Class

46

Sunday Evening

20

Wednesday Bible Study

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$

December Birthday/Anniversary List:

9-Rachel West; 11-Terry & Yonnie Southall (A); 12- Jerry Maxwell; 14-Daniel Black; 15-Adam Epler; 17-Tom Tucker & Ann Black; 18-Tim Richmond; 21-Kristina Riffle; 23-Raymond & Debbie Anderson (A); 24-Millie Cate Currey & 24-Robert & Julie Armstrong (A); 29-Curtis Sleeth; and 30-Rick & Sherri Gallagher (A).

Prayer Requests:

For Our Congregation:

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

- **Brandi Richmond:** Recovery from surgery; follow-up appointments at Cleveland Clinic in 2025.
- **Ken Fortney:** Respiratory illness.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Michael Reed (Lois Reed’s son):** Health issues.
- **Evelyn’s brother Okie:** Health issues.
- **Jennifer Lee (Dale and Ramola’s daughter-in-law):** Health issues.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy Cross’s friend):** No doing well.

- **Joyce Wright:** Upcoming future surgery in Charlotte.
- **Jerry Maxwell:** Recovering from fell; feeling better.
- **Lois Jenkins:** Not doing well.
- **Alice Rollyson (Leah Sleath’s Mother):** Mo-
- **Conda Mace (BCoC neighbor).**
- **Tammy Wise:** Recovery from surgery; cancer treatments in the future.
- **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 hgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to Karen Seyler before Thursday.