SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday AM	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Announcement	Berry	Meredith
Song Leader	T. Jones	Cornell
Opening Prayer	D. Jones	De. Miller
Scripture	Heaney	Kerns
Lord's Supper	Duncan	K. Grose
Usher – Aud.	Kenney	Duncan
Usher – Foyer	Hinzman	Egnor
Usher – Security	Ferrebee	Cook
P.A. Sys -Audio	McIntire	A. Grose
P.A. Sys -Video	E. Kupfner	E. Grose
Pick up cards	Duncan/Vaughan	Duncan/Vaughan
Pick up cards	J & W Franklin	Cornell/Ware
Door Greeters	Cox	Duncan
Sunday PM	**Sun. PM**	**Sun. PM**
Announcements	Butterfield	Vaughan
Song Leader	T. Jones	Cornell
Opening Prayer	Hamm	Kidder
Scripture	K. Grose	Ullom
Closing Prayer	Da. Miller	McIntire
Lord's Supper	Egnor	Merrill
Door Greeters	Malone	Kidder
Wednesday	**Nov. 25**	**Dec. 2**
Announcements	Butterfield	Vaughan
Song Leader	Cornell	Kenney
Opening Prayer	Butterfield	Vaughan
Invitation	Vaughan	Aites
Door Greeters	Meredith	J. Kupfner

Call Dave Butterfield if you are unable to serve
304-482-8917

AREA EVENTS

Lectureship – January 17, 2027, Bridgeport Church of Christ, Bridgeport, WV, 9:30 am

YOUTH EVENTS

Traveling Youth Group – December 27th Lower Paw Paw Church of Christ, Lower Salem, OH 4:00 pm

OUR RECORD – November 15TH

		Average for 2026
Sun. AM Worship -	**147**	**134**
Sun. Bible Class –	**114**	**104**
Sun. PM Worship –	**97**	**94**
Wed. Bible Class –	**114**	**97**

OUR GROWTH - 2026

Baptisms – 6
Request for prayer – 7
Placed Membership - 14

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday - Worship 9:30 am
Bible Class 10:45 am
Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday – Bible Class 6:30 pm

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November 22, 2026

Thanksgiving by Mark Aites

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual." – Henry David Thoreau

"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor." – George Washington

Perhaps one of the things that eludes men most is a heart of gratitude. But even then, how can they be grateful if they lack humility? It is only when we realize how small we are in the greater scope of things do we then find it within ourselves to truly be thankful.

"Oh, that man would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psa. 107:8). The encouragement to be thankful to the Lord is found numerous times in Scripture.

The admonition of the apostle Paul is one to take to heart. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16-18). The desire was for us to be grateful in all things, an admonition that is sorely needed in the time in which we live.

Man wants us to feel deprived, cheated; the very thing which Satan did in the garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. (We forget how cunning and deceitful he truly is. – Gen. 3:1) The goal of the evil one is to get us to focus on what we do not have. Such will only lead us to feelings of bitterness, and then, how can we possibly feel grateful?

"…Be thankful to Him and bless His name" (Psa. 100:4). "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Col. 3:15).

MISSIONS

Andy Robison
WV School of Preaching

Preaching Students
WV School of Preaching

Chris Haguewood
Greenville, OH

Search TV
Edmond, OK

Dalraida Church of Christ
Chimala, Tanzania

Aldrin Peter & Devadas Prakash
India

Clemente Rosales
Panama

Dan Kessinger
Kenya, Africa

Prayer List

Our Members

Karen Blair
Ann Butterfield
Nick Berry
Cathy Clegg
Eva Cook
Sheila Eaton
Fran Egnor
Van & Ronnie Ferrier
Ken Grose
Adam Hoschar
Bill & Connie Kirby
Eric McCartney
Greg Michael
Damon Miller
Betty Morris
Joan Petty
Jason Riddle
Tony Rittenhouse
Sharon Pugh
Leonard Shears
Juanita Tanner
Barb Walker
Kris Warne

Family & Friends

Mary Brown (Cameron)
Jay Deem (Ware)
Steve Hamrick (Ferrebee)
Paula Lape (Blair)
Maggie McCuskey (Steed)
Mark McNemar (D.Kupfner)
David Oldaker (Hoschar)
Mark Parks (Parks)
Kelly Poiani (Ullom)
Allison Posey (Hoschar)
Jeff Romine (Egnor)
Tammy Stallin (Dulaney)
Joe Reeder (Hoschar)
Gary & Loretta Sawyers (Shockey)
Jan & Ronnie Ward (Egnor)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nick Berry is scheduled to have surgery on November 30th in Columbus to remove the cancer from his kidney.

Joan Petty was able to be discharged from the hospital last Sunday and is now home.

Cheryl Ullom will have neck surgery on Tuesday, December 1st.

Jason Riddle will have surgery December 1st. The plate that was inserted in his leg broke and needs repaired.

Tony Rittenhouse is in a step-down unit at Camden Clark Hospital, room 197. He is still waiting to find out when he will be moved to a facility in Wheeling.

Brad Kimes is in ICU at Camden Clark Hospital. He is not doing well. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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The Danger of Slowly Drifting Away

Most Christians do not wake up one morning and suddenly decide to leave the Lord. Spiritual decline usually happens slowly. A missed prayer here, neglected Bible study there, worship becoming less important, sin becoming easier to excuse, and before long the heart has drifted farther than expected.

Hebrews 2:1 warns, "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away." Drifting is dangerous because it can happen quietly. A boat does not have to be powered away from the shore to become distant. It only has to stop being anchored.

That is why Christians must guard the heart. Hebrews 3:12–13 says, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." The passage then tells us to "exhort one another daily. "We need God's Word, faithful worship, prayer, and the encouragement of other Christians to help keep our hearts strong.
The church at Ephesus had worked, endured, and rejected false teachers, yet Jesus said, "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (Revelation 2:4). His instruction was clear: "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works" (Revelation 2:5). Spiritual drifting can be stopped, but it must first be recognized.

Ask yourself: Is prayer becoming less important? Is Bible study becoming less frequent? Is worship easier to miss? Are sins being tolerated that once troubled you? Has your love for Christ grown weaker? Do not ignore the warning signs. Remember where you were. Repent where necessary. Return to faithful habits. Stay close to Christ, because drifting away rarely begins with a major decision. It often begins with small compromises that slowly move the heart away from God.

Jonathan Burns, Findlay Church of Christ, Sparta, TN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance Cards – Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the aisle. Members fill out a tan card; visitors fill out a blue card.

Opportunity Cards –Youth Group will pick up opportunity cards today.

College Student Care Packages – Today is the deadline to bring in items for our college student care packages.

Cards – Please sign the December birthday and anniversary cards in the foyer.

Office – The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday this week. The bulletin will be printed on Wednesday, November 25th . If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please get them to Eydie by Wednesday morning.

Picture Board – Parma Heaney will be taking pictures next Sunday, November 29th to update our picture board. If you need your picture updated or want your picture on the board, please see Parma before or after services to get your picture taken.

CYC – For those registered for CYC, your registration money is due next Sunday, November 29th to Kevin Grose.

Change Cans – The change cans for Potter Children's Home are due to be turned in by November 29th. Please return the cans to Eydie.

Holiday Dinner – Our annual holiday dinner will be Saturday, December 5th at 5:30 pm in the MPR. The meat will be provided. *It is requested you sign the list in the foyer to indicate what food you will bring*. This is always a well-attended dinner and plenty of food is needed. There will be a special guest for our children. Parents are asked to bring a small gift for their child.

Holiday Boxes for Our Shut-ins – Our youth will be collecting items to make care packages for our shut-ins. We have 14 recipients. There is a list on the table in the foyer. Please sign your name next to the item or items you can provide. These need to be here by December 6th. Also, we need long/tall rolls of holiday wrapping paper.

Secret Sisters – The Secret Sister reveal will be Sunday, December 13th a 2:30 pm in the MPR. Please let Melissa Grose know if you plan to attend.

Young Adults/Families are putting together goodie bags for the residents at Love & Care. There is a list in the foyer to sign-up to help. These items are needed by December 16th.

Today's Sermons

AM – Count Your Many Blessings
(Psalm 103 :1-4)
Mark Aites

PM – Praise the Lord
(Psalm 100 :1-5)
Mark Aites

Elder's Meetings

December 7 – 4:00 pm
December 21 – 4:00 pm

ELDERS

Mark Berry
Kevin Grose
Dave Hamm
Randy Meredith

DEACONS

Dave Butterfield
Ron Cook
Harley Cox
John Duncan
Ken Grose
Ken Heaney
Jim Kerns
Josh Kupfner
Dan Lyons
Steve McIntire
Dennis Miller
Jim Ullom
CJ Vaughan

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