



RICH TOWARD GOD



LOVE OUR COMMUNITY AND INVITE THEM INTO A LIFE-CHANGING
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

FIRST TIME HERE?

We're so glad you joined us!

So we can **connect** with you, please fill out the Connect Card that is in the seat back in front of you. Just drop it in the offering dropboxes or turn it in at the Gateway Cafe.

We believe in **prayer**. You are welcome to pray with someone today. If you see someone with a white lanyard, they are a part of our prayer team and they would love to pray with you. You could also submit a prayer request via our app, or fill out a prayer card in the seat in front of you and drop it in the offering box.

We believe the Word of God, the **Bible**, has the power to change lives. There's a Bible under the seat in front of you and you're welcome to take it as a gift. It's our hope you find today **life-changing!**

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You know that feeling when you pay cash for a car after haggling? The joy that comes when you pay off your college loan? What about the jubilee that comes when you give through the church app? If not, in this series we will discuss giving and generosity, but not from the perspective of pressure and guilt trips. Instead we will learn to trust God as the true source of all blessings, put God to the test in tithing, advance God's work every day, and embrace a spirit of contentment in all areas of our life. Join us as we learn how to become rich toward God.



CURRENT EVENTS

BCC BASICS

If you would like to know more about this church, you are invited to BCC Basics. Senior Minister, Nathan Hardesty, will share the "basics" of our church history and mission immediately following service, on January 13th. Lunch and childcare are provided. If you would like to attend please RSVP on our website or by sending an email to info@bridgetownchurch.com. We hope to see you there.

MATTHEW 25

On Saturday, February 9th, from 11 am to 1 pm, we will have a group volunteering at Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash. Their staff will place and train you on a specific workstation when you arrive, based on greatest need and availability of products. Tasks are simple and easy-to-learn, and many can be adapted to fit a variety of ability levels. There is a job for everyone. You can meet us there or come to the church at 10 am to carpool.

For more information on any of these events:

- download the BCC app for Android or iOS
- visit bridgetownchurch.com
- like us on Facebook



Explore God's word and see how tithing is still a way to "put the Lord to the test." Sound intriguing? Read chapter 2 from Rich Toward God to start your discovery process before next Sunday.



BCSM PARENT'S MEETING

We are hosting a YouTube Live Parent's meeting this Wednesday, January 9th from 9-10 pm. We will give you updates on upcoming events. We will share ways we can help your students take their next steps towards Jesus. There will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have. And we will share 3 New Year's resolutions that can help your family in 2019. For more info and the link check out the event on facebook.com/bcsm513.

By the Numbers

December Average Attendance	276
General Fund Weekly Need	\$7,885.00
December Avg. Weekly Offering	\$10,582.14
General Fund Giving thru 12/30/18	\$407,830.38



BCSM is our ministry to students in 6th through 12th grade. There is programming for Middle School students Sunday morning.

BOOT

Starts back up January 13
5:30-7:30 pm

Boot is Snacks, Games, Worship, Teaching, Small Groups for grades 6-12.

Your children are invited to attend Bridgetown Kids, our ministry to children birth through 5th grade, where they will receive age-appropriate instruction and have a great time, too.

This week in BTK
By Faith

Old Story New
Family Devotional - Week 75

Fighter Verse:
Psalm 100:1-2



Rich Toward God

January 6- Nathan Hardesty

SMALL GROUPS

Background:

- The Average American is exposed to 4,000-5,000 ads per day!
- “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me” (Luke 12:13).

The correct attitude toward the accumulation of wealth.

1. Put our greed on notice by saying, “Greed, you are not in control.”

Luke 12:14-19

Greed tries to trap us.

We put our greed on notice by believing that God owns everything and only He is in control.

2. Do our giving while we are living so we will know where it is going.

Luke 12:20-21

One day, every single one of us will give everything we have away.

3. Thank God for something every day.

Luke 12:22-30

Allow the words of Jesus to be your “Reality Check.”

4. Make God and his kingdom our top priority.

Luke 12:31-34

Our heart starts to change because it follows our treasure.

Challenge: Read chapter two in Rich Toward God and discuss it with others.

Introduction

1. Welcome to this semester of small groups! Introduce yourself and share what you hope to get out of this semester.
2. Review your small group rules: Attendance, Participation, Preparation, Respect and Logistics (Schedule, Refreshments, Childcare).
3. Have one person pray for your small group.

Book Discussion

1. Spend a few minutes discussing any insights or questions you have from chapter 1 of Rich Toward God.
2. On page 15, Dr. Hood lists six scriptures which connect trusting God with giving. He then says, “People can make two mistakes while attempting to understand the application of verses like these, thinking they refer only to money and thinking it excludes money.” Read each scripture and discuss what a balanced approach looks like.
3. After you have worked through the Sermon Interaction section and as time allows consider the questions on page 20 of the book.

Sermon Interaction

1. The guy in Luke 12:13 asks Jesus a question about a financial dispute. What would you shout out in the midst of the crowd?
2. Read Luke 12:13-34. The expectation of Jesus in this passage is that we will: 1. Admit our greed; 2. Give to reduce our greed; 3. Be thankful to God; and 4. Make God’s Kingdom our first priority. Which of these four do you need to do more of? What steps can you take this week?
3. In what areas of your life do you need to seek first the Kingdom of God?

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