



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.



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, TODAY. 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



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Come next Sunday to learn something remarkable about God's loving provision. Before Sunday, read chapter 3 from Rich Toward God to see how to advance the kingdom every day.



CIY BELIEVE DEADLINE

TODAY is the last day to sign up for Believe. This is an amazing weekend event that is put on by the folks at CIY. They are experts at putting together age specific worship, teaching and interactive experiences. If you would like more information you can go to bridgetown.com/believe19 or check out the bcsm communication table in the student wing of the church. There you can pick up parent packets that you can fill out and turn in along with your student's registration fee.

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 TODAY
5:30-7:30 pm

Boot is Snacks, Games, Worship, Teaching, and 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
Loving One Another

Old Story New
Family Devotional - Week 76

Fighter Verse:
Psalm 100:1-2



Enter the Power Zone

January 13- Nathan Hardesty

SMALL GROUPS

How can we enter the power zone in our giving?

1. The answer involves the tithe.
2. I do not tithe because “I have to” but because “I want to.”
2 Cor. 9:6-8

Four ways tithing empowers us:

1. Tithing expresses our loyalty and commitment to God.
Malachi 3:6-12
2. Tithing lets us experience greater financial protection and blessing.
Malachi 3:9-12
3. Tithing exposes the doubt, fear, and greed which tempt our hearts.
Luke 12:15
4. Tithing explodes our ministry impact.

Dream with us! What could our church accomplish?

This week's challenge: fill out your commitment card (on paper or through the App)

Introduction

1. Go around and have each person share two numbers: how much you make a year and how much you give. Just Kidding! Have one person pray for your group.
2. Today's small group is a discussion about tithing. Whether you give a full ten percent or not, let us encourage you to just be open to what God is saying to you through your group discussion.

Book Discussion

1. Spend a few minutes discussing any insights or questions you have from chapter 2 of Rich Toward God.
2. On page 32, Hood says, “The real issue is not about 10 percent; it's about managing the entire one hundred percent.” Talk about this statement.
3. After you have worked through the Sermon Interaction section and as time allows consider the questions on page 41 of the book.

Sermon Interaction

1. We have all given sometimes out of obligation and sometimes because we wanted to give. What difference does the motivation make in the act of giving? Does it matter? Nathan said that, “the pattern Jesus put in place suggests that giving will precede thankfulness.”
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. What do these verses say about the connection between our heart and giving?
3. For each of the four ways tithing empowers us, talk about how you have seen this occur.
4. What is an expression of commitment and loyalty in your life? What is a sacrifice that you make on a regular basis because you are committed and loyal to yourself, to someone else or to God (eg. Waking up early to go to the gym, listening to others when you have somewhere to be, spending time in prayer and Bible study)?

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