

THE DIFFERENCE

JESUS

MAKES



Bridgetown Church of Christ exists to 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 a Connect Card found in the seat right in front of you. Just drop it in the offering bag or turn it in at the Gateway Cafe for a special gift.

We believe in **prayer**. You are welcome to pray with someone today, 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 bag.

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!**



Jesus stands in a league of his own. His words are captivating; His heart is enthralling; He does some pretty amazing stuff; and just when we think we have him figured out, he surprises us all over again. This is no ordinary man. Once you meet Jesus, you will never be the same. Join us as we look at some of his most memorable moments and consider what they mean for us today.

Current Events



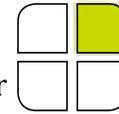
Over the weekend of March 16 & 17, Bridgetown Kids will be taking 4th & 5th grade students to CIY SuperStart! right here in Cincinnati. The deadline for payment is NEXT WEEK. It costs \$80 to go. Check out the info packets at the Gateway Cafe for more info.

Meet with Elders

Would you like to ask a question, share an idea, or pray with one of BCC's elders (the primary leaders of the church)? If so, contact the church office (info@bridgetownchurch.com) for the next steps.



Save the Date!



Get out your calendar and mark May 20th right now because you are going to want to be here as we celebrate the end of our Mission Advance campaign with food and festivities.



BCSM is taking Middle Schoolers to CIY Believe on April 20 & 21 in Holland, MI. The Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 18. The cost is \$80 per student, which pays for hotel and registration. Sign ups are on the communication table in the student wing and we only have 11 spots so sign up today.



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

Lesson: Jesus Calms Fearful Sinners
Fighter Verse: "This is because the Lord protects the righteous. But the wicked will be destroyed."
(Psalm 1:6, ICB)



BCSM is our ministry to students in 6th through 12th grade. There is programming for Middle School students Sunday morning and Small Groups for High School students during the week.



Check out our website and calendar for more resources and events.

Christ In Youth (CIY) has been around for 50 years and they are pros at creating fun, engaging, and spiritually significant events geared specifically young people. Weekend experiences like this are rich, spiritual experiences that can change the course of a young person's life for Christ.

For more information on any of these events:

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



By the Numbers

January Average Attendance	228
General Fund Weekly Need	\$6,876.82
January Avg. Weekly Offering	\$6,901.87
General Fund Giving YTD	\$33,832.46
Mission Advance Balance	\$57,571.77

Jesus Calms Fearful Sinners

February 18, 2018 - Nathan Hardesty

Common Fears

Too many of us _____.

Background:

This is the first time Jesus' power affected _____.

Miracles illustrate _____.

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:35-41, ESV

Takeaways:

(1) Storms in life are _____.

(2) Jesus is willing to get into _____.

(3) We must ask God _____.

(4) Have the right kind of _____.

Jesus _____.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/18/18

1. What is something you are afraid of (Rational or Irrational)? Look up the official name for that fear on Google.

2. Read Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, and Luke 8:22-25. What stood out to you? In what ways are the stories different? Why might this be? What questions are raised?

3. "Miracles illustrate the kingdom." When we follow Jesus we are a part of a new kingdom with God as king. How do the miracles we have discussed so far show the kind of kingdom God rules over? (Miraculous catch of fish, water to wine, healing of the leper, healing of the paralytic, and calming the storm)

4. Theophobia is an unhealthy, persistent or irrational fear of God that can cause a great deal of distress to the sufferer and his loved ones. The fear of God we are talking about in this story is different. How would you define a healthy fear of God? How do Deuteronomy 6:24; Psalm 112:1; Proverbs 1:7; and Matthew 10:28 talk about fearing God?

5. Storms are inevitable. Have everyone with a phone play the following video (<https://goo.gl/ddujcx>) at a high volume. Now, read James 1:2-4 with this audio in the background. Talk about some trials that you are persevering through right now (Hint: if the storm is distracting, that is the point!). For fun, while you are on YouTube, watch this: <https://goo.gl/E2iV9n>

6. Read through Matthew 10:25-31 one time and list all of the commands. Do you notice a theme in the commands? How many arguments does Jesus use in Matthew 10:25-31 to persuade his disciples not to fear? Identify them and say each of them in your own words. Why is it good news that we are "of more value than the sparrows" (Matthew 10:31)?

7. Jesus gets into our boat if you ask. But you have to ask. Why do you think God wants us to ask? How does that benefit Him? How does that benefit us? How does it make you feel knowing that God is with you? Does it help you to face your fears?

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