



# *Spiritual* **GIFTS**

***USING YOUR GIFTS TO BUILD GOD'S CHURCH***



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.

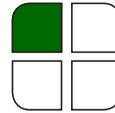
We believe the Word of God, the **Bible**, has the power to change lives. There's a Bible under the seat in front of you and you're welcome to take it as a gift. It's our hope you find today **life-changing!**



Creative people can use common pieces of wood or plastic to build amazing structures. In the same way, God uses common folks to build his church. Thankfully, God doesn't just toss us into a box and hope that we figure it out. He gifts us. God gives us—all of us—Spiritual Gifts and asks us to use them to build His Church.

Join us as we discover what spiritual gifts are, consider which gifts we may have, and then start to put them to work for the sake of God's Church.

# Current



## Elder Update

We prayed for their retreat a few weeks ago. Now BCC's Elders want

to connect with you, pray with you, and share some of their vision for the future of the church. They will be visiting small groups the week of November 5, but if you're **not** in a small group, an Elder will be available to share with you in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM Sunday, November 5.

## Connection Service

On October 29, all ages and stages will be worshipping together in the sanctuary as we talk about what leadership looks like in the church – Shepherding Like the Chief Shepherd. You don't want to miss this lively and out of the ordinary worship experience - the last Connection Service of the year.



For more information on any of these events:

- download the BCC app for Android or iOS
- visit [bridgetownchurch.com](http://bridgetownchurch.com)
- like us on Facebook



# Events

## Mission Lunch

Join your BCC family for spaghetti & meatballs made by our very own Buddy Sarno! During lunch, we will learn about the upcoming Red Sands mission trip as well as fostering in our community. After, your family can pack a bag to be given to a foster child. Donations will be received to help those traveling to the Navajo Nation.



## BCC Bengals Game

Are you ready for some football??? Next Sunday is the **last** chance to get tickets to join your BCC Family at Paul Brown Stadium December 4 for Monday Night Football, Bengals vs. Steelers. Pick up an info card at the cafe today. Who Dey?!



## By the Numbers

September Average Attendance	222
General Fund Weekly Need	\$6,876.82
September Average Weekly Offering	\$5,664.03
General Fund Giving YTD	\$290,358.51
Mission Advance Balance	\$107,577.09

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:** The Message of the Bible: Created to Show God's Glory

**God's Word:** Chapter 10

**Fighter Verse:** "But wicked people are not like that. They are like useless chaff that the wind blows away." (Psalm 1:4, ICB)

Parent page available for download at [goo.gl/rWDLQ2](http://goo.gl/rWDLQ2)



High school and middle school students are encouraged to attend BCSM, our youth ministry.

Students meet in the youth room for worship and Communion at 10:30.



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



## What are the Spiritual Gifts of Faith, Healing, & Miracles?

October 22, 2017- Nathan Hardesty

Spiritual gifts are \_\_\_\_\_ empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in the ministry of the church and \_\_\_\_\_ Christian has at least one.

### Miracles

The gift of miracles is the ability to call on God to do \_\_\_\_\_ acts that reveal His power.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

Luke 11:29

- Do I truly believe that God can do the impossible?
- Have I seen God perform miracles?

### Healing

The gift of healing is the ability to call on God to heal the sick through supernatural means for the \_\_\_\_\_ of revealing God.

1 Corinthians 12:8-9

Isaiah 53:4-5

1 Peter 2:24

James 1:2-4

- Do I enjoy praying for people who are sick?
- Do I believe God heals people?

### Faith

The gift of faith is the ability to envision what needs to be done and to trust God to accomplish it even though it seems \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 11

- Do I view obstacles as opportunities and trust God for the impossible?
- Do I get motivated by new ministries?
- What is it that God is asking you to trust Him with?

## Small Group Questions for the week of 10/22/17

**Group Activity:** If someone has a coat, wave it around and email us if something happens!! :-]

1. Nathan mentioned that God does not only want to save us from hell but to a life of significance. How do you define "a life of significance"? The Bible says that the presence of the Holy Spirit and using your spiritual gifts are part of a "life of significance." How do these factor into how you define (or re-define) "a life of significance"?

2. When it comes to such things as miracles and healings, people tend to either whole-heartedly dismiss or thoroughly over-emphasize them. Which extreme do you tend toward? In what ways?

3. Miracles are supernatural events which occur to reveal the power of God. Have you witnessed something supernatural that revealed God to you? What happened and what did you learn about God? \*Note: Not all amazing things that occur are miracles. How do we know the difference between a miracle and a coincidence - or something different?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. Paul asks for relief from this "thorn in the side" but God's response is "My grace is sufficient for you." If God does not give healing, but only gives us his grace, how can this be "sufficient"?

5. Read James 1:2-4. Nathan mentioned that "Healing sometimes does not occur because there are things at stake which are more important than our own healing or comfort. Completeness in faith is more important than comfort." This is true, but you probably don't like it. Why?

6. A peek behind the curtain—the questions this week have been challenging to write because we (Nathan, Nick and Eric) do not have a lot of positive experience with miracles and healings and people with these spiritual gifts. Why are we so skeptical of these gifts? How does the Bible encourage us to wrestle with our own preconceptions? What are your questions and what are you thinking? Spend a few minutes just talking about some of this stuff.

7. What is it that God is asking you to trust Him with?

8. For each spiritual gift, two questions were listed to help you determine if you may have this gift. Look back at these (Hint: they are on the left side of this page!). Take turns as a group answering these questions.

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