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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!**



Current Events



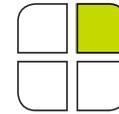
Serving Opportunity

You have an awesome smile - and we'd love to have you on our Gateway

Team! If you're looking for a way to connect and a chance to serve, this is a neat way to do both! It's simple: Greet visitors, pass out programs and help with Communion a couple weeks a month. Please contact the church office if you're interested or have any questions.

New Music

Maybe you've noticed some of our Sunday morning worship songs are changing. We'd love for you to learn the songs with us so you feel more comfortable as we worship together. CDs containing the new songs are available at the cafe - pick one up today!



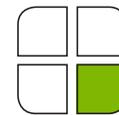
Date Night for Red Sands

Eleven days before Valentine's Day, we have an event for you! Dinner and dancing at The Meadows - and all proceeds benefit our 15 folks traveling to minister to the Navajo people. We'll have a great buffet meal and dance the night away. Pick up an invitation today to get all the details.



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.



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 Calls Sinners

Fighter Verse: "So the wicked will not escape God's punishment. Sinners will not worship God with good people." (Psalm 1:5, ICB)



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

December Average Attendance	249
General Fund Weekly Need	\$6,876.82
December Avg. Weekly Offering	\$6,396.89
General Fund Giving YTD	\$14,781.88
Mission Advance Balance	\$71,285.72



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.



Jesus Calls Sinners

January 21, 2018 - Nathan Hardesty

Opening Question: Why does God

_____ who blow it time and time again?

Jesus calls his disciples

-Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:5-11; and John 1:35-51

- How? The how was a process of _____ spending time with Jesus.

- Who? The who is _____ people.

Takeaways

- We do not have to worry about being _____ to be used by God.

- _____ can be used by God, which is why God calls _____.

- What do you need to walk away from so that you can be fully caught up in God's love?

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

These questions can be used this week during family worship as you read, pray and sing with your family.

1. Welcome to this semester of small group! First, have each person in the group introduce (or re-introduce) themselves.

- Take a few minutes to decide the rules/logistics for your group (attendance expectations, who will bring snacks, childcare, start and end time, etc.) and have someone jot those down.

- For fun, share a New Year's resolution that you made this year (or at some point) and whether you've been able to keep that resolution.

2. Tell how you got connected to Bridgetown and what you hope to get out of small group this semester.

3. Our new series, The Difference Jesus Makes, will look at 10 of the miracles of Jesus. This series is meant to show that Jesus's miracles had a purpose and made a difference. What do you think the purpose(s) of Jesus's miracles was?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 and keep this in mind as you go through the remainder of the questions.

5. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13. What difference does it make to you to know that God looks at your heart and not how you appear?

- Notice that even though Samuel has a close relationship with God, his tendency is still to look at the outward appearance. Why is it so easy for us to get bogged down in the externals and not look at the heart?

6. Thinking about the disciples as "super Christians" can lead to discouragement because this doesn't match our own experience. But we learned that the process was rather ordinary... ordinary people spending time with Jesus. How does this change your view about your own experience in following Jesus?

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