



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



Christmas Eve

A New Christmas Tradition kicks off this year and we are so

excited about it! Lots more info to come, but our Christmas Eve services will be a little different this year, since the 24th falls on a Sunday. Services will be Saturday, December 23 at 7:30PM and Sunday, December 24 at our regular time of 10:30AM. Be considering who you will invite!

Mission Lunch Next Week

Join your BCC family right after service on Sunday, November 19 for spaghetti & meatballs made by our very own Buddy Sarno! During lunch, we will learn about the upcoming Red Sands mission trip and fostering in our community.

Afterwards, 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.



For more information on any of these events:

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



Events

Christmas Events

Christmas will be here before you know it and on Monday, November 20 at 6:30PM, we will begin decorating the church. This is a family event and a lot of fun as we deck the halls of BCC in anticipation of Christmas. Also, sign-up sheets are in the cafe if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10.



BCSM Friendsgiving

All Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to the first annual BCSM Friendsgiving Dinner. No dry turkey or marshmallow-sweet-potato mush (*Not your grandma's Thanksgiving*). Join us Wednesday, November 22 (the day before Thanksgiving) from 5-8 pm at the Tomeo's (203 Chelsea Place, 45233) to share a meal with friends.



By the Numbers

October Average Attendance	221
General Fund Weekly Need	\$6,876.82
October Average Weekly Offering	\$5,910.91
General Fund Giving YTD	\$300,039.25
Mission Advance Balance	\$99,576.13

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: The Wages of Sin is Death

God's Word: Chapter 12

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



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 Administration and Hospitality?

November 12, 2017- Nathan Hardesty

A question: What's the secret sauce which allows me to feel like _____ in a place I barely know or forces me to feel like _____ in a room full of relatives?

An answer: Administration and hospitality _____ to create an environment in which strangers can become friends.

Administration

The gift of administration is the ability to give direction and make decisions on behalf of others that result in the accomplishment of _____.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28

When things are poorly organized do I get _____ and want to help fix it?"
Do I naturally _____ my life, schedule, finances, or priorities?

Hospitality

The spiritual gift of hospitality is the ability to _____ strangers and _____ guests so that they become friends.

Romans 12:13

Do I consider _____ a place of ministry?
Do I enjoy making others feel _____ and relaxed?

Open _____. Open _____. Open _____.

Take Action:

1. _____ you are an administrator.
2. Make a plan to practice one act of hospitality _____.

Small Group Questions for the week of 11/12/17

1. Share a time you felt very comfortable in a gathering of people. What made you comfortable and relaxed? Now, share a time when you were very uncomfortable at an event or in a home? What made the difference between comfort and discomfort?
2. We have been discussing "spiritual gifts." God possesses each of these gifts perfectly. Consider the gift of administration. In what ways is God the perfect administrator? (i.e. consider the order in the universe, the way your body functions, etc). After discussing this, take a moment to pray and thank God for His administration in the world and in your life.
3. The Bible often references hospitality and "loving strangers." Take turns reading each passage and putting into your own words what the passage says about being hospitable: Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 4:9, Hebrews 12:3, 1 Timothy 3:2 and 5:10, Titus 1:8, 2 John 10-11, 3 John 5-8 and 10, and Acts 18:24-26.
4. Nathan said that we feel the need to be Martha Stewart (pre-prison) before we can be hospitable. What excuses do we use to be inhospitable (being an introvert, home size, schedule, the cleanliness of our home, etc.)? What are some steps to take to get beyond the excuses/barriers?
5. Brainstorm ways in which you can ensure guests feel welcomed in your home. Write these down. Now, apply these to BCC. Specifically, what can you do each Sunday to ensure guests feel welcomed at BCC? How can you be ready (administration) to welcome people (hospitality) on Sunday mornings?
6. Look back at the two challenges. If you haven't already, let BCC know if you have the gift of administration. Then talk about what your plan was and the one act of hospitality that you have done or will do this week.
7. 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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