



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



Mission Lunch Today

Join your BCC family right after service TODAY 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, we will pack bags to be given to a foster child. Lunch is \$15/person, \$40 the entire family – a true deal - and all donations will go to help those traveling to the Navajo Nation.

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!

For more information on any of these events:

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



Events

Deck the Halls

Christmas will be here before you know it and tomorrow - 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, if you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, sign-up sheets are in the cafe. 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	\$318,117.09
Mission Advance Balance	\$94,995.94

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: Saved By Grace.

God's Word: Chapter 13

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.



How Do I Put My Spiritual Gifts to Work?

November 19, 2017- Nathan Hardesty

How do I put my spiritual gift to work?

A spiritual gift is _____
empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in
the ministry of the church.

Romans 8:9

1 Corinthians 12:11

Spiritual Gift Safeguards:

1. Spiritual gifts work best when we are
_____ God and our leaders.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Ephesians 4: 7-8 & 11-12

2. Spiritual gifts work best when we are
_____ to God for
our gifts and the gifts of others.

Psalms 92:1-2

3. Spiritual gifts work best when we
are _____.

Romans 12:3

Ephesians 4:1-3

4. Spiritual gifts work best when
we _____ others.

Small Group Questions for the week of 11/19/17

1. As we come to the close of our series on spiritual gifts what is something you have learned? Additionally, what question(s) do you still have about spiritual gifts?

2. Nathan talked about ownership and how personal ownership changes when we follow Jesus. In a very real sense, God owns us and we belong to Jesus. Read Romans 8:9.

- Explain the "if" clause in the first half of Romans 8:9 in your own words. If what, then what?

- Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. How does that help you understand what it means to belong to Jesus?

- Why might Paul shift from "the Spirit of God" to "the Spirit of Christ" within the same verse?

3. In this series we have discussed the following gifts: prophecy, service, giving, mercy, teaching, leadership, exhortation, discernment, knowledge, wisdom, faith, healing, miracles, tongues, interpretation, administration, and hospitality.

- Which of these gifts do you think you may have?

- Now that you have a better idea of how spiritual gifts work and what gifts you may have, what needs in the church/community do you see that can be met with your gifts? Where can you "just do it?"

4. "Spiritual gifts work best when we are trusting God and our leaders." In what ways do you find it difficult to trust authority? Does knowing how spiritual gifts work help to trust authority? In what ways?

5. "Spiritual gifts work best when we are thankful to God for our gifts and the gifts of others." How does being thankful affect the way you use your gift at BCC?

6. Read Romans 12:3 and Ephesians 4:1-3. Why is humility mentioned in the context of spiritual gifts?

7. Take a few moments to pray and thank God for your gifts and the gifts of others in the church. Since your group has been together for 10 weeks, you may consider thanking God specifically for the gifts of people in your group.

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