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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



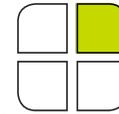
### Meet with Elders

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.

### Gateway Team

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.



### BCC Basics

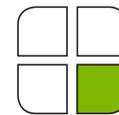
If this is your 1st, 3rd, or 10th time here...or maybe you'd just like to know what this church is all about, you're welcome to BCC Basics. Our senior minister, Nathan Hardesty, will share the "basics" of our church history and mission TODAY following the service.

Lunch and childcare are provided. Meet at the BCC Basics sign in the lobby.



### Lois & Lydia Circles

The Lydia/Lois Circles (a women's service group) will be meeting on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Bette Anderson (6797 Monte Vista Drive, 45247). All women are welcome!



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 Accepts Sinners

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



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



### 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	\$27,607.46
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 Accepts Sinners

February 4, 2018 - Nathan Hardesty

\_\_\_\_\_ is a powerful thing.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.

Mark 1:40-45.

1. The leper's \_\_\_\_\_.  
The leper was truly a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Our \_\_\_\_\_.  
If we remain guilty of sin, we are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The leper's \_\_\_\_\_.  
The leper's cry was desperate \_\_\_\_\_,  
and specific.  
Our \_\_\_\_\_.  
Our cry begins when we \_\_\_\_\_  
to Christ.

3. The leper's \_\_\_\_\_.  
Through a \_\_\_\_\_,  
the leprosy was gone.  
Our \_\_\_\_\_.  
Through faith our sins are \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The leper's \_\_\_\_\_.  
The leper's \_\_\_\_\_  
hindered Jesus.  
Our \_\_\_\_\_.  
Are we \_\_\_\_\_ rather than  
helping Jesus and the lost?

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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

1. Why is acceptance such a powerful thing?  
-Share a time when the need for acceptance negatively impacted your life.  
-Share a time when the need for acceptance positively impacted your life.  
-On a scale of 1-10, how much of what you do is driven by the need to be accepted? Explain.

2. Read Matthew 8:2-4, Mark 1:40-45, and Luke 5:12-16.  
-What stands out to you about this story?  
-What questions do you have?

3. The leper was hurting physically, emotionally, and socially. In what ways are these types of pain connected? How are they different? Which type of pain is the greatest and why?

4. Brainstorm a list of 5-10 sins (addictions, pride, greed, etc.). Then, taking one at a time, consider two or three sins by asking the following questions:  
-How does this sin cause physical damage or hurt?  
-How does it cause emotional damage or hurt?  
-How does it cause social damage or hurt?  
-What does "cleansing" of this sin look like?

5. The leper's cry was desperate, humble, and specific. How do these three words describe your prayer life?

6. Read Isaiah 6:7, Matthew 9:20-21, Luke 6:19, and Luke 22:51. Touching and healing often go together in the Bible. Why do you think these two things are so closely related?  
-In what ways are handshakes and hugs powerful?  
-Without being creepy, think about ways BCC can utilize "the power of touch." How could this unleash or hinder the power of acceptance?

7. The leper's misdirected zeal hindered Jesus. Read Romans 10:1-2. What is the difference between appropriate and inappropriate zeal for God? Are there ways that you are or have hindered the lost coming to Jesus?

8. Consider the mirror you were given on Sunday. Have there been times this week when it has been difficult to believe that Jesus accepts sinners (you)? Share when the feelings of isolation from God are the strongest in your life.  
-Who has it been hard for you to accept or approve of this week? How does knowing Jesus accepts sinners (them) help you to offer acceptance and approval?

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