

THE DIFFERENCE

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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.

BCC Basics

If this is your 1st, 3rd of 10th time here ... or maybe you just would like to know more about the church, you're invited to BCC Basics. Senior Minister, Nathan Hardesty, will share the "basics" of our church history and mission next week, February 4, immediately following service. Lunch and childcare are provided - just meet at the sign in the lobby.



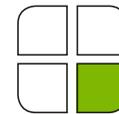
Date Night for Red Sands

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 - and today is the last day to reserve your spot.



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 Gives the Best to 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	\$21,755.88
Mission Advance Balance	\$65,275.46



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 Gives the Best to Sinners

January 28, 2018 - Nathan Hardesty

What is the best gift you have ever been given?

For Christians, salvation is _____ best gift we have been given.

John 2:1-11

Literal Meaning

Third Day = _____

Wine = _____

Water = _____

Sign = _____

Spiritual Meaning

Sign = _____

Water = _____

Wine = _____

Third day = _____

The first miracle of Jesus is a reminder that Jesus gives _____ to sinners.

Take away:
The gift of salvation is _____.

The best _____ which come from God can be missed.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the best gift you have ever been given? Have you used your party popper yet this week? Share with us what you were celebrating.

2. Read Luke 2:1-11. What stands out to you? What questions are raised?

3. In Jesus' day wine was associated with celebration and water was associated with cleansing. How would you fill in the blanks: _____ = Celebration. _____ = Cleansing.

4. It is interesting to see Jesus distancing himself from his family affairs to start his ministry. What in your life might you need to distance yourself from in order to do what God wants you to do? (This can be something that on the surface is good, but it is just interfering with your ability to serve.) Are there additional things that have distracted you from following Jesus?

5. Nathan said "God is building a Kingdom and our needs are less important than the overall plan." If you applied this to your life, what difference would it make? If you applied it to your expectations of the church, what difference would it make?

6. When Mary involved Jesus she was expecting a common solution (i.e., his disciples buying more wine). Instead, she witnessed a miracle! Have you ever had this experience? Have you ever had the opposite experience (i.e., you expected a miracle and received something common)? Which is more common?

7. Read James 1:17. Talk about what "good and perfect gifts" you have received. What difference does this make in our prayer life and what we are willing to ask for in our prayers?

8. Balance time! On the one hand, many Christians are swimming in God's blessings but fail to see these as gifts from above. On the other hand, many Christians do not ask for anything and are almost afraid to acknowledge good gifts. Which are you more like? Why is it important to have a balanced approach?

9. The gift of salvation is the best gift. What difference does it make to believe this is true? What difference does it make at 2:37pm on an average Thursday? How about at 10:30am on Sunday?

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