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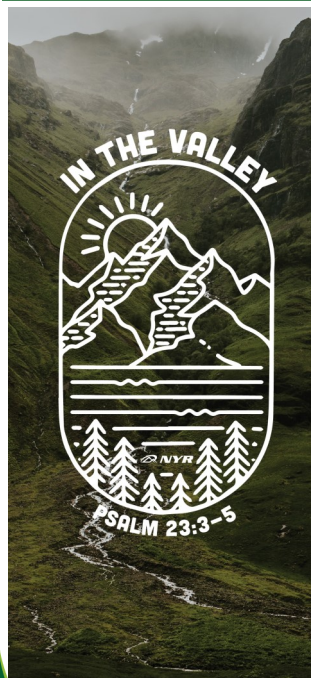
1. God's Word
2. Lordship of Jesus Christ
3. Great Commission
4. Ministry of the Holy Spirit
5. Christian Worship
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Nationwide Youth Roundup News



The NYR Team will serve a taco lunch immediately following the worship gathering on Sunday, June 25th. A love offering will be collected and used for the trip to Colorado in July. Thank you for your support!

Help Feed 55 from BCC for NYR: This year, 55 of us will be leaving for the Nationwide Youth Roundup near Sedalia, Colorado on July 13th. This year, our youth and adults encounter life changing teaching from God's Word and return with a passion to encourage our church to make more and better followers of Jesus Christ. This year's theme is "In the Valley" based on Psalm 23.4, "even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

We had a positive experience last year with raising the funds here to purchase the groceries once we arrived in Colorado. Our food budget for the trip is \$4,000. That covers 3 meals a day for 55 people for 10 days or 1,650 meals.

In the church lobby, you will see a blue container for monetary gifts for our grocery needs. Checks can be made out to Berlin Christian Church. You will also get a peek at the draft of our menu for the week, so that you can get a better idea of how your gifts will feed lots of hungry teens.

We know our God is faithful and that our needs will be met. There is no gift value or type too small, and we sincerely thank you for all the ways God has used and **WILL** use you! If you have any food related questions, please see Cassie Attig or Beth Brosi. Any gifts given above the needs of the NYR trip will be used to advance the mission of BCC to make more and better followers of Jesus. Thank you for investing in the next generation of kingdom leaders.

*praise the
LORD!*



Hannah Strait was baptized by Grace Brosi on Sunday, May 7, 2023!



Baptism! New Members!



Deb Gossrow and her son, Josh, joined BCC on February 26, 2023!



Diane and John Wyatt, Bri Manson, and Denee Wyatt joined BCC on May 21, 2023!

Staff & Leadership

STAFF

Minister: Warren Brosi

Associate Minister: Michael Hinnen

Administrative Ministry Assistant:

Jennifer Brewer

LEADERSHIP

Elders: Brad Clair & Joe McCann

Deacons: John Babbs, Rick Carr,

Kristopher Maxson & Tony Peecher

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In-Person Worship

J.A.M. 9:00 am

Sunday 10:00 am

Online Sunday @ 10:00 am

Facebook Live, YouTube, &

Phone Live Stream:

833-233-1824

Warren’s Words of Wisdom—Warren Brosi, Minister

My First Days at Berlin Christian Church

It was a sultry August day in 2000. I pulled into the parking lot of Berlin Christian Church at 113 East First Street in Berlin, IL. My 1991 red Dodge Dakota pickup was loaded with boxes of books and most everything I owned. If the congregation vote didn’t turn out as I was hoping, then I was going to move in with my grandmother, Kathryn, in Milan, IL. I was ready to begin seminary at Lincoln Christian Seminary in Lincoln, IL. I was praying for a ministry within about an hour of Lincoln.

The congregation said yes and one of the elders told me I had the job as a full-time associate minister. Mark Searby, teacher at Lincoln Christian University, was the interim minister. He continued to preach three Sundays a month and I would preach once a month, lead the youth ministry, and carry on the day-to-day ministry.

I was hired on a Sunday. I enrolled in classes at Lincoln on Monday. On Tuesday morning I was sitting in my first seminary class. I did live with my grandma for a few days, then lived with Don and Patsy Wilson before the parsonage was ready for me to move in.

Little did I know that when I pulled into the church lot in my red truck, generations earlier General Grant led his troops down Old Jacksonville Road. I was unaware that the Potawatomi Trail of Death passed through our area in 1838. I didn’t know about Andrew Scott, a minister of the gospel, who began preaching the good news of Jesus in his log cabin in 1824. That church would become Mt. Zion Christian Church and then move into Berlin in 1859.

I didn’t know what lay before me, but I felt God wanted me to serve as a minister of the gospel. Some of the most fertile soil in all the world is in central Illinois. In nearly 200 years of sowing, cultivating, watering, and harvesting, God has grown a good crop of followers in His kingdom. The Apostle Paul reminds the church in Corinth in 1 Corinthians 3.6, “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.”

As the wind has swept through the prairie all these generations, the Spirit of God continues to move through the hearts of God’s people as they grow closer to Him. Paul, also, writes to a church that may have been in a smaller town, Colossae, “In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace” (Colossians 1.6).

Let’s continue to grow as God desires as we make more and better followers of Jesus. Keep praying as we prepare for our 200th celebration in 2024. May we remember, celebrate, and serve in the name of Jesus.

A Message from Michael—Michael Hinnen, Associate Minister

Bible Highlights

Someone once said, “The longest distance in the world is the 18 inches from your head to your heart.” As followers of Jesus, we often fail to internalize the truths we believe. We know intellectually that God loves us, but when was the last time we experienced His love for us? We know God is with us, but when was the last time we sensed His presence in us and around us? We know God is all we need, but when was the last time we rested in the Christ’s sufficiency for us and felt true contentment?

This summer, our Youth Group (June 7, 21, & July 5) is going through a series called “Bible Highlights” to try and internalize some of these basic, foundational truths. We are challenging the teens to meditate on and memorize key Scriptures to replace the evil one’s lies with God’s Truth so that they can know God’s Truth in their heads and hearts. Below are the truths and verses we are memorizing:

- God loves you.** Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- God is with you.** Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”
- God is all I need.** Psalm 23:1, “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.” Philippians 4:13, “I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

While some people struggle with memorization, Craig Groeschel offers a helpful process for meditating on God’s Truth: speak it, write it, & confess it until you believe it (*Winning the War in Your Mind*). If you spend a week working the process on each of these truths and verses, I guarantee you will feel more peace, joy, and love. Don’t wait. These truths have the power to change your life. Will you join us on this journey?

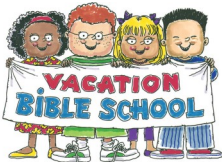
Vacation Bible School—STELLAR



STELLAR Vacation Bible School: Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they’ll have a blast shining Jesus’ light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that’s light years of faith-building fun.

Our FREE VBS will be June 27-30 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm for potty-trained 3 year olds through 5th grade. Register on our website today! www.berlinchristianchurch.org

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Cosmic Closing each day at 8:00pm. Friday, June 30 at 6:30pm will be a closing program for families to come together to celebrate all the kids have accomplished with a free cookout!



Youth Group Paint War Pictures

BCC & LCC Youth Group

All 6th-12th graders are welcome!

Wednesdays, June 21, and July 5 ~ 6-8 p.m.



Worship Attendance for May

Date	In-person worship	Those who checked in online	Weekly Total
5-7-23	131	45	176
5-14-23	138	34	172
5-21-23	129	36	165
5-28-23	131	43	174

