


#### Core Values:

1. God's Word
2. Lordship of Jesus Christ
3. Great Commission
4. Ministry of the Holy Spirit
5. Christian Worship
6. Christian Unity
7. Christian Fellowship

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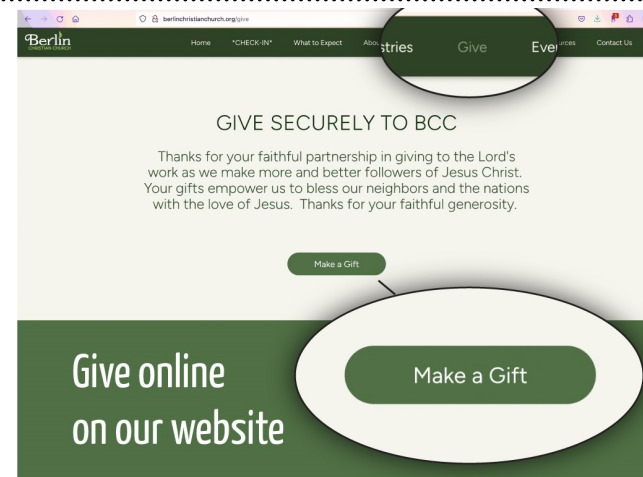
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## Stewardship Update

Help Berlin Christian Church celebrate her 200<sup>th</sup> birthday debt free. To make a gift toward the roof, please write, "Building Fund" on the memo of your check.

The current balance is \$48,234.41. Thank you for your continued generosity in providing for this tool to help us make more and better followers of Jesus Christ. Remember that it is not just about the roof, but what happens under the roof that makes a difference.

Thanks for your faithful partnership in giving to the Lord's work as we make more and better followers of Jesus Christ.



*praise the  
LORD!*

## Baptism!



"The only time I've had real satisfaction is a life with Jesus."  
~Tanner Shafer



Tanner Shafer was immersed by Blake Lucas on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023!



Charley Lett reads Scripture prior to Tanner Shafer's baptism

### 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

### Are you prepared?

When a student comes to class, the teacher expects everyone to come prepared. In these days, not only does a student need a pencil, notebook, and textbook, students are also expected to bring their Chromebook with the battery charged.

When you head off to work, your supervisor expects you to be on time with tools for your trade in hand. If you go on vacation, you need to have the car packed complete with luggage, snacks, and other items that you may need depending on the trip.

When someone asks a Christian a question about their beliefs, are they prepared to give an answer? The Apostle Peter encourages followers of Jesus when he writes, "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)).

We are midway through our Room For Doubt—Basic Questions series. In this series, we have asked some key questions. Is Doubt Always Bad? Does God exist? Can I trust the Bible? Why do Christians say Jesus is God's Son? We will also ask a couple more questions before we conclude. Why does God allow Tragedy and Suffering? Is it intolerant to say that Jesus is the Only Way?

One of the goals for this series is to help prepare Christ followers for the questions many people are asking. In addition to the sermons, we have discussion groups for junior high – adults meeting on these questions on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Another helpful tool is the Room For Doubt app and their website, [roomfordoubt.com](http://roomfordoubt.com). I encourage you to check out these resources.

One final way you can help us prepare for your questions or the questions of others is to submit a question to our text number: 618-506-0045. We invite you to text us questions about the Christian faith. On Sunday, May 21, Michael and I will team-teach the sermon by answering some of the questions people have submitted.

Thanks for journeying with Jesus on this Basic Questions series. I hope you are ready for the next time someone asks you to give a reason for the hope you have in Jesus.

## A Message from Michael—Michael Hinnen, Associate Minister

### 90-95%

Donn Felker and Tim Ferriss claim that for most people, 90-95% of the time spent with their kids is over once they reach age 18. **90-95%**. I am thankful I ran across this statistic so early in our daughter's life because even within two months of her birth, it is so easy at times to take time with her for granted: moments like poop blowouts, hysterical crying fits, and squirmy baths. Yet each of these moments is a moment together with the child that God has given us, and I don't want to take any of them for granted!

How should we live, then? The Apostle Paul helps us answer that question by reminding us in Ephesians 5:15–16 how to use our time. He says, "*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*" Every moment is an opportunity to live wisely for God's glory. For the people we love most, like our family and friends, we need to spend intentional time together to help form and shape us into the person of Jesus. *Time, Moments, and Milestones* is a helpful grid to help us think through how we can spend our time wisely with the people we love the most (see *Family Discipleship* by Matt Chandler & Adam Griffith):

*Time*—How can you spend intentional time with family and friends, creating routines that help you talk about Jesus and His work in your life? Bedtime Jesus stories? Family meals together? Creating a sabbath rhythm together? Board game night?

*Moments*—What everyday moments are you taking for granted that could be a gift to you and your family, and possible opportunities to worship and talk together? Bath time? Riding in the car? Homework sessions? Chores? Vacations?

*Milestones*—How can you celebrate special milestones, both spiritual and non-spiritual, with your friends & family in ways that they'll never forget and connect them to Jesus' faithfulness? Birthdays? Holidays? Baptisms? First mission trip? Graduation or other promotions?

Our time on earth is running short. But instead of worrying about the future, or trying to change the past, let's be faithful in the present. Let's spend time intentionally with the people we love, *making the most of every opportunity*, and growing together in our journey with Jesus.

## May Mission Focus—Inner City Mission



Inner City Mission is a Christian mission located in Springfield. Inner City Mission provides shelter, sustenance, education, and Christian counseling to homeless children, their parents and single women while keeping Biblical truths about godly righteousness before our culture, community, and fellow Christians.

Inner City Mission works for mental and spiritual transformation of the heart, mind, and soul of those who find themselves homeless, giving them the needed tools to obtain and maintain permanent housing. This is accomplished by providing a safe environment in which the love of God can do its work.

## Upcoming Events

### BCC & LCC Youth Group

*All 6th-12th graders are  
welcome!*

*Sundays, May 7 and 28  
from 4-6 p.m. @ BCC*

### God Squad

*All Pre-K to 8th graders are welcome!*

*Wednesdays, May 10 and 17*

*A meal is served at 6:15 p.m. and  
programming is from 7-8 p.m.*

### Worship Attendance for April

| Date        | In-person worship | Those who checked in online | Weekly Total |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 4-2-23      | 145               | 27                          | 172          |
| 4-7-23      | 69                | 38                          | 107          |
| Good Friday |                   |                             |              |
| 4-16-23     | 127               | 47                          | 174          |
| 4-23-23     | 140               | 48                          | 188          |
| 4-30-23     | 133               | 28                          | 161          |

### Easter Attendance Sunday, April 9, 2023

7:30 a.m. = 54  
10:00 a.m. = 200  
Online = 42