



MIDWEEK UPDATE

JANUARY 11, 2024

A Message From Jeff...

“Ordinary Angels”

There is a new faith-based film that is being released on February 23 in the theatres that I encourage you to see. “Ordinary Angels” is well-done and carries a theme that will resonate with everyone. Starring Hilary Swank and Alan Ritchson (from the Jack Reacher series), the film is based on the true extraordinary story of a 5 year old Louisville girl in desperate need of a kidney transplant. This real-life drama will encourage and inspire all who watch it. To learn more about it go to ORDINARYANGELS.MOVIE.

Last Sunday we focused on why God’s Word needs to be a bigger part of your life in this new year. How are you doing on the challenge to spend more time reading God’ Word? It’s not too late to get started for 2024 with this goal.

Five minutes a day will take you through the New Testament in a year. Fifteen minutes a day will complete the entire Bible in a year’s time. If you are not “big” on reading, why not listen to the Bible from an app or CD? The main thing is that you spend time in the Word of God so that you are “Doing Life by the Book.”

Love,

Jeff

Upcoming Messages:

Jan. 14 Impact Kenya

Dick Alexander & Jeff Stone speaking

We'll discover how BCC is making a significant impact on a growing church in a deeply impoverished community on the other side of the world. Don't miss this special service.

New Message Series: I Am a Christian

(Accompanying resource book available--I Am a Church Member by Thom Rainer. Pick up your copy on Sunday, January 14.)



Jan. 21 I Will be a Functioning Member

I Corinthians 12:14-20, 26

Jan. 28 I Will Promote Unity in my Church

Ephesians 4:1-3

Feb. 4 I Will Avoid Making Church about my Preferences

Philippians 2:5-11

Feb. 11 I Will Pray for my Church Leaders

Hebrews 13:17, 18

Feb. 18 I Will Lead my Family to be Healthy Members

Deuteronomy 6:5-10

Feb. 25 I Will Value Church Membership as a Gift

Ephesians 2:8-10

March 3 Decision Day

METAMORA UPDATE:

Last April the BCC Elders were approached by the Metamora Church of Christ with a request for assistance regarding the possibility of their merging with Batesville Christian Church. With Metamora's weekly worship attendance reduced to about a dozen in attendance, they made the difficult decision that it was time to close the church and merge with another church. On May 14, 2023, they held their final worship service in Metamora. Since then, most of their members have been worshipping with us at Batesville.

MCC generously deeded their building with 1.3 acres over to BCC as a gift requesting us to handle the liquidation of their former property. The plan has been to sell the property and let the ministry of Metamora live on through BCC and other Kingdom projects in the future. Last May we asked you to pray for God to provide a buyer for the property. He has. By the end of October the property was successfully sold for \$250,000 to the Franklin County Commissioners who plan to renovate the facility for use as a Health Center in that community.

In the coming months, some of the money resulting from the Metamora property sale will be used for ministry through BCC and we will manage the sharing of resources with other worthwhile Christian missions and projects. Through this new chapter we are committed to continuing the impact and legacy of the Metamora church, which has its roots tracing back all the way to 1841.

Since the property closing, the proceeds have been placed on a 90-day investment that becomes available for use in February. These funds are not reflected in BCC's operational budget, but are held as a separate fund.

If you have a consideration for a deserving cause, mission, or ministry project that could be blessed, through the use of a portion of these funds, please submit in writing any suggestions, print your name/ phone # to:

BCC Elders, 1294 Columbus Ave., Batesville, IN 47006

All suggested causes will be prayerfully considered as we seek to wisely steward this gift that will maximize and extend the influence of the Metamora church for Christ's Kingdom.

Announcements:

Annual Congregational Meeting

The brief annual congregational meeting will take place in two sessions: following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, January 21, 2024 for the purpose of approving the budget and affirming church officers for the new year.

CHURCH OFFICERS TO BE APPROVED FOR 2024

The following leaders have been suggested and screened to serve. They will be being approved at the Annual Meeting following each worship service on 1/21/24.

<u>Elders-</u>	Terry Harrison Mike Nakoff	Charlie McGee Richard Zeigler
<u>Deacons-</u>	Bob Andrews Drew Moenter	George Bley Bill Trebley

Men For Christ

Several of our men made the trek over to Centerville this week for the Men for Christ event. Please save the Date--BCC will be hosting the next Men for Christ event on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Discovery Club Wednesday Nights

Grades 2nd-5th are invited to our Wednesday Night program from 6:00-7:30 p.m. where we will be learning about the fruit of the Spirit on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. For more information and dates, there will be a schedule available at the Children's check in desk on Sunday.

Eden Mae Oda

Congratulations to **Tyler & Grace Oda** on the birth of **Eden Mae Oda**. She arrived on 12/18 and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. They are grateful for this special gift at this special time of year. Starting in January, there will be a bassinet for diaper collections to support them with their newest addition.



Prayers & Praises:

Hannah – needs liver transplant (Carolyn Oversby)
Last Injection, some improvement (Connie Reed)
Rick – Stroke Recovery (Robert Bridges)
Kattie – ICU (Carolyn Oversby)
Mary Hudepohl – Cancer Treatment (Sharon Smith)

Family of Jim Hutson (Terry & LuEttie Harrison)
Family of Tim Gray (Chad Pindell)
Barry Lake – Cancer (Terry & LuEttie Harrison)
Family of Justin Jackson [Nephew] (Bill Nuhring)

You may pick up a list of prayers & praises at the Welcome Center each Sunday—outlining the previous weeks prayer concerns



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