



MIDWEEK UPDATE

OCTOBER 9, 2025

A Message From Jeff...

SOLID GOLD

Bill and Sam were prospecting in California. Two months had passed since they had teamed up to search for the precious but elusive speckled dirt. Bill was an old hand at this business, but Sam had gone west just for the trip. For him, looking for gold was more drudgery than pleasure.

Bill urged Sam not to give up. If he would just stick with him, they'd eventually strike it rich. That sounded good, but it didn't do much for Sam's aching muscles and his sun scorched back.

At dusk Bill let out a cry, "Look, Sam, here it is! See those gold specks! We've done it, Sam!" Sam examined the few sparkling flecks. "It sure doesn't look like much," he said.

The prospectors were back at work at dawn but they found little gold. Finally, Sam had had enough. He returned to the cabin, changed his clothes then wrote a note: "You can have it all, Bill. I was never meant to work so hard. There must be an easier way to get rich." Then he went away, never to return.

When Bill found the note, he shrugged and went back to work. Soon he found layers of gold at the bottom of each pan. Bill was a wealthy man.

Had he worked another hour, Sam, too, would have found a fortune. Yet had that occurred, we would not have been introduced to Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, Becky Thatcher and Injun Joe and life on the Mississippi River by Samuel Langhorne Clemens who is better known as Mark Twain.

There are probably some "what-might-have-been" moments in your experience. But there is also the "gold" that has been mined from the "what-is". Thank God for that!

Mark Twain's "gold" has benefitted all of us. Could it be that the best things in life are not what we get for ourselves, but what we are able to do to bring joy to others?

MAKE AN IMPACT

Remember that October is the month when BCC staffs the volunteers for the **Batesville Food Pantry**. The meals given out to local families and individuals will benefit them in a tangible way as we show God's love to those in need. Volunteering is a great way to serve our neighbors and live out BCC's Mission Statement: LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. IMPACT THE WORLD. This Sunday at the close of the 9:00 a.m. service we will be praying for our **Grundy Mission Team** before they head east to make an Impact at the **Mountain Mission School** in Grundy, Virginia.

RECENT LADIES CONFERENCE

Our group of 28 ladies from BCC had a wonderful weekend in Fishers, IN at the Priscilla Shirer conference. Thank you to **Laura Cole** for organizing the event. We received this response from one of the ladies who attended—"Thank you, thank you, thank you for the women's trip to the Priscilla Shirer event. It was amazing! The church is so generous in offering this. It is appreciated."

Love,

Jeff

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CURRENT MESSAGE SERIES: “In the Beginning”

Oct. 5	A Kingdom Torn in Two	I Kings 12-16	Jeff Stone
Oct. 12	Prophets: God’s Messengers	I Kings 18,19 II Kings 6 Hosea 1,3	Jeff Stone
Oct. 19	Daniel in Exile	Daniel 1, 3, 6	Jeff Stone
Oct. 26	Esther: Queen of Courage		Jeff Stone

Recent Message:

If you missed last week’s message on “A Kingdom Torn In Two” be sure to click on the link to view it. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

Prayers & Praises:

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the current prayer list.

New Sister In Christ

Congratulations to **Patty Johnson**, who was baptized on September 28.

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Dear BCC Member,

We are excited about the new school year and the opportunities for ministry taking place at BCC this fall—individuals committing their lives to Christ, impact events with the Food Pantry, trip to Grundy, the Mitch McVicker concert, and more. BCC is committed to following God’s Word as our guide and preparing people for eternity.

The State of Indiana requires By-Laws for each church to help offer order. Every few years we have approved amendments to the existing By-Laws to maintain their accuracy to the current functions of the church. It is time again to update our By-Laws to reflect current terminology and practice, with a faithful Scriptural focus.

A brief congregational meeting will take place at the conclusion of each worship service on November 9 to seek approval for the following amendments ([CLICK HERE](#) to see attached page) as we update the wording of the By-Laws.

The approval process requires a 75% approval from those meeting the requirements as currently active members of Batesville Christian Church who participate in the meeting. The existing By-Laws are linked at our website (under Forms & Documents) for reference.

Should you have any questions pertaining to these amendments, you may reach out to any of the BCC Elders, in advance of the November 9 meeting.

In His Service,

The BCC Elders

Rus Bailiff Terry Harrison Charlie McGee Jeff Stone Richard Zeigler

Announcements:

Batesville Food Pantry

October is the month when BCC staffs the volunteers for the Food Pantry and collects items for the Food Pantry's Holiday Boxes.

This year, **we have again been asked to collect 400 jugs of Apple Juice/Sunny D.** We will also have a collection bin for paper and plastic bag donations.

We will also have a collection box open for your **plastic/paper grocery bags.**

Men for Christ Ladies Night

On **October 13, Dr. David Faust** will be speaking at Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp.

A meal will be served at 6:00 p.m., and Worship begins at 7:00 p.m.

A Note From The Children's Director

Our children's classrooms are overflowing with energy each Sunday—what a blessing!

Because our classrooms have been filling up, it's extra important that every child goes to their age-appropriate classroom each service. This helps keep class sizes balanced, ensures safety, and allows our teachers to give the best care and lessons for each age group.

9:00 a.m.—Nursery (Birth-Age 3), Classroom 1 (Preschool-Grade 5)

10:30 a.m.—Nursery (Birth-Age 3), Classroom 1 (Preschool), Classroom 2 (Kindergarten—Grade 1), Classroom 3 (Grade 2-Grade 5), **Grades 6-12 meet downstairs in Room G6 with **Justin & Carli Sutherland.**

Thank you for helping us keep our classrooms safe and fun! -Brittany

Mission Trip Update: Thank You & Prayer Request

This Sunday, our Mission Team will be heading to **Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Virginia!** We want to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to everyone who donated supplies and supported this mission effort. Thanks to your generosity, we are taking a truckload of cleaning products, personal care items, school supplies, and treats for the students and staff. Your giving spirit is a blessing!

As we prepare to leave, please **keep our team in prayer**—for safe travels, good health, and meaningful connections with the children and staff at Mountain Mission School. Pray that our time there would shine the love of Christ and encourage everyone we meet.

Thank you again for being part of this mission through your prayers, donations, and support!

—The Missions Team





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