



MIDWEEK UPDATE
NOVEMBER 13, 2025

A Message From Jeff...

“HE WENT AROUND DOING GOOD”

The apostle Peter spoke at the house of Simon the tanner and told Cornelius about Jesus and how salvation was not just a “perk” available to the Jews, but had been extended to all people of any race. He said, “You know what happened...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how **He went around doing good** and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.” (Acts 10:37, 38)

Make that your goal each day that you live. **To go around doing good.** To follow the example of Jesus in noticing the overlooked. To operate in the power of the Holy Spirit. To be God’s instrument to help those shackled by Satan to find deliverance. To do so in the power of God, because God is with you.

Hold that door for someone. Pick up that piece of trash on the ground. Listen to someone’s story. Help a child. Buy a friend’s lunch. Return the shopping cart that another abandoned. Let a car merge in traffic. Buy doughnuts for your bank staff. As you go throughout your day, live by our Mission Statement—LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. IMPACT THE WORLD.

FAITH PROMISE

A “Faith Promise Commitment” is a prayerfully-arrived-at decision of how much of one’s income to give back to the Lord’s work. It is a sacrificial amount beyond what one can “safely” afford to give. It is a faith covenant with God, committing beyond what one can see to give, with the understanding that God is to provide the funds as we step toward Him in faith.

For the next two weeks, please **place the card in a place where you will see it often. Pray earnestly that God will lead you in your decision, then on November 23, Faith Promise Commitment Sunday, these cards will be received during our worship services.**

“Faith Promise” is a time of personal soul-searching as we each ask, “Lord, what would You have me give to Your work at BCC in 2026?” It is a time of heightening our vision as we consider what God can do through us in Batesville, in the surrounding communities, and around the world. **Be praying for this time of spiritual growth as individuals and as a church family.**

LIFE GROUPS

Have you found a Life Group in which to participate? (Click [here](#)) or stop by an Information Display where you can pick up a copy of the BCC 2025-2026 Life Group Options to find a group and grow in community.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS APPROVED

It was encouraging to see the updates to the By-Laws affirmed with a 93% approval. These periodic updates help the church carry out the mandate the apostle Paul gave the church in Corinth, “Let all things be done decently and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14:40

Love,

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“Faith Promise” Series: EMPOWERED!

Nov. 9 Empowered to Trust

Hebrews 11:6

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Nov. 16 Empowered to Give

II Corinthians 8:1-9

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Nov. 23 Empowered to Share

II Corinthians 9:6-12

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Faith Promise Commitment Sunday

Nov. 30 Empowered to Appreciate

Psalms 100

Jeff Stone

Recent Message:

If you missed last week’s message on “Empowered to Trust” be sure to click on the link to view it. ([CLICK HERE](#))



Prayers & Praises:

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

With God’s help, I commit to give to the Lord’s work at BCC the following amount in 2026:
(Please fill in the line appropriate to your giving schedule.)



Batesville Christian Church Faith Promise Commitment Card

Weekly \$ _____
Monthly \$ _____
Annually \$ _____

= \$ _____
Total 2026 commitment

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\$ _____

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Batesville Food Pantry Update

Our next delivery of juices for the Food Pantry’s holiday food boxes will be in late November, and every donation helps us get closer to meeting this important need. **We are working towards collecting the last 200 juice jugs that we need to meet our goal of 400 total juices!** Let’s keep up the great Kingdom work, BCC family!

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Announcements:

METAMORA LEGACY Project Recently Completed

In April 2023 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 the BCC Elders handle the liquidation of their former property. The Metamora members were asked for input on potential projects they would like to see funded through the collaboration. BCC maintained the Metamora property (insurance/utilities/mowing/weed-eating/tree removal) until the property sold. The goal was to sell the property and let the ministry of Metamora live on through BCC and other Kingdom projects. We asked BCC to pray for God to provide a buyer for the property. He did. The property was successfully sold to the Franklin County Commissioners with plans to renovate the facility for use as a Health Center in that community.

The BCC Elders have faithfully stewarded the Metamora funds for Kingdom-impact, distributing the resources to numerous worthwhile Christian missions and projects. This has increased and extended the impact and legacy of the Metamora church, which has its roots tracing back all the way to 1841. BCC members were invited to submit suggestions of worthwhile ministry/mission projects which could be blessed by receiving a portion of the Metamora Legacy funds. Each suggestion was prayerfully considered and all were included in this effort to extend the influence of the Metamora church for Christ's Kingdom.

God has guided this process. The final funds for the Metamora Legacy fund were disbursed last month and the account was closed. Although the Metamora Church of Christ has closed, its legacy, begun in 1841, will continue to live on in a significant way influencing Kingdom projects of Church Planting (domestic & foreign), Christian publishing, mission work, Christian camp outreach, and Christian benevolence (local & global). To God be the glory!

Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp	\$65,000	new pool project
Great Lakes Christian College	\$50,000	Legacy Scholarship fund
Renew Movement	\$25,000	new church plants-North America
Literature & Teaching Ministries	\$17,399	translate Jack Cottrell (past MCC minister) books
Central Christian College of the Bible	\$10,000	continuing the work of CCU
Johnson Christian University	\$10,000	Bible college (TN)
Lakeview Bible College & Seminary	\$10,000	medical exp./Bible college (India)
Welcome Home Haiti	\$10,000	electric conversion project
Monterey Christian Mission	\$10,000	medical/Bible college/church planting (Mexico)
Ozark Christian College	\$10,000	Bible college (MO)
The Springs	\$6,000	Christian retreat center near Metamora
Batesville Community Schools	\$5,000	benevolence to local school families in need
ICOM	\$5,000	national missionary convention
Christian Student Foundation	\$5,000	Campus Ministry-Ball State University
BV Monument	\$4,042	tombstone honoring MCC's Arlen/Carol Stirn
TEAM Expansion	<u>\$1,000</u>	support Ross/Megan Najmon
Total	\$243,441	

For her role in this transition plan, Batesville Christian Church was featured in an article appearing in *CHRISTIAN STANDARD* magazine, published as a motivation for and a demonstration of successfully assisting a sister-church through the metamorphosis of closing her doors while advancing Kingdom ministry through the end of that life cycle.



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