

## A Message From Jeff...

### Jesus urged, “If you love Me...”

It really comes down to a matter of love for Him. That is the ultimate motivator that should compel us follow His example and act on this command.

A few years ago, at the Day of Science program at Bright Elementary School, I was sitting beside a small girl, whom I'd guess to be in second grade. Josh, our science presenter, asked a question of his youthful audience designed to connect with the 550 elementary students in the assembly. I watched passively as he asked his energetic audience, **“If you like mac and cheese, would you raise your hand?”**

I looked on as hands shot up around the gym. The little girl beside me turned sadly and looked at me incredulously and asked imploringly, **“Don't you like mac and cheese?”**

I responded immediately, **“Oh, yes, I do,”** and shot my arm catching up with the audience participation part of the program. She seemed almost hurt that I hadn't responded spontaneously and enthusiastically in affirming this delicious delicacy.

And in John 14:15, Jesus urges... **“If you love Me, keep My commands.”**

It seems so obvious. How could we not love the One, Who first loved us? How could one ignore such a great sacrifice? How could we be slow in responding to such a generous gift of salvation? How could we ignore His obvious commands and not obey, if we really love Him?

If you love Me, you will keep my commandments. So our challenge for today is to believers who love the Lord and are trying to honor and live for him, who want with the Holy Spirit's help to bring their lives into conformity with Christ's example.

That's it. Plain & simple. Very straightforward. You may wonder, **“I'm not sure if I really know enough or am informed enough about this.”**

I appreciate wanting to make a decision that you will live by and honor. I also want to remind you that **when the church began on Pentecost, those first Christians heard only one message, they didn't wait for an invitation, but interrupted the speaking and said, “What do we need to do?”**

They had quickly come to believe that day that they needed to respond to this truth. That's really what it comes down to personally for each one of us, **“If you love Him.”**

Love,

Jeff

## UPCOMING MESSAGES:

May 17

Overcoming Worry

Matthew 6:25-34

Jeff Stone speaking

May 24

The Dangers of Christian Nationalism

Justin Sutherland speaking



### Recent Message:

If you missed last week's message about "God Speaks to...Grandparents" be sure to click on the link to view it. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

### Prayers & Praises:

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

### Membership Transfer

Join us in welcoming our newest BCC member, **Bob Humphreys**, who transferred his membership to Batesville Christian on May 10.

Bob: (765) 477-2937

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## Announcements:

### “Jelly Church”

Throughout the month of May, BCC will be collecting jars of jelly, as well as monetary donations, to supply the Batesville Summer Food For Kids Program (SFFK) with the jars of jelly needed. SFFK provides meals to underserved kids in our community during the summer.

To donate, please bring and place your Jelly donations under the sign in the Church lobby. If you plan to give a monetary contribution, place it in an envelope labeled “Jelly Church” in the Worship Center seat pockets, and drop it in the wooden offering box at the center doors at the back of the Worship Center. If you write a check, please make a memo of "Jelly" Church.

### BCC Graduates

BCC would love to recognize our students' accomplishment of graduation in service on **May 24** through a video and a gift to celebrate these milestones.

### BCC 101

Join us **May 24 at 11:45 a.m.** for a BCC 101 Information Orientation. Pizza lunch served.

Email the Church Office at [admin@batesvillechristianchurch.org](mailto:admin@batesvillechristianchurch.org) to RSVP.  
Child care available upon request.

### VBS!

Our Vacation Bible School will be held **June 8-11** from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Please save our dates in your calendar.

**Volunteer registrations are available at the Café Info Counter.** Children in grade 6 and above are welcome to be helpers during VBS week! Fill out one volunteer form for each volunteer.

Please pray and ask our Lord how your talents and skills could be used to support this important week of ministry.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register children for VBS.



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