

A Message From Jeff...

Stop Stealing

We have the potential to do right or wrong. Good or evil with our hands. Your hand can strike someone in anger or it write an encouraging note. We can selfishly steal or we can selflessly sacrifice with our hands.

I remember when I was 5 years old and my Dad and I had walked up to Mackie's IGA, the corner grocery store at Glenway/Heuwerth to pick up a few items. While standing in the check-out line, I quietly picked up a candy bar and since I didn't have any money I put it in my pocket. We proceeded to walk home and being the clever 5 yr. old that I was, I took the candy bar out and took a bite out of it.

My Dad asked, "Where'd you get that?"

"Back at Mackie's."

"How'd you pay for it?"

"I didn't have any money."

He stated, "That is stealing. We have to take it back."

We returned to the store and waited to talk to the manager.

"My son has something he wants to tell you," prompted my Dad.

"Uh, I didn't have any money and I took this candy bar without paying for it. I'm sorry," I repented holding up the candy bar with in a bite missing.

I'll never forget the manager's next words, "Well, since you've been so honest you can have the candy bar, just don't ever steal anything again."

I don't think I ever did. Making that walk of shame taught me a valuable lesson. Now, I also realize that the manager had no chance of ever re-selling that half-eaten candy bar! :-)

"Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need." Ephesians 4:28

Love,

Jeff

UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES: **“GOD SPEAKS TO FAMILIES”**

- April 12 God Speaks to...Spouses
April 19 God Speaks to...Singles
April 26 God Speaks to...Children
May 3 God Speaks to...Parents
May 10 **God Speaks to...Grandparents**



Recent Message:

If you missed last week's message about "God Speaks to...Parents" be sure to click on the link to view it.

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Prayers & Praises:

CLICK HERE to view the current prayer list.

UPCOMING MESSAGES:

- May 17 Overcoming Worry Matthew 6:25-34 Jeff Stone speaking
May 24 The Dangers of Christian Nationalism Justin Sutherland speaking

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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. If you have a student you would like recognized for graduating high school or college at any level, please contact **Justin Sutherland** at jsutherland@batesvillechristianchurch.org with a couple baby pictures and senior/ graduation photos and potential future plans no later than May 10!

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 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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