



MIDWEEK UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

A Message From Jeff...

Beauty from Brokenness

Aha! In Ruth 4:17 we see why this obscure story made it into the Bible. Ruth gives birth to a son who is the grandfather of King David, the greatest leader in Israel's 4000 year history. Jesus would be born into the family of David and it would happen in Bethlehem—the same town that Ruth returned to live in when she wanted Naomi's God to be her God.

About a mile east of Bethlehem is a field, called the "Field of Boaz" where tradition says, Ruth gleaned barley. Adjoining it is the "Shepherds' Field," where, tradition says, the angels announced the birth of Jesus. According to these traditions, the scene of Ruth's emerging love for Boaz, which led to the forming of their family that was to bring Christ, was chosen by God, 1100 years later, as the place for the heavenly announcement of Christ's arrival.

The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem claims to be built over the actual site where Jesus was born. According to an old tradition, this same room was part of the ancestral childhood home of King David and before that of his great grandparents--Boaz and Ruth. If that is correct, that means that Boaz took Ruth to be his bride and started the family that was to bring Christ into the world, on the very same site as which Christ Himself was born. (Halley's Bible Handbook, Dr. Henry Halley, pp. 175, 176)

We've been studying "In the Beginning--" learning from The Old Testament" of God's Word. It turns out we've already been introduced to the mother of Boaz. Her name is **Rahab**. Do you remember her? In Jericho she was the prostitute, the Canaanite woman who left her business in the flesh industry and began to follow God and helped the Israelites when they took the Promised Land. It turns out Rahab had a son. She named him Boaz, and he grew up to be a man who honored God and provided for and protected those who were less fortunate. Boaz shows this undeserved act of kindness and God uses that to redeem the story with this unpredictable ending.

Who would've guessed that God was taking all the broken pieces on the floor and turning them into this incredible piece of art, something beautiful? God will provide. That's the message of this story. *God is at work and He will provide for us just like He did for Ruth.*

It may feel too late. Things may seem too broken. But please remember that God is at work. It may not seem obvious. His hand is not necessarily apparent, but God is at work. It may not be dramatic. It may not be immediate, but God is at work. This weekend we trace God bringing a shepherd to become the greatest king in Israel's history in the account of **David and Goliath**. Bring a friend and I'll see you in worship this Sunday!

Love,

Jeff

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CURRENT MESSAGE SERIES:

August 10	Creation/Noah	Genesis 1-9	Jeff Stone
August 17	Abraham/Isaac	Genesis 12:1-4, 16:1-3, 22:1-14	Jeff Stone
August 24	10 Commandments/Moses	Exodus 19, 20, 24, 25, 32-34, 40	Jeff Stone
Sept. 7	Ruth	Ruth 1-4	Jeff Stone
Sept. 14	David: From Shepherd to King	I Samuel 16-18	Jeff Stone

RECENT MESSAGE:

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

Prayers & Praises:

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

MMS Special Collection

If you wish to help us support the Mountain Mission School on our upcoming mission trip, here are some things you can donate which we'll take with us in October:

- Cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, fabric softener, paper towels, napkins, facial tissues, toilet paper)
- Personal care items (hand sanitizer, soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products)
- School supplies (notebooks, pens/pencils, 3-ring binders)
- Miscellaneous (candy, gum)



UPDATE: A big thank you for the response thus far for the items collected for Grundy. Clay Montang's truck is about half full and we will continue to collect until October 10. We still need items such as paper products and any other items on the list. Thanks! Mission Ministry

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Announcements:

Mark Your Calendar:

Mitch McVicker Concert @ BCC

Sunday, September 28

6:00 p.m.

(Free Concert/Love Offering will be taken)

Bring your family and friends!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view Mitch's website

BCC 101

Join us **October 5** 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.

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 need 9 volunteers on Wednesday, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, & Oct. 22 from 11:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m. to help distribute food items and restock shelves.

Sign-up sheets are on the Café Info. Counter.

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.



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