

# Glad Tidings

## Self Surgery

BY JEFF STONE



The date was February 15, 1921 in New York City. The operating room of the Kane Summit Hospital. A doctor is performing an appendectomy. In many ways the events leading to the surgery are uneventful. The patient has complained of severe abdominal pain. The diagnosis is clear: an inflamed appendix. Dr. Evan O'Neill Kane is performing the surgery. In his distinguished thirty-seven-year medical career, he has performed nearly four thousand appendectomies, so this surgery will be uneventful in all ways except two.

The first novelty of this operation? The use of local anesthesia in major surgery. Dr. Kane is a crusader against the hazards of general anesthesia. He contends that a local application is far safer. Many of his colleagues agree with him in principle, but in order for them to agree in practice, they will have to see the theory applied.

Dr. Kane searches for a volunteer, a patient who is willing to undergo surgery while under local anesthesia. A volunteer is not easily found. Many are squeamish at the thought of being awake during their own surgery. Others are fearful that the anesthesia might wear off too soon. Eventually, however, Dr. Kane finds a candidate. On Tuesday morning, February 15, the historic operation occurs.

The patient is prepped and wheeled into the operating room. A local anesthetic is applied. As he has done thousands of times, Dr. Kane dissects the superficial tissues and locates the appendix. He skillfully excises it and concludes the surgery. During the procedure, the patient complains of only minor discomfort. The volunteer is taken into post-op, then placed in a hospital ward. He recovers quickly and is dismissed two days later. Dr. Kane had proven his theory. Thanks to the willingness of a brave volunteer, Kane demonstrated that local anesthesia was a viable, and even preferable, alternative.

But I said there were two facts that made the surgery unique. I've told you the first: the use of local anesthesia. The second is the patient. The courageous candidate for surgery by Dr. Kane *was* Dr. Kane.

To prove his point, Dr. Kane operated on himself! A wise move. The doctor became a patient in order to convince the patients to trust the doctor. (Max Lucado, *In the Eye of the Storm*, pp. 35, 36)

Today, like Dr. Kane, we sense the urgency of self-surgery. We each are probably most qualified to prune our own branches. We know best the habits, attitudes, and behaviors we need to purge, discard, and discontinue. May God's Spirit guide the surgery.

Love,  
Jeff

AUGUST 2021

### Mark your Calendars:

*Sunday Mornings:  
\*Worship Times  
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.*

*\*Please note that  
our Worship Ser-  
vice times will  
change to 9:00 &  
10:30 a.m. starting  
September 5.*

*August 5: Jr/Sr  
High Students to  
Creation Museum  
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.*

*August 15: Wel-  
come Reception for  
Justin/Carli Suther-  
land 11:00 a.m.—  
12:00 p.m..*



# Message Series in August

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## **“Seeking God’s Heart” (A study of the life of King David of Israel)**

<b>August 1</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>I Samuel 16:1-8</b>
<b>*God is not so concerned with a person’s ability as with a person’s availability.</b>		
<b>August 8</b>	<b>FORTITUDE</b>	<b>I Samuel 17:1-32</b>
<b>*David’s courage came from a rock-solid reliance on God.</b>		
<b>August 15</b>	<b>FRIENDSHIP</b>	<b>I Samuel 20:1-42</b>
<b>*The loyalty of David and Jonathan sets a standard for our friendships.</b>		
<b>August 22</b>	<b>FORGIVENESS</b>	<b>I Samuel 24:1-22</b>
<b>*God requires us to grant forgiveness to others, even if unrequested or undeserved.</b>		

## BCC Welcomes Our New Worship/Student Minister

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On August 1, **Justin Sutherland** becomes our full-time Worship/Student Minister, dividing duties in overseeing our worship services and building our youth group of 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Justin has a Master’s degree from Johnson University (TN), plays the guitar and piano, has led teen worship bands at Greenwood Christian Church in Greenwood, IN and most recently at Bright Christian Church, where we served together.

Justin and his wife, **Carli**, will provide many great gifts to love others, grow them in faith, and invest in reaching the Batesville community for Christ. We look forward to you meeting them at a **Welcome Reception to be held from 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 15.** Cards of welcome and encouragement may be sent to: Justin/Carli Sutherland, 10915 Shaker Point Way, Apt. 7, Harrison, OH 45030.





# Children's Ministry

## Discovery Club

- 8:30 a.m.
  - "The Bible Teaches Me About God's Care"
  - I Peter 5:7 "Give all your worries to Him, because He cares for you."
- 10:00 a.m.
  - "The Back to School Survival Guide"
  - Proverbs 4:13 "Hold on to instruction, do not let go; Guard it well, for it is you life."

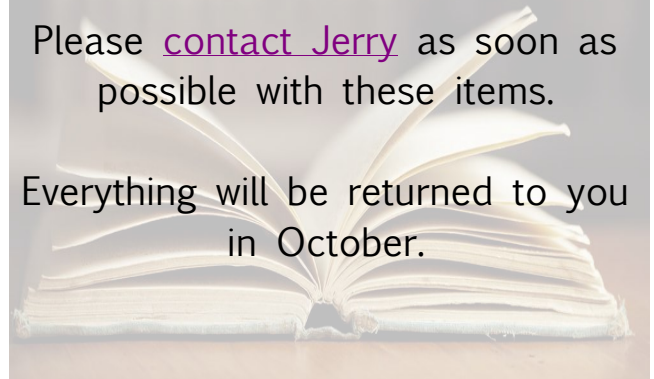
Serving with you,  
 The Children's Ministry Team  
 Annette Pindell, Breanna Morris, & Becky Scott

## Historical Items Needed

Jerry Bennett is collecting BCC memorabilia from the past 50 years to put on display.

Please [contact Jerry](#) as soon as possible with these items.

Everything will be returned to you in October.



## MVCSC

### Upcoming Events:

Ladies Retreat — September 11, 2021  
 "Waves of Joy"

[Register](#) before September 4!

Speaker: Nancy Jett

Worship Team: Carla Krom, Vicki Webster, Candace Houpt

Family Camp — October 8-10, 2021  
 "Changing the World One Family at a Time"

[Online](#) Registration begins August 1!



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BCC'S 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

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JULY ATTENDANCE				
	7/4	7/11	7/18	7/25
In-Person Attendance	212	186	218	178
Online Attendance	16	27	17	51
Total Attendance	228	213	235	229

JULY GIVING			
	Month	YTD	BUDGET
General	\$22,022	\$150,146	71%
Missions(15%)	\$4,886	\$27,495	73%