

# Glad Tidings

JANUARY 2021

## A New Year Where He Has Already Been

It's amazing the difference presence makes. If you have never instructed a child to go down to a dark basement and grab something, you understand what I'm saying. The fear in the eyes, the excuses that are made, the lack of desire to walk it alone. But if you as a parent walk ahead of them and flip every light switch, everything changes. When someone goes before you, their presence makes all the difference.

God does the same for us. No matter what path we walk down, God is one step ahead. The Lord is always going before us. No matter what mountain we come up against, He is already climbing it. No matter what journey of uncertainty we encounter, God is 100 steps further. He's laying out our path and preparing our steps.

*The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8*

*You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Psalm 139:5 (NLT)*

*For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard. Isaiah 52:12*

*I [the Lord] will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. Isaiah 45:2*

God is famous for caring and preparing us for greater things. He walks ahead to fight the battles we fear we can't win. He calms the seas we're convinced we can't beat. He softens the blows we worry will take us down. He knows our road. He understands our coming trauma. He knows how to lead us through it.

Do you know what this means? We can worry less. The flip of the calendar into 2021 brings a feeling of new for us. But know He has already been here and is ahead of us. There is nothing He hasn't seen or knows way ahead of us.

Our family can testify that the Lord continues to prove Himself over and over that he is ahead of all our steps. We see his fingerprints all over the things He continues to do ahead of us. We pray you do too as you look for them in this new year.

Clay in His Hands,  
Mark Bond

## Ways to Worship

### 9:30am IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We are currently meeting **online only** while Ripley & Franklin counties are red. Please join us through one of our online venues until further notice.

### 9:30am ONLINE

The [interactive worship service](#) will be available at 9:30 AM with an opportunity to chat with your church family.

### 9:30am ETC CHANNEL 905

Each Sunday at 9:30am you can watch our previous week's service on ETC's Good News Channel 905.

### 8:30am WRBI 103.9 FM

Each Sunday at 8:30 AM you can listen to our previous week's sermon on WRBI radio.

### WEBSITE

If you would prefer to listen to only the sermon from each week, you can do so on our website,

<http://batesvillechristianchurch.org/sermons>

## Important Dates

The office will be open from 8am-1pm, Monday-Friday.

Office Closed-January 18th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

# College Valentines

We will once again send Valentine Care packages to the college students of our church. This year, we will send Amazon gift cards with a note of encouragement. You can provide Amazon gift card(s) in the amount of \$10 or donate money toward the effort and we will take care of purchasing them. Simply drop your gift cards off at church or include your donation with your weekly offering. If you have a college student to whom you'd like us to send a card, submit their name and address to the church office ([admin@batesvillechristianchurch.org](mailto:admin@batesvillechristianchurch.org)) no later than **Friday, January 29.**



## VIRTUAL MISSION TRIP TO HAITI - JULY 2021

Thank you to everyone who took part in our prayer event on December 10. Please continue to pray for Frusner and Irlange Presendieu and their family. The mission team has contacted Welcome Home Haiti and has committed to building a home for this great family.



Now the fun begins! We'll need to put our creative thinking caps on in order to raise money for the home. So, be thinking about that during the month of January. Because in February, you're going to have a chance to submit your ideas!!!

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
That Welcome Home Haiti not only provides employment for the Haitian men who build houses for them, but they mentor these men to be Christian leaders in their homes and their communities?

BUT DO NOT FORGET TO DO  
GOOD AND TO SHARE, FOR  
WITH SUCH SACRIFICES GOD IS  
WELL PLEASED.

HEBREWS 13:16

Want to know more about Welcome Home Haiti?  
Check out their website at <https://welcomehomehaiti.com/>

# BCC Leadership

The **Elders** for Batesville Christian Church are Terry Harrison, Mike Nakoff and Richard Zeigler.

The **Deacons** are Bob Andrews, George Bley, Rob Bulmer, Darren Cole, Paul Ehrman, Doug Haldeman, Gary Najmon, Russell Nuhring, Tyler Oda, Jody Thomas, Bill Trebley, and Jeremy Ziegler.



## Elders' Report

The first meeting of the elders (preliminary) was held on December 8th after the final steering committee meeting. The opportunities and priorities for the church were discussed.

It was decided that we would meet weekly (every Tuesday) from 7pm-9pm at the church. If you have any questions or concerns, or need a personal meeting, please call or email the church office or Mike, Terry, or Richard at [elders@batesvillechristianchurch.org](mailto:elders@batesvillechristianchurch.org)

## Finance Team

Bill Trebley, Chair, Treasurer, Deacon  
Richard Zeigler, Elder  
Tyler Oda, Deacon  
Doug Haldeman, Deacon  
Bob Andrews, Deacon

## Pulpit Team

Adam and Jeana Bare  
Greg and Angie Ehrman  
Jim and Jennifer Black  
Doug Haldeman  
Cindy Grote  
Shirley Hunter

## Greeters/Welcome Team

Jerry and Leacarol Bennett  
To volunteer, call Jerry (812-212-9204) or  
Leacarol (812-525-4851).

## Benevolence Team

Paul Ehrman (Deacon)  
Doug Haldeman (Deacon)  
Jeremy Ziegler (Deacon)  
Mike Nakoff (Elder)

## Missions Team

Laura Cole  
Contact Laura at 812-363-5959  
if you would like to join this team.

## Children's Ministry Goes Online

The good news about Jesus is anything BUT boring and we want our intentional lesson time to be fun, exciting and challenging too. We have created a Google Classroom our families can participate with each week. The activities and lessons change weekly. In our 'classroom' we have a lesson, music, and activities. You can visit us [online](#).





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 or receive a digital copy of this newsletter?  
 Email the church office and let us know at  
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### DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

	6th	13th	20th	27th
Total Attendance	106*	83	78	73

\* individual online views

### DECEMBER GIVING

	Month	YTD	BUDGET
General	\$20,326	\$366,647	77%
Missions(15%)	\$3,587	\$64,702	77%