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Glad Tidings
Good News from Batesville Christian Church

BATESVILLE AREA FOOD PANTRY

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For more information, see Karen Trebley or contact the church office at 812-934-5147 or bcc@etczone.com.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE

According to the organization Feeding America, during the school year, 22 million children receive free or reduced-priced meals through the National School Lunch Program. Unfortunately, when school is out during the summer months many of these children don't have adequate food to eat throughout the day.

The Summer Food Program helps meet the needs of low-income children and their families in our community who face hunger in the summer by providing them with nutritious meals and snacks when school is not in session. The Batesville Christian Church is a proud supporter of this program.

The Summer Food Program just completed its 7th year of serving students and families in our community. They passed out 858 bags of food, reaching an average of 96 students weekly. BCC contributed 190 jars of jelly as part of this effort to combat childhood hunger. The program also provided hair cuts, underwear, and socks to help kids be ready to go back to school.

The program plans to continue for an 8th season and they are looking for volunteers to make next summer an even bigger success. Interested in helping out? Contact the church office for more information about volunteering.

FUN FACT

BCC is known as
"The Jelly Church"
due to our contribution
of jelly to the
Summer Food Program.

MISSIONS

Some recent news and prayer requests from the missions we support:

HAITIAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES is celebrating the plant of a 4th church this summer in Difou (pronounced DEE-foo). This church plant is in a town with no church and a past history of witch doctors and voodoo. Pastor Nosebin and his wife Phida have already experienced much growth - with two Sunday services now and over 150 average attendance. They now meet in a roofed structure after several months of meeting in a home.

ITALY OF CHRIST reports that Stephany's Mono infection has improved but specialists are asking her to have additional tests as there appear to be symptoms that don't appear to be connected. She awaits those test results and asks for prayers of healing.

LOWER CARIBBEAN CHRISTIAN MISSION reports a successful summer camp season with over 60 children involved in each of the three weeks of camp. There was a brief scare when Dale Leacock collapsed after the second week with stroke-like symptoms. Praise God that the cause was his 24/7 aggressive schedule and the heat wave which had left him with exhaustion and dehydration. He was up and at camp for week 3 after receiving rest and fluids.

Mark Your Calendars:

International Conference on Missions, November 15-18, Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati

Unhindered: The International Conference on Missions will occur in Cincinnati on November 15-18. You can attend at no cost for any single day or the entire conference as the Church has already registered and paid the admission fee. See Greg Fulkerson for details on how to register using the Batesville code.

Stay tuned for more details. The mission team would like to arrange car pools to Duke Energy Center for those days when there is enough interest / registrations.

The link to the conference schedule and speakers is:
<https://theicom.org/schedule/>



Pastor Nosebin & his wife, Phida



REFLECTIONS ON DISCIPLESHIP

Guided in Our Next Steps

About 7 years ago my family had the privilege of going on a vacation with my mom to Savannah, Georgia. One day we ventured to the beach on Tybee Island. At the time, this was just the second time I had ever swam in the ocean, and for Greg, it was his first.

At one point during the day, we decided to walk out to a sandbar to see what all the fuss was since there were a lot of other people doing the same thing. We had a great time finding shells and fish that had been collected into small water puddles on the sand bar. Time flew, and then we noticed that we were the only ones out on the sandbar.

At the time, we didn't realize that everyone left because the tide and current changed, which made the journey back to the beach difficult and dangerous. What was once just knee-high water had become deep enough that I could not find the bottom, and a current that could have easily swept us out into the ocean. I had to swim with Greg holding onto me, while fighting a current, and having no idea when I'd be able to reach the beach.

When we got to the beach we noticed signs everywhere warning us against staying out on the sandbar. You know the saying, "Hindsight is always 20/20."? In that moment, that saying had never rung truer. But, I can't help but wonder why nobody on the sandbar came up to us to tell us what they already knew.

Life is full examples like this, where we need someone to help us because we don't know what the "next steps" look like. This is at the heart of discipleship: Christians that have enough maturity in their faith, and the heart to insert themselves into the lives of younger Christians that just don't know what those "next steps" look like.

In Acts 8:26-31 we read:

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Our new class for "*New Believers and those that Lead Them*" is devoted to intentionally helping Christians that are young in their faith to know what steps need to be taken so growth in Christ is healthy. During this new class we will be using a 78 day, biblically based study that will focus on spiritual topics like: The Authority of God's Word in the life of a Christian, Dead to Self but Alive in Christ, My Place in the Body of Christ, Go Make Disciples, Victory over Sin, and much more.

I'm looking forward to joining with others that intentionally know they need help with their "next steps" and those willing to guide them.



Mark Jacobs, wife Jennifer, & family

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Go! In September we will be memorizing the Great Commission. The Bible tells us to 'go'. We are all (kids & parents) sent into a mission field every day to: schools, daycare, shopping experiences, your backyard, work, the gym, your HOME, etc. We, as parents, are called to follow the Great Commission, too. Our first priority in raising our kids is to teach them about God, not so they will be "good adults" but so they can begin to grow a relationship with their Heavenly Father.

Having six kids in our home, ages 4-16, can leave our house less than "presentable". We run from one activity to the next, hoping to shove in some healthy food most of the time, get homework done, and get a good night of sleep (mom really likes early bedtime!!). Sometimes in the day-to-day activities, it's easy to pass up opportunities to DISCIPLE (don't read discipline) our kids. We might not be the greatest parents at a sit-around-the-table family devotional book, but I don't think that is the mark of a good disciple.

Deuteronomy 6:7-9, tells us to " Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

It's about being INTENTIONAL with your time with your kids. It's not about how successfully we tell our children the Good News of God but rather how consistently we tell them the Good News. When they are filled with God and how amazing HE is, they will want to share that with others. I haven't read the book "The Disciple-Making Parent" by Chap Bettis. (Let's be honest, I have a pile of 12 books I want to read on parenting, special needs kids, Biblical books, etc... I need someone to read them and give me a 'cliff notes' version.) Anyway, the cliff notes to the above mentioned book is, "Your life either commends or condemns the gospel.". He goes on to say, "It is not knowledge of the Scriptures that matters, it is knowledge with a goal: to know Jesus Christ".

At VBS on our last day, I told the kids about how much I loved cookies, my flip flops, and ice cream. Because of my "love" for those items, I wanted to share that with them. Because of my LOVE for Jesus, I want to share HIS goodness with everyone. We have grown up reading the Great Commission that we should tell all nations about God. That is true, we are called to reach the nations, but we are first called to reach our children.

Be intentional with your kids. Help them memorize the Great Commission, but not just memorizing it, finding ways to apply it to real life. If you have questions or want some suggestions, I'll be happy to help out. It's our job as a church to partner with you.

- Rachel Bond

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS D-GROUP

Your daughter is invited to join the Batesville Christian Church discipleship group (D-Group) especially formed for girls in middle school, led by Jennifer Black and Rachel Bond.

The group will be having a Family Cook-out on Friday, September 14th at 5:30 pm at the Black's home located at 20116 Hickory Road, Batesville, IN 47006.

The whole family is invited!! Siblings, too. Each family should bring a side dish to share. Drinks & meat will be provided. Bring along your camp chairs in case it's nice enough outside to have a fire.

Please RSVP with number attending by Sunday, September 9th, so they can be sure to have enough supplies. Contact Jennifer Black to rsvp or with questions: call or text (765)792-0284.

The Group Leaders really envision this ministry to focus on missions using these girls' gifts & talents to reach out to our local youth. They have some ideas they'd like to share with the girls on activities to do in October & November. These ideas and more will be discussed at the cook-out.

Please SHARE this opportunity with your daughter's friends & ask them to join our D-Group. The cook-out would be a great time for the girls and their families to hang out & get to know each other better.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

PICNIC AT THE PARK: A Celebrate Recovery Celebration

Sponsored by Batesville Christian Church & Coalition For A Drug-Free Batesville

Thursday September 20th From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Liberty Park in Batesville

Come celebrate with us at Liberty Park and invite your friends & family. There will be a bouncy house for kids, free hot dogs, chips, and cotton candy. We will celebrate with music and a short program. The community is welcome!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT. PLEASE SIGN UP:

1. AT THE WELCOME CENTER IN FOYER OR
2. ON BACK OF THE TEAR OFF SECTION IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

Celebrate Recovery is looking for volunteers. Training is available. For information please contact: Laura @ 812-363-5959. Celebrate Recovery meets at the church every Thursday night. The meal starts at 5:15 pm . Large Group begins at 6:00 pm.

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Church Nursery

Can you cuddle, dance, read, or play with blocks? Are you looking for an opportunity to serve? If so, we're looking for some help in the nursery during the Sunday School hour. We need 6 people to either take a whole month from September through February or pick a week (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th) to serve for the next 6 months. You would be committing to serving in the nursery from 9:40 - 10:50 for your dedicated month or week. Please see Becky Scott to sign-up or for more information or check the box on the Connection Card. If you are planning to serve, stop by the Children's Check-In area and pick up a Background Check form, complete it, and return it as soon as possible. For your privacy and convenience, there is a secure drop box located at the Children's Check-In Area for your completed form.

Church Transportation Needed

Julie Schomber attends the 11:00 service each week. Julie is in a wheelchair and in need of transportation to and from church services. Julie is able to get herself in and out of her wheelchair. The heaviest lifting involves loading the chair into your trunk. If you think this is a service you would be willing to provide over the next few months, please call Darren Cole at 812-363-5961 or check the box on the back of the Connection Card to help or for more information.

Renew and Refresh—Our Welcome Ministry

This fall we begin another “year” in our Welcome Ministry. Many of you have been on board as regulars for some time (we thank you for your service) and we hope you continue to serve as: parking greeter, side door greeter, Welcome Center attendant, or greeter/pass out bulletins. We ask that you only do this once a month at either the 8:30 or 11:00 service.

We are looking for new faces to fill positions. (See job descriptions on the next page.) Please indicate if you will be able to continue to serve or if you can begin serving in this Ministry. If you are a teen or older, please consider one of these positions. It is a great place to meet fellow worshippers.

To find out more or volunteer for any of these positions, complete the Welcome Ministry form available at the Welcome Center. (See job descriptions on the next page.)

WELCOME MINISTRY JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Parking Greeter

For this job you just need a great smile and a waving hand. Wearing one of our blue vests indicating your position, you would arrive 15-20 minutes before your service time to greet people in the parking lot. On rare occasions when we have overflow parking, you would help drivers find the next available parking space.

Side Door Greeter

This can be one or several family members standing at the side door adjacent to the parking lot (our busiest entrance) greeting folks with a smile/handshake as they arrive for church. 15-20 minutes before your service time, you would arrive and put on your name tag to greet members/guests at this entrance. You may have to give directions to children's church facilities or to the Welcome Center if needed.

Welcome Center

This job requires a person or persons willing to be there 15-20 minutes before and 15-20 minutes after a service time. You will be trained on the things you need to know, but it is an easy job to learn and it is lots of fun saying "Hi" to everyone who passes by the center.

Bulletins/Greeters

We are looking for at least two people each service to stand at the main and side doors to pass out bulletins and answer questions newcomers may have. Again you only need a smile and friendly face to do this job.

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MAHONING VALLEY UPDATE

Thanks to the support of Batesville Christian Church and other area churches, Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp was able to offer a Christ-Centered camp experience to 706 children and youth this summer, a record number for the camp—the highest in their 75 years! Over 50 participants from our church and community attended. Thank you for being a part of this effort to reach the hearts of kids with Jesus' message of love, compassion, and redemption!

Mahoning Valley Christian Camp - UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Retreat - "God is Our Refuge and Strength"

September 14-15

75th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 22

Family Camp

October 12-14



MAHONING VALLEY
Christian Service Camp

Registration is open now for ALL these Mahoning Valley events. You can register online & get additional information at: <http://www.mahoningvalley.org>



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Sign Up for
 our Email List

Are you on our Email list??

Would you like to receive the weekly email or
 would you like to receive a digital copy of this newsletter?
 Email the church office and let us know at bcc@etczone.com

Important Dates to Remember

- September 3—Office Closed—Labor Day Holiday
- September 6—Celebrate Recovery
- September 13—Celebrate Recovery
- September 14—Middle School Girls D-Group Cookout
- September 14 & 15—MVCSC Ladies Retreat
- September 20—Celebrate Recovery's Picnic in the Park
- September 22—MVCSC 75th Anniversary Celebration
- September 27—Celebrate Recovery

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE	5th	12th	19th	26th
Total Attendance	296	284	290	301
Worship	239	228	231	237
Children's Ministry	57	56	59	64

AUGUST GIVING

OFFERING	Month	YTD	Budget
General	\$36,290	\$324,449	94%
Missions (10%)	\$4,032	\$36,049	94%