



## CHURCH IN THE PARK 2018

On Sunday, October 7 we will have one combined worship service at Liberty Park under the large pavilion. We encourage you to invite friends and family to join you on this special day. Following the service, we will transition for about 30 minutes and get ready to serve a pitch-in lunch. BCC is taking care of the meats (Fried Chicken and Pulled Pork) as well as providing bottles of water for everyone.



### Here is what we're asking people to bring that day:

- Bring a LARGE side dish AND a dessert. We're asking everyone to bring one of each this year. Think extra large portions so we don't run out of food with our guests!
- Bring a lawn chair for the worship service.
- If you don't prefer water, bring something else to drink.



### CONCERT BY MITCH MCVICKER

Following the lunch will be a concert by Mitch McVicker at 1:00pm. Mitch is a talented singer/songwriter that you don't want to miss. He plays all kinds of instruments that will amaze you!

# MISSIONS

## 1 question Mission Quiz:

Which of the following has happened with the missions we support in the past 2 months?

- A) One of our missionaries had a seizure due to heat exhaustion while working at summer Christian Camp.
- B) One of our missions planted a new church which rapidly grew from a small group meeting outside to over 150 people meeting in a pavilion on newly purchased land. There have been several baptisms.
- C) 5 Children were provided clothes, books, school supplies and a hearty meal while attending K-12 school full time by our Sunday school donations.
- D) A new group of 47 students started bible college to gain training so that they can return to their villages and become preachers and lay leaders planting new Christian churches in a population that is over 80% Hindu and 15% Muslim.
- E) All the above.

The Mission team will be working to improve communications with the congregation in the coming months so you can ace the quiz! Our plan is to highlight one mission each month and to provide updated information in the coffee area as well as through information in the form of announcements, videos, and printed materials. Please look for these changes starting this month and if you have any suggestions or ideas on how we might provide information more fully, in a form that would benefit your family, please tell anyone on the mission team. God is doing great things in the ministries we support and it is our prayer that you would be aware and encouraged by these events knowing that your prayers and contributions help make them possible. [And the quizzes will get longer and more challenging, so read carefully!]

## MISSION CONFERENCE: 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/>



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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.
- He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters.
- He refreshes my soul. He leads me along the right path, for his name's sake.
- Even though I walk thru the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and staff comfort me.
- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil my cup overflows.
- Your goodness and love follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23

In October and November our Children's Ministry kids will be memorizing Psalm 23 (a verse each week, each bullet point, beginning 10/14) as well as learning about Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

You, as parents, have the biggest influence on your children and the biggest compass to point them towards Jesus. It's because of your influence, that we are asking that you join us in helping your children memorize Psalm 23. We don't expect it to be perfect, especially for our younger kiddos, but to be familiar with the passage. Read it together when you wake up, when you're driving and before bed. You might be surprised how quickly they learn it.

This chapter shows us our relationship with God as our shepherd. He takes care of our needs and brings us rest. He brings healing and guidance and protects us. A smart sheep knows the voice of its shepherd and follows him. The Bible says that Jesus is the Good Shepherd of those who follow him. A good shepherd cares for his sheep, even risking his own life for their well-being.

We will have two shepherds come talk to the kids and one week one of our shepherds will even bring a young goat we can meet. We are excited to use this passage of Scripture to teach children how amazing God is.

Partnering with you as you parent,  
Rachel Bond

## BAPTISMS / TRANSFERS

On Sunday, September 16, we were pleased to welcome Johannes (Joost) & Julie Vijverberg as new members. On Sunday, September 30, we were pleased to welcome Cindy Dreyer as a new member. Please join us in making them feel welcome and part of the BCC family.

Interested in learning more about Church Membership or Baptism or are you ready to take that important step in proclaiming your faith? Contact the church office at 812-934-5147 or [bcc@etczone.com](mailto:bcc@etczone.com) or check the box on your Connection Card in the Sunday morning bulletin and someone will reach out to you with more information.

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# CELEBRATE RECOVERY

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND SPONSOR WORKSHOP

Batesville Christian Church

Saturday, October 6, 9:00am – 2:00pm

\$10.00 per person

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be Provided

Registration begins at 8:30

Leadership Training will begin promptly at 9:00

Please RSVP by Phone or Email to

812-363-5959 Laura Cole

(leave message and she'll get back with you)

Or Email: [cr.batesvillecc@gmail.com](mailto:cr.batesvillecc@gmail.com)

Feel Free to Call/Email with Questions

This training is for anyone who has completed or is currently involved in a step study (*see info below regarding a new study beginning*) and is interested in receiving information regarding helping on the leadership team of Celebrate Recovery. We have a great team of people who are committed to this ministry. Join our team and make a difference in the lives of others!

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## CR WOMEN'S STEP STUDY TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER!!!

Are you looking for a study that will help you truly turn your life over to God and give you hope for your future?

Are you ready to take an honest, biblical inventory of your life?

Are you ready to grow in Christ?

If you said YES to the questions above, you are invited to attend the Celebrate Recovery step study for women that will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, October 24. Are you thinking, "I don't have a hurt, habit or hang-up. Is this study still for me?" The answer is Yes! We all have things in our lives that have affected us. We have areas in our lives that need to be turned over to God. The group is open to all ladies even if you don't actively attend CR on Thursday nights. When used in our lives, the steps and principles of Celebrate Recovery will improve our relationship with God and our relationships with others.

Anyone interested in attending or looking for more information can email Laura Cole at [CR.BatesvilleCC@gmail.com](mailto:CR.BatesvilleCC@gmail.com). Laura can also give you a detailed schedule for the study. You must be signed up by October 21 to ensure that enough study materials are available.

*"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up" - Thessalonians 5:11*

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# REFLECTIONS ON DISCIPLESHIP

## A Look at the Passing Zone?

Within the last ten years I've become enamored with the Olympic Torch Relay. In 2008 the Summer Olympics were hosted by Beijing. The ceremonial torch traveled over 85,000 miles and required over 21,000 people to carry and pass the flame over a 130-day period. In 2010, the Winter Olympics were hosted by Vancouver. The torch traveled over 12,000 miles and required over 12,000 people to carry and pass the flame over a 106-day period. Beyond the sheer distances the symbolic flame traveled, it's traveled to some obscure places in obscure ways. The flame has been to space, it's been to the depths of the ocean, it's traveled by zip-line, camel, and on dog sleds.



Mark Jacobs, wife Jennifer, & family

I believe there is a spiritual lesson that parallels the symbolism of these physical torch relays that happen before the opening day of each Olympic games. In Christ, we have been given His Light, not just to light our own way, but also for the expressed purpose of passing it on to others. All of us have a certain life that we are called to run in which God uses to bring us to a person that's ready to receive His Light and ready to run ahead to the very next person of faith.

I believe the apostle Paul is echoing the very same lesson of truth in his second letter to Timothy. This letter is written from prison and with the realization that his part of the "relay race" is coming to an end, and he looked to Timothy to take the flame and keep on running ahead to the very next person. This is why he writes in 2 Timothy 2:1-2: 1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

So, do you see yourself right now running ahead by looking for your "Timothy", spiritually speaking, Have you considered that the Christ has given you His Light for others in your life? Will you consider reevaluating your life in Christ as "one big torch relay" where you are called to pass on the Light of Christ to as many people as possible, starting with just the next person that Christ brings into your life?

**Batesville Christian Church was founded on October 4, 1970.**

This year, we are celebrating our 48th year as an established fellowship of believers. We look forward to continuing to serve God and the people of Batesville and we are very excited to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2 years!



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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](mailto:bcc@etczone.com)

### October Dates to Remember

- Oct 4 Church Anniversary (48 years)
- Oct 4 Celebrate Recovery (6 pm)
- Oct 6 CR Leadership & Sponsorship Training (8:30 am)
- Oct 7 Church in the Park (10 am)
- Oct 8 Columbus Day—Office Open
- Oct 11 Celebrate Recovery (6 pm)
- Oct 18 Celebrate Recovery (6 pm)
- Oct 25 Celebrate Recovery (6 pm)
- Oct 29 November Newsletter Items Due by 1 pm

### SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Children's Ministry	56	56	53	46	56
Worship	220	233	218	209	196
Total Attendance	276	289	271	255	252

### SEPTEMBER GIVING

OFFERING	Month	YTD	Budget
General	\$45,264	\$369,713	93%
Missions (10%)	\$5,029	\$41,078	93%