

SEPTEMBER 2019

# Glad Tidings

Good News from Batesville Christian Church

BATESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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*Batesville Christian Church exists to glorify God all our days by making disciples who make disciples.*



## Perfection in a Cup

BY BRYCE HOTCHKISS

I go to Starbucks about twice a year. Mostly because coffee is a vile and disgusting bean juice that I can find no discernible reason why anyone would ever want to drink it (That's right, I said it!). But there are a few things on the Starbucks menu that I can usually stomach if compelled to go. For years, I would mostly stick to the smoothie type drinks or a seasonal hot chocolate, but one life-changing Autumn day, I saw it: the Caramel Apple Spice.

Now a simpleton would tell you that the

Caramel Apple Spice is just marketing spin on the typical apple cider, but they would be wrong! It's as if Starbucks has a magical machine in the back that takes all of the best elements of Fall and distills them down to the sweetest of elixirs. On their own, whipped cream, caramel, apple, and cinnamon spice are all good, but mix them together and there is a synergistic explosion of everything good and right in the world. You might think that I am exaggerating, but all I know is that you can keep your coffees and your pumpkin spice lattes and your

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*AppleFest 2019; Church in the Park*

### YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP

*Fall Youth On Ramp Events; D Groups Resume*

### MISSIONS UPDATE

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Halloween 2019: Shine for Jesus*

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*After several years of successful ministry, Celebrate Recovery had its last gathering on Thursday, August 29, 2019.*

## CALENDAR

SEP 2: Labor Day — Office Closed

SEP 6: Mom2Mom — 9 AM

SEP 7: Golf Scramble

SEP 7: Youth Horseback Riding

SEP 8: Youth On Ramp Kick Off

SEP 11: Wed Night D Group 7 PM

SEP 12: Elders' Meeting — 7 PM

SEP 20: Mom2Mom — 9 AM

SEP 21: Youth Movie & Bonfire

SEP 25: Wed Night D Group 7 PM

SEP 26: Elders' Meeting — 7 PM

SEP 28 & 29: Apple Fest

## Message from Bryce (CONTD)

Froo-froo Mochafrappaspessos; for me, it's all about that Caramel Apple Spice.

The only real problem with the drink (although "drink" seems too simple a word to describe it) is that by going only a couple of times a year, I'm not really accustomed to hot beverages. I'm always afraid that it will come pouring out of that tiny hole in that plastic lid like molten lava and with the scalding intensity of a thousand hot suns, and I won't be able to taste anything for a week. So I try to wait patiently before cautiously sipping the tastiest of tonics and then . . . lukewarm (cue "wah wah" music). I waited too long. If I would have just trusted that it was made at the perfect temperature or tested it when I got it without the fear of burning myself, I would have enjoyed that taste of all that is good and right in world rather than just having a cup of glorified apple juice.

This balance between fear and faith is something that I think it's easy to struggle with as a Christian. When it comes to sharing our faith, or maybe giving for the first time, or answering a call that it feels like the Spirit is placing on your life, it can be easy to operate out of fear rather than faith and, as a result, miss out on opportunities for God to bless us. It's not that God is bound by our actions, but often before pouring out his blessings on our lives, he is awaiting a trusting response from us. When fear overrides our faith, we can overlook opportunities to do great things for God and are left with something less than the best as a result. Psalm 34:8 tells us "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!" What is God encouraging you to have a taste of today, this week, or this month? Will you trust that he is good . . . Or will you simply have apple juice?

In Christ,  
Bryce



## Church in the Park

On Sunday, October 6, we will have one combined worship service at 10:00 am under the large pavilion at Liberty Park. 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 to get ready to serve a pitch-in lunch. BCC is taking care of the meats (fried chicken and pulled pork) as well as providing bottled water for everyone. If you plan on attending this special service, we ask each of you to bring the following items.

- ★ Bring a 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.
- ★ A beverage of your choice if you prefer something other than water.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Wedding Coordinators Needed

We are seeking members who are willing to serve in the capacity of Wedding Coordinator. This role provides a valuable service to wedding parties and our congregation by guiding and contributing to a meaningful and pleasant experience for all who come to be married at BCC. The goal is to have two or three people serve as Wedding Coordinators which will allow for flexibility in scheduling for each person. Training for this position will be provided. Volunteers will be compensated for their time. If interested, please [contact the church office](#) to request a complete position description and application.

### Food Pantry Serve & Give

Throughout the month of October, BCC will have the opportunity to provide volunteer staff at our local food pantry. The pantry is located in Batesville at the corner of County Line Rd. and Huntersville Rd. and it is open every Wednesday from 12-4pm.

We are looking for volunteers to serve for each of the 5 Wednesdays in October. Volunteers will be responsible for assisting clients with selecting groceries and for restocking the shelves. Shifts are from 11:45am to 4pm. Please arrive promptly to sign in and attend the volunteer briefing on how to serve pantry clients. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with our neighbors in need. To sign up

for a Wednesday shift, [please go to this link](#) or contact the church office at 812-934-5147.

### Batesville AppleFest

On September 28th and 29th, BCC will have a booth to serve our community at AppleFest 2019. On this weekend, we will set up our popcorn machines to give out free popcorn and have the opportunity to have a friendly conversation with those who stop by. Volunteers will make and bag popcorn, then serve the bags to those visiting our booth.

Children under 16 are allowed to serve alongside a parent. Those aged 16 and older may serve independently. To sign up for a 2 hour shift, [please go to this link](#) or [email the church office for more information](#).

## Mahoning Valley Happenings

### Mahoning Valley Ladies' Retreat

Save the Date for this year's Mahoning Valley Ladies' Retreat, "Treasured," this September 13-14th at Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp in Rushville, IN. This year's speaker is Susan Wilder, Women's Ministry Leader from Southeast Christian Church. The Music Team includes Elizabeth Maddux & Cheryl Lawson.

Registration forms are available at the

Gathering Area and there is a \$5 discount on the registration fee if mailed in or completed online before September 7, 2019. [More details and registration are available online](#).

### Registration Open for Family Camp

This year's Mahoning Valley Family Camp is a Hillbilly Family Shindig from October 11-13, 2019. Family camp is for all families of all ages. It is a time for families to play, learn, and grow

together. Curtis Stephen, from Cross Plains Church of Christ, will be the speaker for Family Vespers. Activities include adult, youth, and child classes, hillbilly games, hayrides, fishing, and archery.

Your family may choose to bring a camper or tent, or stay in the available dorms. Meals may be purchased from the camp, or you may bring your own. [More details on fees and registration are available online](#). Registration must be mailed in or completed online by October 1, 2019.

# Halloween 2019 Shine for Jesus

BY RACHEL BOND

This fall we are changing our focus, and instead of inviting our neighbors to church, we are bringing church to them! Most of the year we seek opportunities to reach out to our neighbors, to share Christ with them, or to invite them into our home. Sometimes we've asked a neighbor several times to come

over or to come to church and they never have. This Halloween many of those same neighbors will likely walk up to your door and ring the bell. Let's use this opportunity to extend a welcome to them and show them a Christian community.

We have 5 lighthouse/host homes set up around Batesville (see map below). At these lighthouse homes, they will have carnival games to entertain trick-or-treaters and represent BCC. We are looking for support from our BCC family to help with the games, prizes and visiting with neighbors.

1. **Lighthouse keeper:** help the host have an amazing lighthouse party. These people help pass out candy bags, host the games, and visit

with the kids and adults that come to the lighthouse.

1. **Bag fillers:** Help by filling the candy bags that will be handed out. This job takes place in the office at the times listed.
1. **Candy Donations:** We are asking for donations of non-peanut candy or trinket-toys that we can use to fill the gift bags. Please bring donations by Sunday, October 20th. (You don't have to sign-up for this, thank you!)

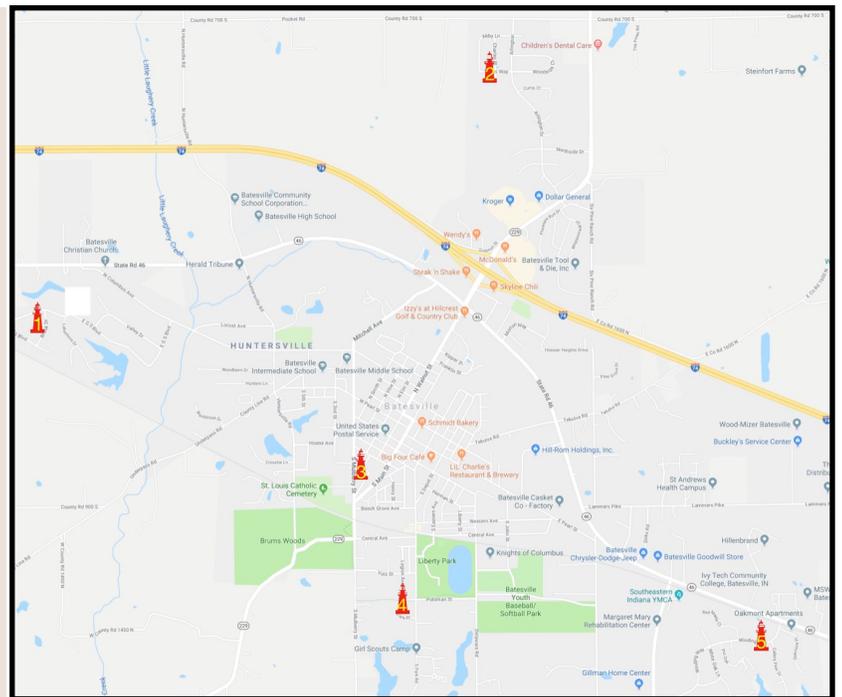
To volunteer to assist as a Lighthouse Keeper or Bag Filler, [please go to this link](#). If you have questions, please contact Rachel Bond at [rbond@batesvillechristianchurch.org](mailto:rbond@batesvillechristianchurch.org).



## Tabletalk Family Time

Beginning in September, we will distribute a new way to do family devotions and table-time. This is not meant to replace your family devotions, but if you need a jump-start, this is easy.

Each Tabletalk has our month's memory verse, some additional Bible verses to look up, and some talking points to start discussions around your table (either kitchen, living room, or bedside, you choose). Enjoy getting to draw closer to your family and to God.



## D Groups Resume for Fall

Our Discipleship Groups (D Groups) are small groups of people who commit to getting together on a regular basis throughout the school year for Bible study, fellowship, and service.



### “D GROUP” WITH JACK SCHILLER RESUMES 09/08

The D Group led by Jack Schiller during the Sunday School hour will resume on Sunday, September 8th at 9:45 AM in the former classroom in the church basement classroom. For more information, [please email Jack Schiller at schilljj@yahoo.com](mailto:schilljj@yahoo.com).

### D GROUP DAY CHANGE

The Tuesday night D Group led by Doug Haldeman will now meet on the 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY of each month at 7 PM in the Large Classroom on the main floor beginning on Wednesday, September 11th. [Please contact Doug Haldeman at dougdianahaldeman@gmail.com](mailto:dougdi-nahaldeman@gmail.com) for more details.

## Youth & Discipleship Ministry

Last month, we put out the call for volunteers to organize and host On Ramp Events for our youth in grades 6-12 while we continue our search for a Youth Pastor. We are so appreciative for all those who stepped up and more than answered our call!

We are excited to announce our first few scheduled Youth On Ramp Events for the fall. We hope to see a great turn out at each of these events!

*If your 6-12 grader would like to provide input on programming they would like to see in the future, [please have them go to this link to fill out our youth survey!](#)*

## Horseback Riding At Salt Creek Ranch

All youth in grades 6-12, are invited to join us for a day of horseback riding on Saturday, September 7th, at Salt Creek Ranch. Meet at BCC at 12 PM with \$20 for the ranch plus additional money for lunch at McDonald's.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Tom Williams at 812-212-6874. Release forms are available at the church office!

## Youth On Ramp Kick Off Event

All youth in grades 6-12, along with their friends and family, are invited to join us on Sunday, September 8th, from 3-6 PM at Lake Santee for our Youth On Ramp Kick Off Event. We will be cooking out, swimming, and more. For more information or to RSVP, [please email Jack Schiller at schilljj@yahoo.com](mailto:schilljj@yahoo.com).

## Youth Movie and Bonfire Night

Our third Youth On Ramp event for the fall will be Saturday, September 21st beginning at 6 PM at BCC. All youth in grades 6-12, along with their friends and family, are invited to join us for pizza, movies, and a bonfire with s'mores. For more information or to RSVP, [please contact Jack Schiller at schilljj@yahoo.com](mailto:schilljj@yahoo.com).



# Celebrating Celebrate Recovery

BY SHIRLEY HUNTER & LAURA COLE



Dear Friends,

Our last Batesville Celebrate Recovery meeting was held on Thursday, August 29th. This was a difficult decision, but due to the many volunteers needed and few regular attendees, we think it is best to focus our efforts in other ministries of the church. Laura and I are fortunate and extremely blessed that we've had a few people committed to attending the meetings each week. We leave feeling confident that this ministry has blessed many. Close relationships have been formed as well, and we will continue those relationships in a bible study.

We know CR has helped thousands across the U.S. in the last 20 years. For your convenience, we have a Celebrate Recovery Group directory available at

the Welcome Center desk in the church foyer. Some of these locations and are within 15 minutes of Batesville.

Yours Truly,  
Shirley Hunter  
Laura Cole

Some comments from attendees:

*"CR has given me strength knowing others are experiencing challenges in life too."*

*"I really like encouraging one another and praying together each week."*

*"I've used the tools I've learned to help guide others through daily struggles."*

## PRAYER FOR SERENITY

*God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time,  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;  
taking, as Jesus did,  
this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
trusting that You will make all things right  
if I surrender to Your will;  
so that I may be reasonable happy in this life  
and supremely happy with You forever in the  
next.  
Amen.*

Reinhold Niebuhr

# Mahoning Valley Golf Scramble

If you enjoy golfing and would love to help raise some funds for the summer camp our students attend each year, then plan on joining others from Batesville Christian Church on Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Hosted in Middletown, IN, at Tri County Golf Club, registration begins at 1:00pm and the golf shotgun start is at 2:00pm. Cost is \$50 per player and includes a meal voucher, cart, and golf. All proceeds benefit Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp.

Please email the church office at [admin@batesvillechristianchurch.org](mailto:admin@batesvillechristianchurch.org) if you would like to participate.

# Welcome Ministry Volunteers

This fall we begin another "year" in our Welcome Ministry. Volunteers serve as parking greeters, side door greeters, Welcome Center attendants, or greeters passing out bulletins during either the 8:30 or 11:00 service on one Sunday per month. We are looking for new faces to fill positions. If you are a teen or older, please consider one of these positions. It is a great place to meet fellow worshippers.

For more details or to volunteer, [contact Leacarol Bennett at lben-nett0749@gmail.com](mailto:contactLeacarolBennett@lben-nett0749@gmail.com).

# Save the Dates

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

### Youth Horseback Riding

For children in grades 6-12. \$20/person. More details can be found on page 4.

## SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

### Youth On Ramp Kick Off Event

For children in grades 6-12. More details can be found on page 4.

## SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2019

### Ladies Retreat at Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp

Early registration ends September 7th. More details on page 3.

## SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2019

### Batesville AppleFest

BCC is hosting a booth again this year. More details on page 3.

## OCTOBER 6, 2019

### Church in the Park at Liberty Park Pavilion

Our annual church service and picnic in the park. Details on page 2.

## OCTOBER 11-13, 2019:

### Family Camp at Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp

Early registration ends October 1st. See page 3 for more information.

## DECEMBER 6, 2019

### Annual Congregational Meeting

This year's congregational meeting to discuss leadership positions, review the 2020 budget, and overview 2019 expenditures and successes will be at 9:45am on Sunday, December 8, 2019. Nominations for open leadership positions are due 30 days prior to the meeting.

# International Mission Trips

## INDIA AND HAITI

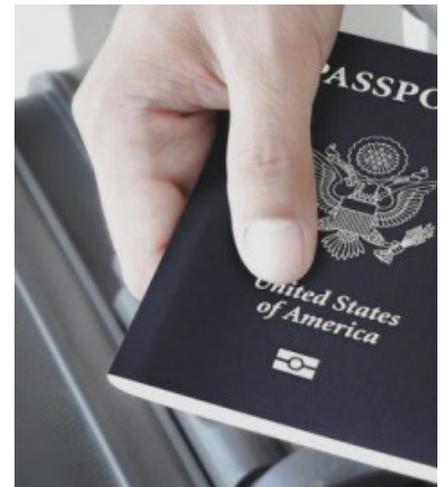
The Mission Team is in the planning stages for two international mission trips. The first trip will be to Lakeview Bible College & Seminary in India for 7-10 days during September 2020. The second trip will be to Haiti during Batesville Community School Corporation's Spring Break in March 2021.



Last month, we put out the call for people interested in participating in one or both of these mission trips. The response was robust and we thank you all for your interest! Stay tuned for details about an informational meeting for these trips. Most likely, the first one will be scheduled following second service on a Sunday in October.

In the meantime, get those passports updated and applications for new ones submitted! [For more information on getting or renewing a passport, go to USA.gov.](#) Renewals can be done via mail

whereas new passports require you to apply in person. Do not leave this until the last minute!



If you are unable to participate in one of these mission trips, there will be opportunities to support these missions from home. Coming soon will be an opportunity to contribute to a student scholarship fund for Lakeview Bible College & Seminary. We will also be conducting fundraising events to offset the travel costs for these trips.

### Your BCC

### Mission Team is:

Darren Cole, Lori Daulton, Greg Fulkerson, John LaJeunesse, Kathy Najmon, and Connie Wissel .

For more information about either of these trips, please contact Greg Fulkerson at [nc10at10@gmail.com](mailto:nc10at10@gmail.com).



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**AUGUST ATTENDANCE**

	4th	11th	18th	25th
Total Attendance	297	287	326	280
Worship	242	235	268	226
Children's Ministry	55	52	58	54

**AUGUST GIVING**

	Month	YTD	BUDGET
General	\$34,740	\$323,073	97%
Missions(10%)	\$6,130	\$40,468	110%