

FEBRUARY 2020

Glad Tidings

BATESVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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



The Love Of A King

BY BRYCE HOTCHKISS

Some called it the “Instagram heard round the world” when Prince Harry and Meghan Markle—the Duke and Duchess of Sussex—made the announcement that they were stepping back from their royal roles.

Now exactly what this means remains to be seen, but this is not the first time a royal has stepped back from his duties. In fact, the last time it happened, the King himself stepped down from the throne. Now you might wonder what would it take for a king to step down

from his throne? For King Edward VIII of England (the Uncle of the current queen, Queen Elizabeth II), it took just one woman. When Mrs. Wallis Simpson of the

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United States caught his interest, Edward was smitten and would give up everything to be with her. What a tremendous example of selfless love to reflect on during Valentine’s Day. Right?

Well, not exactly... You see, unfortunately, King Edward was quite the womanizer with a particular interest in married women. Mrs. Simpson was mar-

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Applications Due

FEB 27: Elders’ Meeting — 7 PM

Message from Bryce (CONTD)

ried at the time of their meeting, and the king was even embroiled in two other affairs with married woman at the time when he first met Mrs. Simpson — not exactly the backdrop you'd imagine for a selfless love story. Making it even more complicated was the fact that Edward was the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, which denied divorced people full communion and made it clear it would refuse to accept such a marriage. So when Edward was faced with the resignation of his entire government over the scandal, the King decided he would rather keep his mistress than his crown. On December 10, 1936, the King abdicated his throne with these words, "I, Edward the Eighth, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Emperor of India, do hereby declare My irrevocable determination to renounce the Throne for Myself and for My descendants, and My desire that effect should be given to this Instrument of Abdication immediately."

Of course, as Christians, we know the greatest example of a king who would give up his throne. We know the story of the King of the Universe who stepped down from his throne as the ultimate act of selfless, sacrificial love. Except when it comes to the story of Jesus, you will find no scandalous backstory, no infatuation-deemed-"love." Instead you will find one who loved so purely and wholly that he would give up not just his throne but his very life to be with the one he loved—his Church. The only scandal of this cosmic love story is the scandal of the cross (1 Cor. 1:23). Philippians 2:6-8 tells us just how much Jesus gave up for us, "[Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" Now that's a love story for the ages!

See you Sunday,
Bryce

Winter "Well" Retreat

BY RUTHY BOND

Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp always leaves its campers with a mission when they leave for home. Following this year's Winter "Well" Retreat (Jan. 17-19), we were tasked with letting go of all the things holding us back from God and worshipping Him — no matter what season we're in. Throughout the weekend, we had our Bibles bookmarked on Psalm 95. The psalmist could worship God because he knew God. He had encountered God, had experienced His goodness and His blessing, and responded with worship.

That is the focus of Psalm 95 and it was the message for our weekend. Each session, we sang songs like "Run To The Father", "Raise A Hallelujah", and "Build My Life". The speaker reminded us that God is so good, and everyone deserves to know Him! During small groups, we had heart-to-heart conversations about creating an intentional relationship with God, and how many different ways there

are to worship Him.

I love going to Winter "Well" Retreat for so many reasons! A huge reason is because of all the people that have created relationships with each of us. One of our leaders comes down every year from New York. He is good friends with the dean, and after his first year being a counselor at Mahoning, he kept coming back. All because he took the time to build real relationships with high schoolers!

There's something extraordinary about being in the middle of nowhere worshipping Jesus with peers who love Him too. This year, we also got to go to ZipCity and hang out there for a while. It was such a blast! I think I can speak for every one that went when I say this weekend was fun and also really encouraging.



Save the Dates

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Early Registration for SuperStart! Ends

Cost for this event for 4-6 graders increases by \$10 after this date. SuperStart! is March 6-7.

Next Steps Class

We offer our Next Steps class the first Sunday of every month during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 AM. All those interested in learning more about BCC and becoming a church member are invited to attend.

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

College Valentine Assembly

All women are invited to help assemble the packages right after the 11:00 service on Sunday, February 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Elders' Meeting

Twice each month Bryce and the Elders meet to discuss church business. Please email the Elders with any concerns you would like addressed.

FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Church Office Closed

We will re-open on Tuesday, February 18th.

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2020

CIY Believe

Believe is a high-energy weekend for students in grades 7-8. Cost is \$95, which includes registration, transportation, and lodging.

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Elders' Meeting

Please email the Elders or Bryce with any concerns you would like discussed.

Next Steps Class

If you are interested in learning more about our church, baptism, and becoming a member, we offer our Next Steps Class the first Sunday of every month during our Sunday School Hour beginning at 9:45 PM. This class is a great opportunity to meet with Bryce, ask questions, and meet others. For those interested in attending, [please notify the church office](#) by the Friday before the first Sunday of the month.



Financial Peace University

Starting Sunday, February 9th, from 9:45-10:45am Mark & Rosena Kennedy are hosting a 9-week session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. If you feel stressed or overwhelmed by money, are living paycheck to paycheck, or are worried about your financial future, then this program is for you! Over the course of 9 weekly lessons you will learn how to master budgeting, pay off debt, build

wealth, and give generously.

Contact Rosena Kennedy at 812-212-2161 for more information. You may also register for the course online at fpu.com/1112046.

Directory Update



It's that time of year when we update our church directory. *Please provide the following information by **Sunday, February 16th***

1. **A CURRENT PHOTO**—this may be a family photo, a selfie, or any recent photo that clearly shows you and each member of your household. Please email your photo to the church office at admin@batesvillechristianchurch.org.
2. **UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION** — [please click here to fill out the following form with current and accurate information for each person in your household](#). We need the current name, mailing address, email address, and phone number for each member of your household.

Printed copies of the directory will be available at the Welcome Center in the church foyer at the end of the month. Digital copies will available by request as well.

Benevolence Ministry Update

With recent changes to the members of the Benevolence Ministry Team, it seems to be a good time to share about this Ministry. The purpose of the Benevolence Ministry is to assist members and friends of Batesville Christian Church with unexpected short-term financial needs that cannot otherwise be met. Other members of the community will be directed to the Batesville Ministry Association (BAMA) per BAMA's request. Examples of needs may include, but are not limited to:

- * mortgage/rent payments,
- * utilities,
- * food,
- * medical and
- * other short-term living expenses.

Assistance provided as benevolence is intended to be a one-time gift. The funding of this Ministry is through the annual church budget and designated gifts to Benevolence.

*Bear one another's
burdens and so fulfill
the Law of
Christ.*

GALATIANS 6: 2

To start the process, a completed Benevolence Request Form should be mailed, emailed, or phoned into the church office, who will then forward the request to the Ministry. This form can be obtained from the church office or [church web site](#).

The Ministry Team may consider recommendations from anyone, but in no event

is the Ministry Team bound to honor the recommendation. An amount of time is needed to do appropriate research into the request. A Benevolence Request is approved by a simple majority vote of the Ministry team members. A designed member of the Benevolence Ministry Team will notify the applicant of its decision.



Current members of the Benevolence Ministry Team are:

Paul Ehrman (Deacon)
 Doug Haldeman (Deacon)
 Jeremy Ziegler (Deacon)
 Vern Hackworth (Elder)
 Bryce Hotchkiss (Lead Pastor)

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the church office or a member of the Benevolence Ministry Team.

Missions We Support

By the end of 2020, BCC will support two fewer mission organizations than we did at the start of 2019 due to the closure/ending of those missions. We will no longer provide support to Cincinnati Christian College and the Lower Caribbean Christian Mission (see Mission of the Month feature on next page for more details). As a result, the Mission Team is undertaking a review of our charter documents (created in 2001-2 timeframe) before considering any new missions.

Guiding the team's discussion is the question, "Should the team slightly alter its focus to permit some support to go to Christian missions that are not direct evangelism efforts or focused on education of those who will be direct evangelists?" We remain resolved to not engage any more missions than we can significantly contribute to both financially and in other ways. The vast majority of our budget and efforts will continue to be directed toward supporting evangelism around the world.

If you have an opinion on this topic please contact one of the mission team members and share your thoughts. We expect to our review during the first quarter of this year and post our written document the missions web page with links provided electronically to the congregation. Please give any feedback you may have to one of the mission team members listed below.

BCC MISSIONS TEAM

Greg Fulkerson
 Laura & Darren Cole
 Lori Daulton
 John LaJeunesse
 Kathy Najmon
 Connie Wissel

Mission: India 2020

Interested in going to India with us on a mission trip this October 1-10? Our Mission Team now has applications packets available at The Welcome Center and in the church office with more information about travel requirements, important dates, and required forms.

Completed application packets and \$100 deposit are due by February 23rd.

This year's mission trip will be to Lakeview Bible College & Seminary (LBCS) in Chennai, India. LBCS is committed to bringing the gospel, the message, and the life of Jesus Christ into the individual lives and communities of India and Asia. More information in LBCS can be found on their website, www.lakeviewbcs.com. Opportunities for service at LBCS during our Mission Trip can include anything from light physical labor to teaching on a special topic.

Additionally, mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 24th**, when we will host Peter and Cathy Ignatius of LBCS! Peter will preach at both worship services that day and provide an update to a combined adult bible class on the work of LBCS. The Mission Team will be working with Peter that weekend also to firm up plans for our mission trip to LBCS in October.

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Fulkerson at 513-518-9135 or nc10at10@gmail.com

Mission of the Month

LOWER CARIBBEAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

Missionaries Dale and Wendy Leacock have been serving the Churches of Christ/Christian Churches on the Caribbean island of Barbados for 44 years. We previ-



ously featured this mission in the August 2019 edition of *Glad Tidings* where we updated you on the success of their summer camps. They had 64 campers, which was their largest group yet, with 13 baptisms performed during the sessions.

We recently confirmed that Dale and Wendy will be retiring from the mission at the end of this calendar year. Over the summer, Dale delegated many tasks he previously performed on his own, building the strength of the local Christians who work to make summer camp and vacation bible school successful. This also allowed Dale and Wendy to take 2 weeks off-island for vacation prior to the start of the fall session of bible study classes and of the new sermon series at both congregations he leads.

As Dale winds down his mission career, he will remain active supporting the two congregations where he teaches and preaches, but he will reduce the many other activi-

ties in which he participates. This includes ending his role as Chairman of the Churches of Christ Camp Board of Directors, ending his weekly broadcast "Living Waters" on the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation Q 100.7 FM radio, and reducing his participating in leadership conferences. Arrangements are being made locally to fill the camp director role. Dale requested that his supporting churches in the US plan for halting their financial support at the end of 2020.

We ask you to please continue to pray for Dale's health — that it remains strong — and for strong local Christians to step up and continue the camp and other works Dale has fostered over his 4 decades of service. Praise be to God for His inspiration of people like Dale and Wendy who have dedicated their lives to His work!



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Children's Ministry

BY RACHEL BOND

BIBLE VERSE

In February and March we will be memorizing 1 Corinthians 13. It's a big block of Scripture, but I think the kids will do great. I have a lot of activities planned to help us learn about God's love and how we too can love others.

TABLETALK

Be sure to grab your Tabletalk and have fun together as a family diving into God's Word and spending time laughing together.

A LOOK AHEAD

We will be wrapping up our look at Jesus' life over the next few months as we lead into Easter. We will have spent nearly twelve months getting to know Jesus better and digging into the Word to learn about Jesus together.

SAFETY

Thank you for honoring our safety policies and presenting your pick-up tag every Sunday you enter our Children's Hallway. We appreciate your help in keeping the area safe.

NURSERY

Thank you to **Becky Scott** who works endless hours each quarter preparing the nursery schedule and making serving times convenient for our wonderful volunteers. We are always looking for those wanting to serve along side us who love babies, toddlers, and Jesus. If you want to join the nursery schedule email me at rbond@batesvillechristianchurch.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Be watching next month's newsletter for more information about Vacation Bible School coming in June!!

Family Dedication



On Sunday, January 19th, we had an awesome Family Dedication Sunday! The parents of 17 children committed to raising them in a Godly home with 262 attending worship to affirm our commitment as the Church to support these families in their commitment. Our sermon showed us that all of us have a responsibility in helping disciple future generations of the church. Thank you to Mark Bond and all of the families who put together such an impactful video full of parenting wisdom for us who are still raising our families. You can listen to [the sermon from Family Dedication Sunday here](#) and [watch our special video of parenting wisdom here!](#)



Welcome to The Family

BIRTHS

Congratulations to **Brittany and Jake Nuhring**, who welcomed their third child, Huck Cornelius (pictured below), on December 27, 2019.



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Doug & Sarah Obermeyer**, who were baptized by Bryce Hotchkiss on Sunday, January 12, and to **Jeff Francisco**, who was baptized by Bryce on Sunday, January 26. Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey!



College Valentines

SUBMIT NAMES & ADDRESSES

It's time to bless our BCC College Students with a Valentine package of goodies. If you have a college student who



has attended BCC, but is away due to college, please email the church office their name and address so we can include them. *The deadline to submit names and addresses is Sunday, February 2nd.*

DONATE ITEMS

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area requesting items to be donated for these packages. *All items must be brought to church by February 2nd* and placed in the tubs in the foyer. Please give gift cards directly to Debbie Mullins, Kelly Bulmer, or the church office.

ASSEMBLE PACKAGES

All women are invited to help assemble the packages right after the 11:00 service on *Sunday, February 9th* in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Thank you in advance for helping us show love to our college students while they are away from home and BCC!

Youth & Discipleship Ministry

Fun at Perfect North

On Sunday, January 5th, a group of 20 hit the slopes together at Perfect North. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and fun with our young people!



Middle School Girls' D-Group Begins 02/09

Once again, Rachel Bond and Jennifer Black are co-leading our Middle School Girls' D-Group, which meets once per month. We hope your daughter(s) can join us as we kick off our Spring Semester! Mark your calendars for the following Sundays when we meet following 2nd Service: February 9, March 15, April 19, May 17. Lunch is provided! We will continue our journey through *You Were Made to Make a Difference*, by Max Lucado and Jenna Lucado Bishop. We are looking forward to this semester. Don't hesitate to call or text Rachel Bond (812-717-1276) or Jennifer Black (765-792-0284) with any questions!

SuperStart!

This year's SuperStart! theme for preteens in grades 4-6 is "Game Changer" and it takes place at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY, on March 6-7, 2020. Throughout SuperStart!, kids will encounter Christ through worship, interactive teaching and small groups — all of which are designed with their unique needs and maturity in mind. The cost is \$85 if you register your child by February 2, 2020. The cost includes registration, transportation, and lodging. Registration packets are available at the church office.

CIY Believe

Believe is a high-energy weekend event for students in grades 7-8. Believe takes place on February 21-22, 2020 at BB&T Arena in Cincinnati. The cost is \$95, which includes registration, transportation, and lodging. Registration packets are available at the church office.

Winter Jam

Christian music's largest annual tour is coming to Cincinnati on March 14, 2020. Featured artists include Riley Clemmons, Andy Mineo, Passion, and Crowder. To find out more information, go to the Winter Jam website here: <https://2020.jamtour.com/about/faq>



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 Email the church office and let us know at
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JANUARY ATTENDANCE				
	5th	12th	19th	26th
Total Attendance	287	295	262	294
Worship	222	219	262	247
Children's Ministry	47	64	70	52

JANAUARY GIVING			
	Month	YTD	BUDGET
General	\$34,225	\$34,225	93%
Missions(10%)	\$6,040	\$6,040	93%