



**Bondurant Christian Church**

# **The Messenger**

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**February 2024**

**Est. 1885**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**@ 10 am**

### **February 4**

Scripture: Acts 2:42; Matthew 6:5-13  
Sermon: "Back to Basics - Prayer"

### **February 11**

Scripture: Matthew 6:2-4  
Sermon: "Back to Basics - Giving"

### **February 14 (Ash Wednesday) 6:45pm**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

### **February 18**

Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18  
Sermon: "Back to Basics - Fasting"

### **February 25**

Scripture: Mark 8:34-38  
Sermon: "Follow Me"

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# **Ash Wednesday Service**

*February 14*

Dinner served at 6pm  
Service following at 6:45

**Come, we're saving a  
seat for you!**

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# MEETINGS THIS MONTH

## BOARD MEETING

February 12 @ 6:30 pm

Please send your board reports to the church office by February 5th.

Bondurant Christian members are welcome to attend meetings. If you have an item to put on the agenda, please submit it to Tammy Davis one week prior to the meeting.

BCC members are welcome to attend the Monthly board meetings.

## WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

NO February Meeting

## MEMBERSHIP TEAM

February 11 @ 11am



# SERVING FROM THE HEART

## SERVING IN FEBRUARY

### ELDERS

Teri Bishop

Tim Hewlett

### DIACONATES

Ted Bishop

Max Engelbrecht

Brock Carver

Josh McLean

### STEWARDSHIP

Carl Sprague

Tim McLean

### AUDIO VISUAL

Brian Collins

Kaylee & Royal Collins

### ACOLYTE

Sammy Carver

### GREETERS

Feb 4 - Kristy & Kane Van Der Molen

Feb 11 - Carver Family

Feb 18 - Carver Family

Feb 25 - Carver Family

### NURSERY

Feb 4 - Needed

Feb 11 - Kristy Van Der Molen

Feb 18 - Needed

Feb 25 - Needed

Show me your hands.

Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet.

Are they *wounded* in service? Show me your

heart. Have you left a place for divine *love*?



FULTON SHEEN



- 2 Kala McMain
- 4 Kelly Currant
- 8 Brody Gipple
- 8 Linda McCullough
- 11 Beverly Sprague
- 14 Matthew Frakes-  
Hooper
- 14 Christian Hooper
- 16 Pam Greene
- 18 Mariya Newcomb
- 20 Collin Shawler
- 23 Jake Ham
- 24 Emma Horton
- 26 Carrie Harvey
- 27 Rylee McMain
- 28 Tim Hewlett

## Funny For Ya!



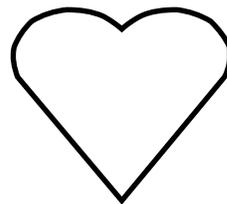
When Valentine's Day falls on  
Ash Wednesday



No anniversaries this month

**LOVE TO**

**Everyone!**





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# Valentine's Day Date night

FEBRUARY 10TH 6-9PM

FOOD  
GAMES  
CRAFTS  
MOVIES

PREK-5TH GRADE  
\$15/CHILD  
\$5/EACH ADD' CHILD  
IN SAME FAMILY  
PRE REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED

BONDURANT CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
515-967-2328



REGISTER YOUR CHILD HERE!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FA9A82DA5FA7-47202864-valentines>

# FUN FOR COLD WINTER NIGHTS

## THOUGHTS

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says Yahweh, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11

Find the word THOUGHTS (15) throughout the puzzle. Words are placed horizontally, vertically, and both diagonally, both forward and backward. Find and circle.

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# MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

## Thank You!

As you may know by now, BCC Cares dollars have been hard at work. We recently learned of a single mom with a 4-year old child who was out of work (and had been searching for quite a while). She was really struggling. Her unemployment was running out at the end of last week and food stamps at the end of the month. Scary times for this young mom. We reached out to her through her mom to see if our church family could help her. She gratefully accepted. BCC Cares paid for her January apartment rent and daycare expenses for one week. She received excellent news January 15<sup>th</sup> that she was hired for a position she had been seeking and could start two days later. A huge burden was lifted and prayers answered.

**We can still help!** She won't receive her first paycheck for three weeks so still needs help. With food stamps running out at the end of the month, the Missions Team is asking anyone who is interested to purchase Fareway gift cards for groceries and/or Casey's gift cards for gas. You may drop them off in the church office to Pam during office hours or put in an envelope marked "needy family" and place in the offering plate. Stewardship volunteers will set them aside so Pam will find on Monday morning. She will make sure they are received by the needy family. At this writing, one \$100 gift card to Fareway and 3 gift cards to Casey's totaling \$65 have been received. THANK YOU!!! If this is in your budget to help, it will be appreciated.

Thanks so much for your continued support of BCC Cares. The goodness it provides for struggling families is immeasurable.

Cindy Tendall, Chair  
Missions Team

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

The family of Marlene Valentine; Andrea Fiscus, cousin of Jayne Higginbottom; The family of Skip Lenhart; The family of Leon Von Stein; DL Henderson; Judy Wegele, Michelle Scheel; Margaret Kunze; Sandy Fry, sister-in-law of Judy Wegele; Marianne Barrett; Lynette Hubler; Cait, Emilee William's friend; Gerry Lindgren, friend of the Bishop's; Laura McCullough, Linda's daughter-in-law; John Everly; Deb, friend of Judi Webb; Dakota Barrett.



**PRAYER CHAIN** Bondurant Christian Church has an active prayer chain as a means for those with an immediate or pressing concern to connect with fellow Christians in corporate prayer. This is a group of people devoted to praying for the concerns of the BCC church family and to give praise to the Lord for answered prayers. If you have a prayer need you would like sent to the BCC prayer chain, please contact Pam at the church office. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Pam at the church office, 515-967-2328 or email her @ [bondurantcc@gmail.com](mailto:bondurantcc@gmail.com)



## Special Offering on February 18 & 25, 2024

The 2024 focus for Week of Compassion is “GIFTS TO LIVE ON”. Following is a small sampling of our dollars at work. Supporting this mission are dollars well spent.

### ***GIFTS TO LIVE ON ... Girls' Education in Afghanistan***

In present day, young women are now barred from education past the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In a region historically familiar with the struggle for equity and liberation following decades of violence, generation after generation of Shia Muslims have been targeted, their basic human rights drastically restricted. Some schools that still meet are established and maintained by partners of Week of Compassion.

Week of Compassion's work rests in core values of accompaniment, community and integrity, not only when it flows easily, but in times of crisis. Along side global partners, Week of Compassion is expanding education for girls, bringing GIFTS TO LIVE ON in rural Afghanistan, communities that are marginalized and vastly underserved.

### ***GIFTS TO LIVE ON ... Women's Clinics in South Sudan***

South Sudan is a new country with major conflicts since it became its own nation in 2011. One of the side effects of the ongoing conflict is the impact on health systems, particularly for women and girls, who are especially vulnerable given the limited healthcare in the country. Providing such care is hard, and many women have to walk for miles to reach a health clinic. Week of Compassion supports a medical clinic in Juba because of the deep impact it has on the lives of patients who are ultimately victims of poor maternal health services.

### ***GIFTS TO LIVE ON ... Strawberries & Bicycles: How One Community Welcomes Refugees***

A car full of strawberries and a classroom full of clothes; applause for asking questions and quick thumbed typing into Google Translate; well-coordinated schedules and unexpected on-call moments ... Local congregations involved in refugee response moments know all of these challenges, rejoice in every success, and have countless stories to tell. This is the story of how two churches (First Baptist Church of Ashland, VA and Ashland Christian Church – Disciples of Christ) worked along side Reestablish Richmond, a local assistance agency, as volunteers went through needed training to help arriving Afghan refugees. They wanted them to feel welcome and have the help they needed. Volunteers are quick to point out that language skills aren't a requirement. With good humor, lots of gestures, and a phone open to Google Translate, they've found that lacking a common language doesn't have to be an actual barrier.

With an ongoing influx of refugees from recent crises, as well as families who have been in the re-settlement process for years, congregations have stepped up in many ways. Week of Compassion's "Immigrant and Refugee Response" helps experienced Disciples continue their ministry, and those new to the response find ways to get started.

### ***GIFTS TO LIVE ON ... Caring for Children After the Maui Fires***

With at least 2200 structures destroyed (85% residential), it will be years before rebuilding will be complete. Week of Compassion partnered with "Children's Disaster Services" offering a compassionate response and care focused on children, as parents navigated the first days of reaction and recovery.



After coming back from what felt like an extended Winter Break, we are picking up the pace already for our 2024/25 year. Preschool Registration is now open and thriving! If we could accept every registration we would! However, the Department of Human Services decides how many preschoolers will fit in our classrooms and we fill those spaces quickly. If you registered your child and are placed on a waiting list, know that our rosters tend to change after the public school announces theirs.

Our preschoolers came back after our break to a fun surprise in their classrooms! The four/five year olds started the school year with a health clinic, a vet clinic, and a home office as their dramatic play centers and the three year olds started the school year with a home center and a grocery store as their dramatic play centers. The teachers and I kept a little secret about them and over break we traded those centers between classrooms. This was such a fun way to refresh their classroom spaces as well as provide the opportunity for the teachers to rearrange and sanitize their supplies. We also came back from break to beautiful new flooring in the four year old classroom! We are so grateful to the church for providing this much needed update to our classroom.

We will also be squeezing in outdoor playtime as the weather permits. I fully understand how cumbersome it can be to send snow gear back and forth with your preschooler. Our playground is completely shaded for majority of our day. While this is great for us during the warmer months, the winter months are FRIGID as it is shaded and windy. We try to do our best and catch the weather at just the right time so we can get some fresh air so we do appreciate you sending their gear.

If you are interested in providing supplies for our Valentine's Day Party with Mom, I will be posting the link on our Parents Facebook Page as well as an email. For those who are able, we are always in need of new snacks and also 100% apple juice! (Pretzels, crackers, dry cereals, etc)

We truly appreciate it ALL!

**Amy Baker, Preschool Director**





# February 2024

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                 | Sat   |
|---|---|--|--|--|---------------------|---|
|   |   |  |  | 1<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool  | 2<br>Office Closed  | 3   |
| 4<br>10 am Worship<br>5 pm CYF  | 5<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool<br><br><b>Board Reports Due</b>   | 6<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool                                  | 7<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool  | 8<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool  | 9<br>Office Closed  | 10<br><b>Valentine Date<br/>Night Event<br/>FH Reserved</b> |
| 11<br>8 am CMF<br>10 am Worship<br>11 am Coffee &<br>Fellowship<br>CWF Bake Sale<br><br>5 pm CYF<br>5pm Kidsventure | 12<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool<br><br><b>6:30 pm Board mtg.</b> | 13<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool                                 | 14<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool<br><br><b>6 pm Ash Wed.<br/>Supper<br/>6:45 pm Ash Wed.<br/>Service</b> | 15<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool<br><br><b>Valentine's w/<br/>mommy<br/>FH reserved</b><br><hr/> <b>Messenger<br/>Articles Due</b> | 16<br>Office Closed | 17  |
| 18<br><b>Food Pantry</b><br>10 am Worship<br>Adult Choir<br><br>5 pm CYF  | 19<br>9am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool                                   | 20<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool<br><br><b>Endowment Mtg 7pm</b> | 21<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool   | 22<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool   | 23<br>Office Closed | 24  |
| 25<br>10 am Worship<br><br>5 pm CYF   | 26<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool                                  | 27<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool                                 | 28<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool   | 29<br>9 am & 12:30 pm<br>Preschool   |                     |   |

***Important dates in MARCH  
to mark on your calendar!***

***Palm Sunday  
March 24th***

***Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service  
March 28th***

***Easter Sunday  
March 31st***

***Be watching for  
more information as the  
time approaches***

# CONNECT

With God & People

## CONNECT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our ministries allow us to connect with each other, share our faith, become more like Jesus, and serve others.

- Sunday Worship @ 10 am  
Activities that meet September - May
- Nursery available Sunday am, infant - 4 yr. old
- CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship)  
Meets Sunday @ 5:00 pm
- Kidsventure (grades 3rd-5th)  
Meets 2nd Sunday @ 5:00 pm
- Praise Band
- Adult Choir (practice 2nd Wednesday)
- CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship )  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 8 am
- CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 11:15 am
- Coffee Fellowships (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Worship)  
*Check our website & calendar for up-to-date events and times.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

**It is the mission of the Bondurant Christian Church (BCC), under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and as witness of the whole church, to be dedicated to the worship of God, the proclamation of the gospel, the nurturing of spiritual growth, Christian service within the community, and a witness of the love of Christ in the world.**

# Tithes & Offerings

LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD THROUGH GIVING!

Bondurant Christian Church is thankful for your tithes and offerings given to support the ministries of the church. There are several ways you can give. There is an offering plate located at the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations, you can mail your donations in, or the Stewardship team has also made available the following two different options to give online so you can contribute easily and safely.

# Givelify



**Download** the Givelify app and **search** for Bondurant Christian Church then **enter** your credit card information and **push "Give."**

## BCC has a Venmo

account through which you can give your donations. The church does not get charged a credit card fee to use this option, so 100% of your giving goes to the church. Just scan the code into your phone & make your donation!



**venmo**

Scan QR code for payment

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## **Sunday Schedule**

Worship Service - 10 am

Handicapped facilities are also available.

## **Church Staff**

Merri Cory, Pianist & Choir Director

Pam Smith, Administrative Assistant

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Amy Baker, Preschool Director

Email: [bondurantps@gmail.com](mailto:bondurantps@gmail.com)

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of *The Messenger* is March 21.**

**Please submit all articles by email or in writing.**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES**

Help us keep the church office and our flock lists up-to-date with your contact information.

Please call the church office @ 515-967-2328, or email us @ [bondurantcc@gmail.com](mailto:bondurantcc@gmail.com)

if you have moved, no longer have a landline, or have adult children who have their own addresses.

### **HIPAA LAW**



Under the regulations of the HIPAA LAW, hospitals are unable to release any patient information. This includes an elder contacting the hospital to see if someone has been admitted to the hospital.

If you or a family member are taken to the hospital and would like church care, please contact the church office immediately at 515-967-2328, so care can be provided.