THE MESSENGER
Bondurant Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Established 1885

MISSION STATEMENT...to be witnesses of the love of Christ in the world.

WORSHIP WITH US
Sunday at 10:00 am

February 1
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111:1
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-38

February 8
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 40:20-21; Psalm 147:11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 9:29-39

February 15
Transfiguration Sunday
2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 9:2-9

February 22
First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

VALENTINE FOOD & BAKE SALE
The Christian Women’s Fellowship is sponsoring a Valentine’s Food & Bake Sale following the worship service on February 8th. The proceeds from the Food & Bake sale will go towards our youth ministry and to support other ministries at Bondurant Christian Church.

All contributions of cookies, cakes, pies, rolls, and even small casseroles in disposable containers (individual or regular size), are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Robin McNichols at 957-8216.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

I am always amazed at how our church brings a diversity of people together, who would otherwise have very little in common. An 80-year-old widow; a traditional family with 3 kids; a single mom raising a family on her own; empty nesters; young couples “before kids;” teens who just want a place to belong; in all aspects why would all these people gather under one roof? All are at different stages in life. And yet people just like this come to worship each and every week. I’m always amazed at how church brings together both the saints and sinners of our world; people of different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds; who otherwise have very little in common.

There is so much in the world that seeks to grab our attention and focus, whether it’s a sporting or social event, a TV show or movie to see, or even a fear driven news story, or even “the sale of the century”…but church not only brings us together, it focuses our attention and hearts upwards to God in praise and prayer. The world is after our short-term attention and wallets; but God and church seeks out our hearts and our entire beings. What a difference!

And when we are gathered together and worship God, we find life-giving power when with one mighty voice we proclaim, “Praise GOD from whom all blessings flow!” or pray the sacred words together, “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name…” That is something I want to be a part of because it fills my spiritual cup. I hope you will consider renewing your commitment to growing in your Christian walk this year at Bondurant Christian Church, and look at the gifts God has given you and say, “God, where and how do You want to use me this year?” Thanks for being the awesome church you are! I can’t help but think of Ephesians 3:20-21, “Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”

HIPAA LAW
Under the regulations of the HIPAA LAW, hospitals are unable to release any patient information. This includes a pastor 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 pastoral care, please contact the church office immediately at 967-2328, so care can be provided.
FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES
Our ministries allow us to connect to each other, share our faith, become more like Jesus, and serve others.

- Sunday Worship
- Church School (September-April)
- Children's Church Ministry
- Nursery
- Puppet Ministry
- CYF meetings
- Monthly Sunday Socials (Sept.-May)
- Monthly Fellowship Coffee’s
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- Men's Ministry (CMF)
- Women's Ministry (CWF)
- Weekday Preschool Ministry

JOIN THE CONGREGATION
Anyone who considers Bondurant Christian Church to be his or her primary place of worship is invited to make a profession of faith and join the congregation at Bondurant Christian Church. Please contact the church at 967-2328 for further information.

The Elders take communion once each month to those who are homebound, in nursing homes or hospitalized. If you are not receiving communion or know of someone who would like communion brought to them, please contact Elder Chair Marsha Marlow, at 967-2866.

JANUARY OFFERINGS

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The Worship Committee is providing beef burgers and requesting donations of hamburger buns, side dishes and desserts.

Dear BCC Family,

THANK YOU so much for the Christmas gift gathered during December. It was a tangible reminder of how Christmas is a season of giving and blessing. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

With much gratitude,
Pastor Jason

SUNDAY SOCIAL!
Stay connected at BCC by joining us February 8th at 5:30 pm for dinner, which is provided. We will then break off into age designated groups. We have classes for nursery up through adults. We will conclude our evening together for closing prayer.

Our focus will continue on a different fruit of the spirit. So, come grow with us!

Church School 9:00 am

February 1
Preschool: Julie McAnally
“Jesus Can Do Anything”
Elementary: Christie Jensen
“Following Jesus Is the Best Thing We Can Do”

February 8 & 15
Preschool: Shannon Welch
“Jesus Can Do Anything”
“We Can Help Others follow Jesus”
Elementary: Erin McDowell
“Jesus Wants Everyone to Follow Him”
“We Can Help Others Believe In God”

February 22
Preschool: Julie McAnally
“We Can Help Others By Forgiving Them”
Elementary: Christie Jensen
“God Wants Us To Love Our Enemies”

Adults: Pastor Jason Grow
February 1 “Decently and in Order”
February 8 “Reformed or Reforming”

Children’s Church
Meets on Sunday’s during worship when F.R.O.G.S. do not sing.
February 1st, 15th, & 22nd
Clos family
NEED A GREAT PLACE TO HOLD YOUR EVENT?
Bondurant Christian Church’s Fellowship Hall is a great place to rent for anniversary and birthday parties. It is spacious enough to hold family events, and has easy access to the kitchen and restrooms. We have tables and chairs for over 120. Everything is handicap accessible. Call the church office for availability and rental costs.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
The adult Bible study fellowship meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. All are invited to join us as we study God’s Word together and fellowship with one another.

BOARD & TEAM REPORTS
Please send your board and team reports for the upcoming Board meeting to the church office by Monday, February 16th.

Fellowship Coffee & Bake Sale
February 8th
Plan to meet and encourage one another during our Fellowship Coffee & Bake Sale following worship.

BOARD MEETING
February 23
7:00 pm
All BCC members are welcome to attend Board meetings. Please submit discussion items to Board Chair Tammy Davis one week prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or comments, they may be directed to any board member.

DMARC FOOD PANTRY
February 22
Help fill our cart with non-perishable food items. Items most needed are…
- 100% juice
- canned fruit
- canned vegetables (no salt added)
- beans (dry or canned in water)
- peanut butter
- canned meat
- whole-grain dry pasta or egg noodles
- rice
- vegetable soup (low-sodium)
- spaghetti sauce
- cereal (instant or regular oatmeal with no sugar added)
- UHT milk (in aseptic packaging, no canned milk), Infant/baby formula
- diapers and baby wipes
- personal products
- fresh whole grain bread items

For a more updated list go to: https://www.dmarcunited.org/moveTheFood/most-needed-items/

Thank you for the 64 items donated this month. The Mission/Outreach Team.

DIAPER DRIVE
Mission/Outreach Team: We would like your help with donations for a DMARC diaper drive for the month of February. So please bring all sizes of baby and toddler disposable diapers to be sent to DMARC.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Mary Lou Lathrum, Bill Walling, Carson Baer, Carol Simpson’s mother, B-F teacher dealing with cancer - Mr. Wooters

PRAYER BOOK AND CARDS
Please write your prayer requests in the prayer book at the back of the sanctuary. There are also prayer cards available to share your prayer concerns and requests. If you would like them addressed, please place them in the offering plate.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS
If you would like to be included on the prayer chain or request someone to be added to the list for prayer, please contact Tamara Schopf at the church at 967-2328, Pat Haning, 967-2497, Mary Lou Lathrum, 967-4638, or email us at bondurantcc@gmail.com.

In an effort to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. At that time, they will be removed unless you have called the office to ask that a name remain on the list and provide an update on the person’s well-being.
I’d Like to Help . . . Enclosed is a check for $40.00 to help cover the postage and/or printing for The Messenger. Please place this form with your check in the offering plate or mail to:

Bondurant Christian Church
304 Grant Street South
Bondurant, IA 50035

Name_______________________________________________________

THE MESSSENGER ARTICLE

Articles for the BCC Messenger are due February 16th. If you have a scheduled activity, announcement, or information to put in the upcoming newsletter, please email your article to bondurantcc@gmail.com or submit your article in writing to the church at jasongrow@msn.com.

USE OF CHURCH EQUIPMENT

As a service to our members and regular attendees, the Trustees have made various church equipment available for use. Use of equipment is first-come first-served.

To use church equipment:
1) Please check with the church office for availability of items.
2) Fill out the Church Equipment Use form.
3) Have either a Board or Trustee Chair authorize the form and return it to the church office.

This will enable the trustees to keep track of items more effectively. Forms are available in the kitchen, on the south entrance table, and at the back of the Sanctuary.

GES CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rosie Scheel & Jeremy Stevens on the birth of their daughter Sylvia Dawn Stevens. She was born January 8th at 3:22 am, and weighed 7 lbs and was 20 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to grandparents Kevin & Michelle Scheel.

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Visit our website for more information:
http://www.weekofcompassion.org/mission/

Stay connected to BCC with all the latest happenings!
February begins with preschoolers showing their love to their dad or special friend on our annual Dad’s Day Out, February 4th. They will show them around their classroom, play great games together, and share a special snack. They will also be working on all of the fun involved with Valentine’s Day! We will be crafting hearts and more hearts. The preschoolers always get excited about exchanging Valentines to show how much they care about each other. In February, we will also have a special visit from the dentist for Dental Health Month.

It is that time of the year when we are starting our annual registration at the Bondurant Christian Church Preschool. If you or any one you know is interested in learning more about Bondurant Christian Preschool for the 2015-2016 school year, please give us a call at 967-2328. Thank you!

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

If B-F schools close on Wednesday, F.R.O.G.S will be cancelled.

If there is inclement weather on Sunday, please check with WHO 13 or KCCI 8 to see if services will be held.