



Bondurant Christian Church
The Messenger
(Disciples of Christ)

November 2025
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SUNDAY WORSHIP



October

November 2 - Pastor Jayme

November 9 - Pastor Jayme

November 16 - Pastor Jayme / Adult Choir

November 23 - Pastor Jayme

November 30 - Pastor Jayme

Services are on-line @

Sermon.net

[https://bondurantchristianchurchsermonnet.sermon.net/
main](https://bondurantchristianchurchsermonnet.sermon.net/main)

or on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/BondurantChristianChurch>

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Bondu Spooktacular 2025
BCC & Community



**Spread
The
Love**



A Letter from Pastor Jayme



This past month, we've been talking about *courage* — *not the kind that roars or postures, but the kind that moves faithfully into what God is calling us to do next. We've followed Zacchaeus as he climbed down from hiding, Joshua as he stepped up to lead, Daniel as he knelt to pray, and Solomon as he rose to build. And over and over, we've heard that same heartbeat of Scripture:*

“Be strong and courageous, and do it.”

Courage is not the absence of fear — it's faith in motion. It's believing that God's presence is greater than our uncertainty. And this month, church, *you've done just that.*

You've been courageous.

On October 18th, Bondurant Christian Church hosted a table at the **Bondu-Spooktacular** — something we've never done before. You handed out candy, pressed temporary tattoos onto tiny arms, laughed with families, and shared smiles and invitations with hundreds of people in our community. You didn't just show up; you *showed courage. You stepped out from behind the safety of the sanctuary walls and met people where they are — in their costumes, on their streets, in their joy.*

And we're not stopping there. On **October 29th**, we'll once again meet our community **right outside our church building** for the **Business Safe Trick-or-Treat** event. We'll set up outside, hand out candy, and welcome families — sharing warmth, laughter, and a reminder that God's love lives not only inside these walls, but out on the streets of Bondurant, too. These aren't small things. These are courageous steps of hospitality and hope — and each one is a stone in the house God is building through us.

But courage hasn't just been collective — it's been personal, too.

This month, one of our own members, Kristy Van Der Molen, stepped forward with holy boldness to ask a beautiful question:

“What can we do to minister to women and families who have experienced infertility, infant loss, and miscarriage?”

That's what courageous prayer looks like — asking God to turn pain into purpose, grief into grace, and compassion into community. Kristy's leadership reminds us that courage doesn't always stand on a stage; sometimes it begins with one person's willingness to say, *“God, use me.”*

Church, these are not isolated events — they are the signs of a congregation rediscovering its heart. The Spirit is moving. God is stretching us, calling us beyond comfort and into calling, beyond maintenance and into mission.

As we move toward our annual meeting in November, I want us to keep asking the question:

Where is God calling me to be strong and courageous — and do it?

Because the courage to build the church is not just for leaders or committees; it's for *each one of us. Every gift matters. Every person is needed. Every act of courage builds the house of God in our midst.*

This is who we are becoming — a courageous church, alive in faith, willing to risk for the sake of love, and bold enough to believe that God will use us to bless Bondurant.

So be strong and courageous, church — and do it. God is with us. And God is not finished building yet.

Blessings, Pastor Jayme Harvey

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

3rd Annual

CHILI COOK OFF

NOVEMBER 9TH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE

To enter, sign the clipboard on the back table, or you can email Jamie at horton523@gmail.com. Entrance fee is \$10, due the day of the fundraiser.

DON'T WANT TO ENTER? COME ANYWAY!

For a free-will offering, you will be able to sample all of the entries, sit down to enjoy lunch, and receive ONE ticket to vote for your FAVORITE OVERALL!

COME FOR THE CHILI
STAY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

Money raised will go towards the CYF 2027 mission trip.



MEETINGS THIS MONTH

BOARD MEETING

November 13th @ 6:30 pm

Please send your **board reports to the church office by November 6th.**

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.



**SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER AT 5:00
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**“Thank you for
the world so sweet,
thank you for the food
we eat. Thank you for
the birds that sing.
Thank you God for
everything.”**

CHILD'S BLESSING



SERVING IN OCTOBER

ELDERS

Robin McNichols
Gomattie Hewlett

DIACONATES

Carrie Harvey, John Alshouse
Jackson Harvey, Shari Osier

STEWARDSHIP

Jay Harvey
Shari Osier

AUDIO VISUAL

JV - Rotation

ACOLYTE

Joe Harvey

GREETERS

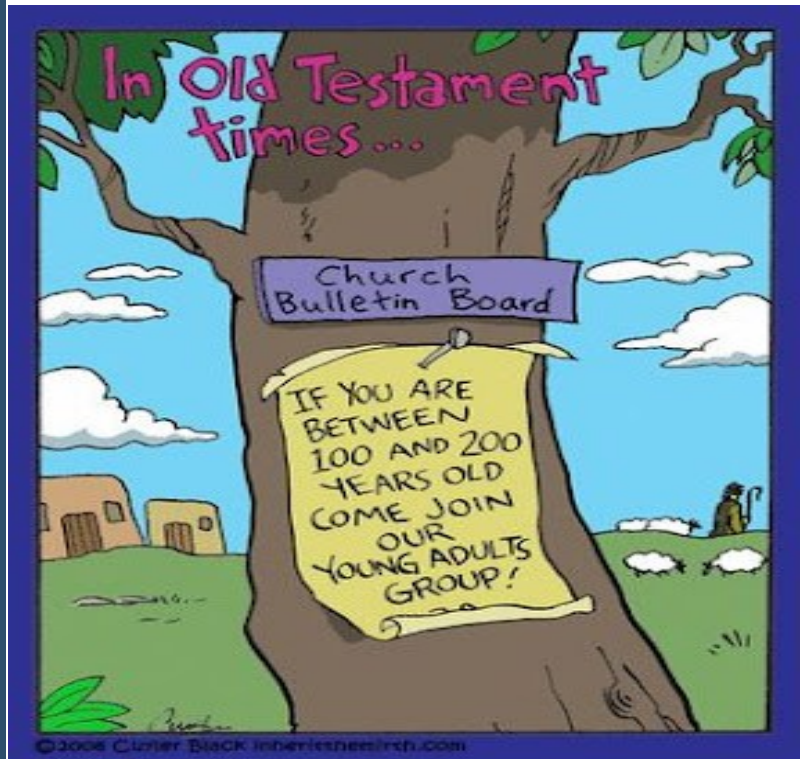
Nov. 2 - Jay/Carrie Havey & Family
Nov. 9 - Jay/Carrie Havey & Family
Nov. 16 - Jay/Carrie Havey & Family
Nov. 23 - Jay/Carrie Havey & Family
Nov. 30 - Kristy & Kane Van Der Molen





2 Kari Gipple
 4 Shirley Miller
 4 Daniel Way
 5 Kylie Valentine
 7 Bella Clos
 9 MarLavonne Butler
 10 Megan Dare
 10 Gennie Holmes
 11 Sophia Brooks
 11 Brian Collins
 11 Steve Hubler
 11 Ronni Williams
 14 Jasa Clos
 14 Autumn Scheel
 15 Caraline Davidson
 18 Sammy Carver
 18 Jakob Friedmeyer
 18 Emilee Williams
 19 Layla Ann Lesan
 20 Scott Davidson
 20 Marsha Marlow
 21 Jayne Higginbottom
 21 Logan Kline
 25 Beth Walling
 28 Missy Bycroft

Funny For Ya!



6 Lane & Kristy Van Der Molen
 16 Daniel & Kendall Way
 22 John & Beth Walling
 23 Randy & Sue McMain

What's Happening at BCC!

Advent Book Study

featuring

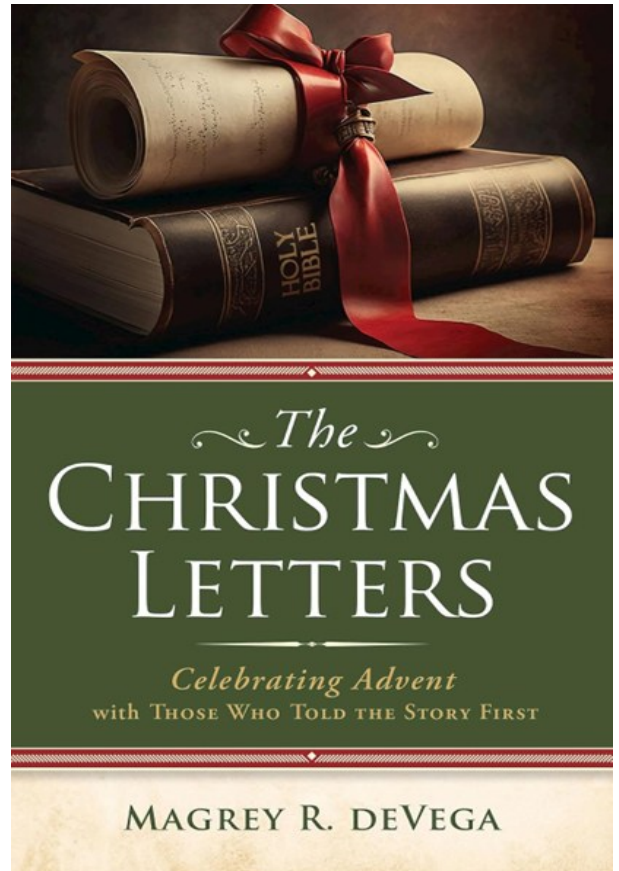
The Christmas Letters

Teri Bishop will be leading a 4 week study each Sunday morning beginning **Sunday, November 30th thru Sunday December 21st at 8:45 a.m.**

Book cost is \$13

If you'd like to make a donation toward the cost of the book, please indicate that for the Treasurer, however it is not required.

Sign up if you plan on attending



**Sunday,
November 17th at 11:00**

All members of Bondurant Christian Church
are invited to attend the **2025 Annual Meeting.**

Come hear reports of the work that has been done this past year and be able to join in to celebrate and discuss the wonderful goals and missions our church has planned in the future!

GARAGE SALE



The CYF and KidVenture youth will be holding a Garage Sale Fundraiser on

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 2026
AND THEY NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

ITEMS ACCEPTED

All items must be in GENTLY USED condition

- Newborn - 4T clothing
- Baby items: pack-n-plays, strollers, swings, bouncers, etc.
- Baby/kid toys: not broken, no missing pieces
- Books, DVD's, CD's
- Games: board, card & outdoor/yard
- Puzzles: no pieces missing
- Bicycles, scooters, etc.
- Sports equipment: still in good shape
- Bondurant-Farrar Items: blankets, hats, clothes, etc. (all sizes accepted)
- Iowa/ISU/UNI & other college items
- Bedsheets: whole sets, gently used
- Blankets/quilts: gently used
- Towels: gently used
- Household items: not outdated
- Kitchen items: not outdated
- Small appliances: in working condition
- Furniture: in good condition
- Camping gear
- 4th of July decorations
- Working electronics - No TV's or computers/monitors

You may drop items off during normal office hours, Monday thru Thursday from 8:30am to 3:00pm, or you may contact Jamie at 515-689-0841 or Carrie at 515-250-7742 to set up another time.

For large furniture items, drop off will only be accepted May 3rd thru May 8th. All items can be placed in the tubs in the fellowship hall.

All proceeds from the sale of your donations will go toward the 2027 CYF Mission Trip. We appreciate the support of our youth!!

November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10 am Worship 11 am Worship & Membership Team Mtgs 5 pm CYF	3 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool Board meeting reports due	4 Election Day No Preschool 	5 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	6 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	7 Office Closed	8
9 8 am CMF 10 am Worship 5 pm CYF & KidVenture	10 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool 6:30 pm Board Mtg.	11 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	12 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	13 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	14 Office Closed	15
16 <u>Food Pantry Sunday</u> 10 am Worship Adult Choir NO CWF Mtg. 11am - Annual Congregational Meeting	17 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	18 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	19 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool Messenger Articles Due	20 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	21 Office Closed Girls Scouts FH 5-10pm	22
23 8:35 am am CWF 10 am Worship 11 am Hanging of the Greens 5 pm CYF	24 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool Preschool Thanksgiving - FH	25 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	26 No Preschool	27 Office Closed No Preschool 	28 Office Closed	29 FH Rsvd 8am to 4pm
30 8:45 am Advent Study 10 am Worship						

Mission Moment

Christmas for Hope Ministries Children

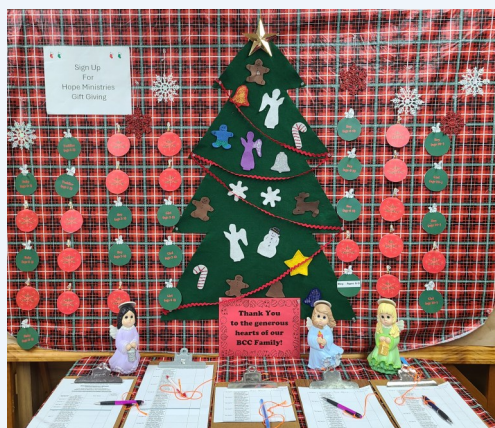
October 19th was an exciting day at BCC! The Missions Team kicked off Christmas for the Hope Ministries children. With their new facility, Hope Ministries Center for Women & Children is able to now house 100 women and children instead of the 30 in past years. Leslie Green, our contact, has asked us to shop for 35 children ranging in age from newborn to age 10+. Now that they have extra space, the need to accept more women and children is there and the numbers are growing. I am excited to report, that all 35 children are chosen! To everyone who has chosen a child/children for this wonderful Christmas project, THANK YOU!!! Because of your kindness and generosity, children currently residing at Hope Ministries will have special presents to open Christmas morning.

Because there were so many details shared on Sunday, October 19th, following are some important items to note as you shop:

All gifts, stocking stuffers and giftwrap/bows/gift bags are due back to church no later than Sunday, November 16th, as the Missions Team will deliver them to Hope Ministries November 17th.

- **How much to spend?** Ultimately, it is up to you to decide. However, Hope Ministries is suggesting \$20-\$30 per child for their Christmas gift(s). They suggest one to two gifts.
- **IMPORTANT! ... Be sure to “staple” the ornament to the outside of the bag** containing the gift(s) when you bring to church. This will be most helpful to Hope Ministries as well as the Missions Team as we are checking off gifts that have been returned to the church.
- **Also be sure to sign off on the sign-up sheets when your gift(s) have been purchased/returned to church so we know what has been returned.**
- Do not wrap gifts as moms will choose what their kids will receive and personally wrap them closer to Christmas.
- Do not choose gifts that are violent in nature or have weapons. Many children have come from a violent experience, and Hope Ministries wants to only expose them to positive experiences as they help them heal.
- In the past, we have placed gifts in Christmas gift bags. It's not necessary to do so this year; but if you do, the gift bag will be used and appreciated.

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Mission Moment

A very thoughtful church member has graciously purchased 35 Christmas stockings for the children. Thank you!!! They were a big hit last year, so we are doing it again this year. So exciting!!! Now we need stocking stuffers!!! Stocking stuffers can be very inexpensive items purchased at the Dollar stores, Wal-Mart, Target or wherever you choose to shop. Suggested stocking stuffers are for children newborn to age 10+ and could include:

- ⇒ Candy (soft chewable preferred)
- ⇒ Nail polish
- ⇒ Socks
- ⇒ Crayons or markers
- ⇒ Bookmarks, books, and activity books
- ⇒ Card games
- ⇒ Anything else you see or think of that is fun for children newborn to age 10+.
- There are 2 boxes labeled "Stocking Stuffers" near the bulletin board for you to place stocking stuffers that will include candy. The bigger the variety, the more fun kids will enjoy.
- Wrapping paper, gift bags and bows are always welcome. A rectangle box is in front of the bulletin board labeled "GIFT WRAP...BOWS...GIFT BAGS" just waiting for your offering.
- There is signage on a back pew of the church designated for gifts as they are returned. Please allow us to utilize the pew for a few weeks to corral gifts as they arrive.

Questions? Please contact me (Cindy Tendall) at 515-306-3612 ... or contact Missions Team members Jan Cummings, Carol Roovaart or Carolyn Streeter. Once again, THANK YOU to everyone who is helping to bring a very joyful Merry Christmas to 35 children who are most likely going through a very difficult time in their young lives. The love we are bringing to these moms and children is a huge hug to them from our caring and generous church family. We are so blessed!

Cindy Tendall, Missions Chair

Caring Hands Food Pantry

As we move into November with thoughts of Thanksgiving and Christmas, please remember all of the needy families in Bondurant, Altoona and Pleasant Hill who are desperate to receive food for their families. These are the communities that Caring Hands serves. Jan Cummings and Carol Roovaart have been to Caring Hands countless times in 2025 to deliver BCC donations, and Jan sadly continues to share that whenever she drops off food, there are always long lines of people at any time of day hoping to be able to receive food for their families. Whenever you are grocery shopping and have a few extra dollars, please pick up a few items to donate and place in the grocery cart just inside the front door of the church. For the past couple of years, Caring Hands has requested our church to donate Cream of Mushroom soup, and Cream of Chicken soup because families can stretch this soup in casseroles. That being said, they will accept whatever we choose to donate, and that also includes paper products such as Kleenex, toilet paper and paper towels ... and personal hygiene products. With government employees being continuously laid off because of the U. S. government shutdown, the number of families affected will only continue to grow. Thanks again for your continued generosity and support of this important project. Questions: Please feel free to contact anyone on the Missions Team (Jan Cummings, Carol Roovaart, Vicki Smith, Carolyn Streeter or Cindy Tendall).





Preschool Annual Report

Our 2024/25 school year was nothing short of a success. We ended the year with an enrollment percentage of 100%, rising from 96% in 2023/24. The school welcomed me with open arms as the new director in October of 2024. Both 3-year-old teachers from the previous year remained the same. We said goodbye to **our 4-year-old lead, Katie**, and welcomed *Mrs. Lightwine* in January. *After my first full year as director, I have been learning and loving how to do everything well and properly!*

Our monthly events remained successful throughout the year and are a parent favorite, and I firmly believe, *one of the many reasons why families choose BCCP. These events continue to include Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Christmas Programs, Valentine's Day with Mom, Dr. Seuss Day with Dad, Grandparents Day, and our Spring Program/Graduation. Again, these events were all incredibly popular and appreciated by many. In order to provide adequate invitations and notifications for these events, I released dates and times with their enrollment at the beginning of the school year, versus planning them as the year went on. This gave parents, guests, and grandparents plenty of time to plan for their schedules at work and at home. We will continue with these events as they are not only important to our preschoolers but also set us apart from the standard. We feel that the standard that we maintain will set us apart from other preschool settings, not only through these events but as we incorporate prayer, small devotionals, and God's expectations and creations in each. day.*

In May, we received a grant of \$1,500 to get new manipulatives and outdoor toys, along with carpet squares in the four-year-old room, instead of the rug that was just not fitting our needs anymore. My favorite thing we were about to get with this grant is a story box that the children have loved sitting in the book center and listening to.

Our social media presence continues to grow, and we also maintain our private parents' page. The parent feedback has been nothing short of positive and encouraging. Teachers do their best to photograph each day and post peeks into the classroom. This was also a great tool to set reminders. We are currently operating without a website, but I am making strides to get this rebuilt and functioning before 2026-27 registration.

It remains to be our hope and prayer that through this preschool ministry, we can draw more families into the church building itself and also help build the foundation **and** familiarity of faith in their little hearts before sending them off to their Kindergarten year.



Thank you for your support

Darian Dailey, Director, Bondurant Christian Church Preschool



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
- CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship)
Meets Sunday @ 5:00 pm
- KidVenture (2nd Sunday of the month @ 5pm)
- Adult Choir - Sings 3rd Sunday of the month
- CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)
Meets 2nd Sunday of the month @ 8 am
- CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)
Meets 3rd Sunday of the month @ 11:15 am

*Check our website & calendar for
up-to-date events and times.*

www.bondurantchristianchurch.com

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

Available on the
App Store

ANDROID APP ON
Google play

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!



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Scan QR code for payment

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Sunday Schedule

Worship Service - 10 am
Handicapped facilities are also available.

Church Staff

Rev. Jayme Harvey, Pastor
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Merri Cory, Pianist & Choir Director
Pam Smith, Administrative Assistant
Email: office@bondurantchristianchurch.com
Darian Dailey, Preschool Director
Email: 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 November 20
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
@ office@bondurantchristianchurch.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.