



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bartlett Chapel ❖ September 2024

Story, Advice, and Request -- Oh My!

On Sunday, August 25th, we will take in seven new members! So let me start with a grand welcome to Judy Flint, Annette Gadlage, Bill Pfaffenberger, Ron & Carol Richards, and Pac & Ann Young!



These people are all joining from other congregations, and with the mess in the United Methodist Church, I feel confident they won't be the last group to make such a move. As we experience the influx of "refugees" (if you will) who feel like they've been pushed out of their own churches, I'd like to share with you a story, some advice, and a request.

The Story

Annette and I joined our home church when she was hired on staff. It was a much larger church than what we had experienced, and their growth cycle had tapered back quite a bit. The senior pastor was retiring in a few months, and the entire culture was a bit anxious.

Their growth had come through the late 1980s and early 1990s. They actively recruited people from neighboring churches who were unhappy. The growth was fantastic, and it seemed like everything was wonderful ... until it wasn't.

Shortly after the senior pastor retired, the congregation started having troubles. The new pastor was solid (a clergy couple who are about as biblically solid as they come ... in fact most of you know them!). In the middle of these difficult waters, many started grasping for power and jockeying for control. When the senior pastor didn't permit the usual power plays, the troubles got worse. Eventually, the choir directors quit and took nearly the entire choir with them, along with plenty of non-choir members and families.

Our church 'grew backwards' with a near-split. We barbecued our pastors; the budget was in dire straits; ministry ground to the minimum; and our witness to the community was seriously damaged.

One of my spiritual gifts is discernment. In my prayer and study time, I was given the impression that our history was the reason we were losing so much. We had grown by recruiting people from other churches instead of making new disciples, and we were experiencing the "wages" of that sin. There's more to that story, but perhaps another day.

The Advice

As people find Bartlett Chapel, let's celebrate! I do NOT want the above story to indicate that our doors are closed to anyone. They are not! At Bartlett Chapel, we want to welcome any who want to come! And we will celebrate the arrival of 'refugees' as we try to help ease their grief and pain.

However, I would advise AGAINST recruiting. It's tempting. When we see our friends unhappy or hurt where they are, it's very tempting to tell them they should come to where we are. I hope you can see this distinction: Please be willing to receive them, but don't actively recruit them.

While we celebrate any person's arrival, the growth every church should really want is growth in souls discovering Jesus for the first time. To any of those 'refugees' who may be reading this, I/we love you. And we are so glad you've found something of value at Bartlett Chapel. I hope you'll join the cause and tell the world about the powerful name of Jesus Christ! Ultimately, that's all Bartlett Chapel has to offer of any real value anyway.

The Request

I've noticed a pattern in recent days of describing groups by their former congregation's name. If you listen to what we say, we have a contingent of "Avon people." At the onset, such monikers are helpful in discussing circumstances, efforts, and considerations. At some point, though, those monikers *unexpectedly* turn into a line of division. We could end up with multiple groups of "us-es" and "thems" and our language unintentionally grants permission. Because the transition from helpful to divisive is unpredictable, my request is: "Please don't do this."

We have no Avon people. We have no Brownsburg people. We have no Temple people. We have Bartlett Chapel people, and we have people exploring Bartlett Chapel. Paul tells us to "Let there be no divisions in the church," [1 Corinthians 1:10 NLT] and his discussion about the divisions in the Corinthian Church in that chapter (10-17) is foundational to this request.

I don't ever want to pay the price for recruiting people from other churches again. And I don't want to see our people divided by what they USED TO BE!

Judy, Annette, Bill, Ron, Carol, Pac, and Ann ... Welcome to Bartlett Chapel! You're in. So you're "Bartlett Chapel people" now. 😊

Pastor Chris

Sunday Morning Worship

Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00am is both in-person as well as online. We look forward to being in worship with you, no matter how you choose to participate!

If you choose to attend worship in-person, we offer valet parking at the main entrance. If you wish to have your car parked by someone, please pull up to the canopy at the main entrance, so that one of the valet parking attendants may assist you.

If you choose to attend worship online, you may access the worship service in one of the following ways:

- Facebook – facebook.com/bartlettchapel
- the church website – bartlettchapel.com
- YouTube – search for Bartlett Chapel Live

On Facebook, the worship video remains available until the Friday following the Sunday of the worship service.

The word "Worship" is written in a large, elegant, dark blue cursive font. The letters are connected and flow together, with a prominent 'W' and 'h'.

Share Your Talents

Would you like to share your talents in worship? Do you play a musical instrument, sing, read poetry or other writings or can you offer other artistic expression? There are so many ways to participate in worship, so if you would like to serve in this way, please let us know. Laurie Christie is our coordinator for “specials”. You can contact her in one of the following ways: by phone at 317-989-2818, through email at lpchrchris@aol.com, or talk with her before or after worship. Come and be part of our service!

Sunday Morning Opportunities for Children

Our nursery is staffed during worship and is available for children, newborn to 3 years old. Children’s church, for children preschool age through 2nd grade, dismisses during worship immediately after the children’s message. This opportunity is for the children to gather for their own time to worship God through story, song, and creative activities.

Following worship and fellowship time, Sunday School classes for children and youth meet downstairs. Children 4 years old through 5th grade learn more about the Bible in “Trackers of Faith”. Youth in 6th through 12th grade gather to study and discuss the Bible.

Sunday Morning Opportunities for Adults

All are welcome to attend one of our adult Sunday School classes, which meet on Sunday mornings following worship and fellowship time. There are three classes from which to choose:

The “Christian Builders” class is discussing a video study by Max Lucado called *Fearless*. This class meets in Fellowship Hall.

The “Open for Discussion” class is discussing the books of 1 & 2 Peter, using a study guide by Max Lucado. This class meets in Rooms 11-12 (library).

A class meets in the choir room and is using *How to Follow Jesus* by Craig Springer as the basis for discussion. Anyone college-age and upward is welcome to attend!

Prayer Group

All are welcome to attend Prayer Group, to spend time in prayer with one another. The group meets every other Wednesday evening at 7pm in Rooms 11-12 (library). This month, we will meet on Wednesday the 11th and Wednesday the 25th. Please contact Dipti Shields at 317-272-0236 or Glenda Wallace at glenda.tom@att.net with any questions.

Men's Service Group

All men of the church are welcome to participate in fellowship and service to the church as part of the Men's Service Group! This month, we will meet on Monday the 16th in Rooms 11-12 (library), beginning at 8:30am.

Ladies Service Group

All ladies of the church are invited to participate in our monthly hands-on service opportunity on Thursday, September 5th from 10am to noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy some fellowship time afterward.

Game Night

We're having a game night for ALL ages on Friday, September 6th at the church from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share!

Seniors on the Go

We will meet on Tuesday, September 10th at noon with the program presented by Deputy Nate Hibschan and K9 Edo. Edo is a 10-year-old Malihard trained in narcotics detection and patrol disciplines. The entrée for the meal will be Pulled Pork Barbeque. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk outside the church office to indicate your plans to attend and if you want to bring an additional side dish, salad, or dessert to help with the meal. You may also call the church office.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Wednesday morning Bible Study will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 11th at 10am in Rooms 11-12 (library). We will be using a Life Guide Study on Integrity. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Joanna Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com for a Study Guide.

Fall Women's Retreat

It's almost here! The fall women's retreat is *Seaside Escape: Where Women Bask in God's Presence*. Join us at the church building on Saturday, September 14th from 8:30am to 4:30pm. All ages are invited (high school and older). The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is available online at bartlettchapel.com/retreat and in the church lobby on Sunday mornings. Be sure to register by Sunday, September 1st if you plan to attend!

To prepare for the retreat: Wear comfortable clothes if you are able. Please bring one of the following donations for the domestic violence community program, Sheltering Wings. These are items which are in most need currently: toilet paper; paper towels; aluminum foil; laundry detergent pods (HE); Kroger, Walmart, or Aldi gift cards (groceries for the week cost over \$250); boxes of single dose tablet packets of over-the-counter medications (pain relievers, Benadryl, etc.). This is a small way for us to serve other women and families in our community.

Can't wait to see you there!



Pancake Breakfast - "Meet the Youth"

All are invited to a pancake breakfast hosted by the youth on Sunday, September 15th! The breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Costa Rica Trip Interest Meeting

There will be an interest meeting about the church's next trip to Costa Rica on Sunday, September 15th at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Come hear about the opportunities with Strong Missions!

Costume Giveaway

Help serve in Bartlett Chapel's Costume Giveaway! We are gearing up for Trunk or Treat in October with a community costume giveaway on Wednesday, September 25th from 4pm to 7pm. There are three opportunities to serve:

1. Donate a costume or two, new or gently used, in sizes baby to adult (Kid friendly costumes. No scary costumes or weapons, please.)
2. Come on September 25th to help families pick out costumes.
3. Pray that we reach families for Christ.

You may drop off costume donations in the wagon labeled 'Costume Drive'. There is a signup at the kiosk for serving on the 25th. Please see Kim Vandagriff with questions.

Choir Practice

The choir will be practicing on Sunday, September 29th at 5pm and will be singing at the October 6th worship service. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join us. Contact Jim Sell or Freda Creech with any questions.

Barnabas Ministry

The Barnabas ministry is a ministry of outreach and encouragement to our college students. It is our way of encouraging those students in their faith journey with Christ as they experience the many changes and challenges of college life. Our Barnabas encouragers are asked to be praying faithfully for their student as well as to keep in touch with them on a regular basis. If you would like to volunteer as a Barnabas encourager for this school year or if you would like more information, please contact Ruth Franklin. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

College students are encouraged to participate in our Barnabas Ministry program. Please complete an information form, which is available online at bartlettchapel.com/barnabas or by contacting the church office. If you have participated in the past, please complete a new form. You will be paired with a Barnabas encourager, who will be praying for you as well as encouraging you. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

Holiday Craft Bazaar

Bartlett Chapel's 2024 Holiday Craft Bazaar is planned for Saturday, October 26th. We are currently signing up crafters so if you have a craft or artwork (no baked goods please) that you would like to sell, booth space is approximately 8'x10' with an 8' table and 2 chairs. Booth space is \$30 for the general public, and \$25 for our Bartlett family. We will offer a tasty lunch that day from 11am to 1pm for a minimal charge. We welcome a variety of items!

Flyers and registration forms are available on the table outside the church office. For further info see Susi Thibodeaux or call her at 816-651-5009 (in Brownsburg).

Thank you,
Bartlett Women in Ministry

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

You may have seen some people walking around with Bartlett Chapel shirts. The most recent version has our new logo on the front and the Dove Window on the back! That order was for a special project (Election Welcome Wagon), but we're putting together an opportunity to purchase t-shirts, polo shirts, dress shirts, and sweatshirts emblazoned with Bartlett Chapel graphics (and that exact style is one of the options)!

(If anyone is interested in jackets or hats or other products, contact Pastor Chris - PastorChris@BartlettChapel.com). We can order other 'stuff', the list of available items was just too long to print them all.)

You'll also have some choices. First will be embroidery or digital print (like screen printing, but better detail – that's how we can get the beautiful window on a shirt).

Embroidered shirts will have our logo embroidered on the breast. Then, you just select your shirt style and color.

Digital print items present another choice. You could choose the dove window large on the front, OR you could get the logo on the front breast and the dove window large on the back (pictured). Printing on front and back will cost an extra \$5/shirt, but it looks fantastic.

You may notice sheets with the shirts posted around the building. We're still working to get a reliable price (include shipping, etc.). The sheets will be updated with pricing soon.

Orders will be taken September 1-15 (as long as we can get pricing by then). Payment will be necessary at time of order. Anyone willing to help take orders, please contact Pastor Chris - soon (PastorChris@BartlettChapel.com)! It would be very difficult to "de-greet" and take orders after worship at the same time. 😊



Man! Somebody needs an iron! Hehehe!



Logo

(will be white on dark fabric, black on light fabric)



Dove Window
(full color)



September Birthdays

- 3rd Kim Price
Tim Tillotson
Barbara Wilson
- 4th Connie Dugan
- 6th Leisa Wagner
- 7th Mike Stailey
Shane Wildman
- 8th Ronda Hamersley
Fred Harris
Michael Kikendall
- 10th Bill Clark
Bill Pfaffenberger
Kathy Rembold
Buz Wilson
- 12th Kiersten Stailey
- 13th Melissa Wilson
- 14th David Weir
- 18th Kevin Macy
- 20th Laurie Christie
Bev Griffith
Julie Tow
- 21st Sue Martin
- 23rd Rhoda Elliott
Daryl Hensley
- 26th Nicole Johnson
Tom Rembold
- 27th Margaret Brooks
- 28th Chris Mains
- 29th Annette Gadlage
Brent Johnson



September Anniversaries

- 4th Larry & Charlotte Schneider
- 6th Todd & Mitzi Griffith
- 7th Jon & Erin Murray
- 9th Mike & Freda Creech
- 12th Chris & Kirsten Mains
- 13th Tom & Glenda Wallace
- 17th Dave & Bev Griffith
- 23rd Cheng & Emilee Fan
- 25th Fred & Marcia Harris
- 28th Mike & Jean Money

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There are many opportunities to serve! Please contact Pastor Julie Macy for more information.

Serve on the valet parking team on Sunday morning

Serve as a greeter on Sunday morning

Serve at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning

Serve as the liturgist during worship service

Sing in the choir

Be part of the handbell choir

Serve as a helper in the nursery

Serve on the hospital visitation team

Serve on the homebound visitation team

Serve as a helper with children's church

Serve as a helper with children's Sunday School

Serve on the Children's Ministry Team

Serve on the Worship Team

Serve as a leader or helper for the
4th and 5th grade group

Be part of the men's service group

Be part of Bartlett Women in Ministry
and the ladies service group

Serve as a landscape servant

Serve as a host at church for Euchre and
Game Nights

Serve at special events like the Easter Egg Hunt,
VBS, Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with Santa, and the
Christmas musical

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for three weeks after the initial request, unless specified otherwise. Prayer requests may be submitted on the prayer cards in the sanctuary pews, by filling out the online form at www.bartlettchapel.com/prayer, by contacting the church office, or by contacting JoAnn Murray (jamurray45@gmail.com), who serves as the prayer chain coordinator.

Ray Patterson – ongoing treatment for cancer

Paul & Ginny Morton's daughter,
Stephanie Reinbold – stage 4 metastatic breast
cancer

Judie Todd – recovering from shoulder repair
surgery

Larry Schneider – struggling with health issues

Karlee Oliver – recovering from gallbladder surgery

Sandy Merrion – hospitalized with brain bleed

Levi – battling brain cancer (request from Mary
Ann Burr)

Glenn Prater – undergoing treatment for multiple
myeloma

Sue Martin's son, Chris Martin – hospitalized after
work injury

Brenda & Marlin – Marlin undergoing treatment for
inoperable brain tumor
(request from Jim & JoAnn Murray)

Worship Servants in September

Nursery

Sunday the 1 st	Cathy Stenger
Sunday the 8 th	Earlene Niemeyer
Sunday the 15 th	Susie Kiefer
Sunday the 22 nd	Tiffany Kiefer
Sunday the 29 th	Lisa Smith

Outside Greeters

Sunday the 1 st	Glenda Wallace Mike & Jean Money
Sunday the 8 th	Joanna Sell Buz Wilson
Sunday the 15 th	*available for sign up*
Sunday the 22 nd	*available for sign up*
Sunday the 29 th	*available for sign up*

Welcome Center

Sunday the 1 st	Joanna Sell
Sunday the 8 th	Brian Arnot
Sunday the 15 th	*available for sign up*
Sunday the 22 nd	*available for sign up*
Sunday the 29 th	*available for sign up*

Valet Parking

Sunday the 1 st	Keith Knight
Sunday the 8 th	Elliot Kolsto
Sunday the 15 th	Mike Creech
Sunday the 22 nd	Rob Franklin
Sunday the 29 th	Todd Griffith

Acolytes

Sunday the 1 st	Trevor & Gabe
Sunday the 8 th	Jackson & Alex
Sunday the 15 th	Collin & Emma
Sunday the 22 nd	Maicee & Matthew
Sunday the 29 th	Makayla & Zane

Refreshments for Fellowship Time

Sunday the 1 st	Mike & Jean Money Larry & Patti Stuffle
Sunday the 8 th	Jerry & Jeani Weakly Jim & Joanna Sell
Sunday the 15 th	Pancake Breakfast
Sunday the 22 nd	*available for sign up*
Sunday the 29 th	Tom & Glenda Wallace

Children's Church Teams

Sunday the 1 st	Kirsten Mains Christyn Arnot
Sunday the 8 th	Kirsten Mains Katelyn Arnot
Sunday the 15 th	Jean Money Calleigh Johnson
Sunday the 22 nd	Jean Money Keira Johnson
Sunday the 29 th	Kim Vandagriff Wil Vandagriff

Children's Sunday School Teams

Sunday the 1 st	Lynn Roberts Jen Partin
Sunday the 8 th	Lynn Roberts Jen Partin
Sunday the 15 th	*no Sunday School*
Sunday the 22 nd	Kim Price Annette Gadlage
Sunday the 29 th	Julie Hershberger Susie Kiefer

If you have questions about this schedule, please contact the church office. Your time and willingness to serve is greatly appreciated!

Church Meetings & Events This Month

**Times/dates subject to change. Please refer to the online calendar
(bartlettchapel.com/events-calendar) for the most up-to-date schedule.

**All meetings and events, regardless of attendance size, must be
scheduled through the church office.****



Sunday the 1 st	9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages
Monday the 2 nd	Labor Day – OFFICE CLOSED	
Thursday the 5 th	10am	Ladies Service Group, Fellowship Hall
Friday the 6 th	6:30pm	Game Night, Fellowship Hall
Sunday the 8 th	9am 10:15am 6pm-8pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Rooted Youth, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room
Tuesday the 10 th	Noon 6:30pm	Seniors on the Go, Fellowship Hall Board of Trustees, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Wednesday the 11 th	10am 7pm	Ladies Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library) Prayer Group, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Saturday the 14 th	8:30am-4:30pm	Fall Women's Retreat
Sunday the 15 th	9am 10:30am 1pm 6pm-8pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary "Meet the Youth" Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall Costa Rica Trip Interest Meeting, Fellowship Hall Rooted Youth, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room
Monday the 16 th	8:30am	Men's Service Group, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Tuesday the 17 th	7pm	Administrative Council, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Wednesday the 18 th	10am	Ladies Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Thursday the 19 th	7pm	Finance Team, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Friday the 20 th	8:30pm-11:30pm	Rooted Youth After Party
Saturday the 21 st	1pm-4pm	Rooted Youth Carwash Fundraiser
Sunday the 22 nd	9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages

Church Meetings & Events – continued

Wednesday the 25 th	10am 4pm-7pm 7pm	Ladies Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library) Costume Giveaway, Narthex Prayer Group, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Sunday the 29 th	9am 10:15am 5pm 6pm-8pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Choir Practice, Sanctuary Rooted Youth, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

Our Homebound Members

Connect with these members of our church family by visiting or sending a note or card.

Fred & Marcia Harris
116 Meadowbank Ct
Danville, IN 46122

Mary Jane Hartung
Independence Village of Avon, Apt 104
182 S County Road 550 E
Avon, IN 46123

Marty Himsel
8166 Burnett Blvd
Avon, IN 46123

Dottie Jenkins
6958 Lakeshore Dr
Avon, IN 46123

Marlene Jones
Christina Place Assisted Living
1435 Christian Blvd, Rm 147
Franklin, IN 46131

Barbara Owens
2075 Hawthorne Ct
Avon, IN 46123

Edith Rankin
409 N Wayne St
Danville, IN 46122

Dorothy Roberson
Westside Garden Plaza
8616 W 10th St, Apt 333
Indianapolis, IN 46234

Helen Stamper
1193 W Lincoln St, Apt 1-C
Danville, IN 46122

Sharon Taylor
6576 Golden Oak Ln
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Joe & Naomi Thurmond
5834 Hopi Rd
Avon, IN 46123

Terry Wildman
3374 E Main St
Danville, IN 46122

Sandy Wright
5668 Royal Troon Way
Avon, IN 46123

Our Military

Please remember our military and their families in your prayers. Our active military service people are:

Coy Anderson

Jonathan Cumbie

Ryan Shotts

Isabelle Burr

Jeffrey Houser

Shawn Weir

Zachary Carmichael

Matt Palmer

Jessica Cumbie

Jeremy Sherman

The Bartlett Chapel church family appreciates you and thanks you for your service.

2024 Men's and Women's Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk: Thursday, October 3rd - Sunday, October 6th

Men's Walk: Thursday, October 10th - Sunday, Oct 13th

Both walks are being held at the **Indiana Training and Conference Center**, located at 1900 E Broadway St in Fortville, Indiana.

Past Emmaus Participants: Please consider sponsoring a pilgrim for one or both walks. The link to the Pilgrim Registration Form is: indyemmaus.org/pilgrim-registration-form/

Everyone: Please pray for the pilgrims and the teams. You can sign up online for the prayer vigil at indyemmaus.org/prayer-vigil/

What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. The program invites and involves the participation of Christians of many denominations. Emmaus is ecumenical not only because members of many denominations participate, but because Emmaus seeks to foster Christian unity and to reinforce the whole Christian community.

Need more information or have questions?

Please contact John Magnabosco at john_magnabosco@live.com or visit indyemmaus.org

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