

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bartlett Chapel * August 2024

Again Today

It happened again today. It seems like a regular cycle brings around articles from someone who portends to speak for a certain group (today's article was speaking for young adults) within the Church telling us old curmudgeons what we're doing wrong. This was a recycled article (2010) about the concept that having a segregated youth group keeps our teens from being active in the life of the Church...thus "killing the church". (That's admittedly a gross oversimplification, but I don't want to rehash the entire article...just give the example.) This article brought to mind a couple of things:

Church "Hero" Transition

Back when we were still inventing the wheel, I was in a seminary class (I can't remember which one or which instructor ... I'm getting old) we were challenged to look at the heroes the typical church holds. Who do we esteem within the church culture? The challenge was laid on a local church scale, but then it grew. We were challenged to look at the larger Church (capital C) heroes and how they've changed over the years. We started with giants like Francis of Assisi, Bernard of Clairvaux. We moved through Luther, Calvin, Wesley ... Chesterton, Moody. We talked at great length about Billy Graham. He was the foremost public protestant Christian on the planet for most of my life, and he was at-heart an evangelist ... they all were! We were asked who replaced Dr. Graham as the voice of reason and expertise within the English-speaking Church. The consensus answer was Dr. James Dobson. I hold nothing against Dr. Dobson. I loved his radio program (although NOT his radio voice), and have used many of Focus on the Family's resources throughout my years in church leadership. However, that transition unseated an evangelist 'hero' for a psychologist. Perhaps today, our expectations are even lower ... a blogger/influencer?

Perhaps part of what truly is "killing the church" is that we've lost what it means to be the church. Perhaps we're obsessed with placating people or making sure their feelings will drive them back to our parking lots each week. Maybe we're so concerned about giving everyone a published voice (blogging/influencing), that the Church has lost her own! Have we lost our zeal for seeing lives transformed by the saving grace of Jesus Christ? Does it matter to us if people 'feel good' all the way to Hell? [Yes, that's harsh, but so are most of the articles written about how the Church sucks.]

Wait Around It's Coming Back

These articles touch something inside people. I remember being touched by them when I was a few decades younger and wanted someone else to express my ideas about the Church. When someone did, I pumped my fist in the air with a "YES! FINALLY!" Had Facebook or X been around, I likely would have shared and commented and linked them all. Sit for a little bit, and you'll see the cycle return with another (perhaps newer) article and the target generation pumping their fist. You'll see another article go viral about a particular way in which the Church is terrible ... and then another ... and then another. I agree with some of their points and disagree with others, but the vigor with which they usually make their statements is misplaced vigor in my opinion.

Today, it's hip to critique the Church's tradition as passé; its programs as meaningless; its history as irrelevant, and its ... whatever as ... whatever. We get it. The Church is not what it should be ... but it's not because this one target audience has been left out of the equation. The Church is not flawed because the 'model' didn't consider the changes of our culture. The Church is flawed because **WE** have lost **OUR** way! It's more personal than institutional!

What's The Difference

These articles all take aim at the institution of the Church ... the structure, the doctrine, the ecclesiology. Those are not the Church. You and I are the Church. When Jesus returns and weds His glorious bride, she won't have a title like Methodist or Southern Baptist or Church of Christ on her. We are His bride according to Scripture. We are the Church, and so perhaps critiquing the programs and actions of (the organization known as) a church is not a good starting point.



Perhaps the best starting point for looking at the ills of the Church Is within each of us.

What are the Church (you and me) called to do/be?

Be holy as your Father in heaven is holy (17 times in the Old Testament, Jesus chooses the word "perfect" when He restates this in Matthew). Well, are you? Are you holy/perfect as your Father in heaven is? I'm not yet, so maybe I'll do some work on this plank in my own eye first. I sense the organizations I lead would be better off for that.

Go and make disciples of all nations ... ("The Great Commission" as we call it). When is the last time you shared the hope of Jesus with someone other than a fellow-believer? I'm not talking about hitting people over the head with a Bible ... I'm talking about compassionately seeing someone's situation and bringing the grace of God to bear. When is the last time you passionately shared what Jesus has done <u>in your life</u> with another 'beggar searching for bread' (that's what evangelism is according to D.T. Niles).

Speak the truth in love ... Do we speak to each other in loving tones of compassion and genuine concern? Or do we point fingers and chide each other to prove a point and win an argument? Or do we speak in loving tones while neglecting the truth for fear of hurting feelings? Sharing the truth is awkward ... it always has been. Is the eternal reward worth a little social awkwardness?

How is this article different than those other ones?

I'm not calling for an uprising. I'm not trying to tickle itching ears by saying what they want to hear (and yes, I would say some of those articles are tiptoeing onto that ground). I'm trying to return to the First Calling of the Lord. He didn't call me to be a leader, or a pastor, or a husband, or a father, or even a man ... until He first called me to be HIS! So rather than asking, "Where has the Church gone wrong?" (a fully-appropriate question that needs to be examined ... just in a different light): I invite you to first ask with me, "Where have I gone wrong?"

It is through a changed heart that God truly works His best renewal. Perhaps your heart is the one He wants to use to renew the 21st Century Church. Perhaps it isn't. Either way, I can promise that He wants to bring renewal to your life and mine ... so let's start at the very beginning. It's a very good place to start. Where have I gone wrong? [Psalm 139] ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Pastor Chris

Sunday Morning Worship

Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00am is both inperson 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.



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 lptrchris@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 series by Max Lucado called *God Never Gives Up On You*, which focuses on what Jacob's story teaches us about grace, mercy, and God's relentless love. 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 new class begins Sunday, August 4th and meets in the choir room. This new class is discussion-based. We are using *How to Follow Jesus* by Craig Springer as the basis of our discussion. Anyone college-age and upward is welcome to attend!

Ladies Service Group

All ladies of the church are invited to participate in our monthly hands-on service opportunity on Thursday, August 1st from 10:00am to noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy some fellowship time afterward.

Euchre Night

Mark your calendars for Euchre Night! We will gather at the church on Friday, August 2nd in Fellowship Hall from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Cards will be provided.

Bartlett Women in Ministry

Bartlett Women in Ministry will meet on Saturday, August 10th at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Seniors on the Go

We will meet on Tuesday, August 13th at noon with the program "Adeline's Adventures in Australia" presented by Adeline Kolsto. Parmesan chicken will be the entrée for the meal with homemade bread provided. 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.

Prayer Group

All are welcome to attend Prayer Group, which meets every other Wednesday evening at 7:00pm in the church library. In August, we will meet on Wednesday the 14th and Wednesday the 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Wallace at glenda.tom@att.net.

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! We meet the first and third Monday of every month, beginning at 8:30am in Rooms 11 & 12 (library). In August, we will meet on Monday the 5th and Monday the 19th. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Jim Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

Opportunity to Take a Tour at Lebanon Children's Home

A great opportunity is available for anyone who is interested in taking a tour of the Lebanon Children's Home, one of the wonderful missions we support as a church. The tour will be on Saturday, August 24th at 10:00am. Those planning to go can meet at Bartlett Chapel at 9:00am to carpool or you can go direct. After the tour, we can have lunch at Arni's Pizza in Lebanon. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk for those planning to participate and a place to indicate if you can help drive. Address any questions or concerns to Joanna Sell, 317-745-5947.

Rooted Youth

Summer break is ending and the school year is starting very soon! Let's give a warm welcome to our new youth leaders, Colin and Jen Artz!

Sunday, 8/4 – Meet at the church, 6pm to 8pm (simple meal provided)

Sunday, 8/11 – Meeting for youth and parents at 5pm in Fellowship Hall followed by youth meeting from 6pm to 8pm

Trustees Report

We have some wind and hail damage to the roofs on the church. A roofing contractor has inspected the roofs and we have filed an insurance claim. We are waiting for the adjuster's report. We have a \$5000 deductible plus depreciation. When we get the final report, we will decide on the extent of the repairs.

The Trustees have approved getting a new copier for the church office. The new copier should save us about \$170 per month in lease fees. This does include the buyout of our current lease as well as the return of the old copier.

The Trustees have also prioritized some major future projects. These projects will involve considerable financial resources. They are listed by priority below:

- 1. Parking lot repair and/or seal coating.
- 2. Remove or trim the trees around the building.
- 3. Replace the doors at the west entrance.
- 4. Replace the temporary outdoor sign with a permanent one.

Our immediate need is the roofing issues. If anyone has questions, please talk to Jim Sell, Trustee Chair, or any of the Trustees: Wilfred Franklin, Morgan Griffith, Kevin Haynes, Jeff Leath, Kim Price, Tiffany Raidy, Larry Stuffle, or Tim Tillotson.

Church Softball Team

Game schedule for August

All games start at 6:30pm Come cheer the team!

The final game of the season will be on Monday, August 5th at Bartlett. We will play Liberty Baptist.

If a make-up game is necessary, that game will be played on the Bartlett field on Monday, August 12th.

A date for the single-game elimination tournament will be announced soon.

Bartlett Chapel's Fall Women's Retreat

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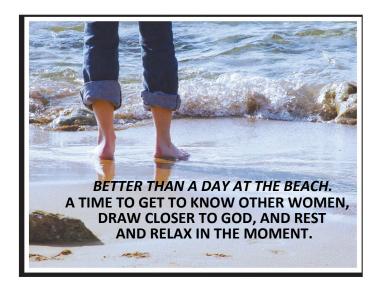
WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Would you like a day to slow down, connect with other ladies and have a meaningful time with God?

Join us Saturday, September 14th 8:30am - 4:30pm

All ages are invited (high school and older)
\$10 per person
A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Registration is available online at www.bartlettchapel.com/retreat and in the church lobby on Sunday mornings. **Deadline to register is Sunday, September 1**st.







5 th	Christyn Arnot
6 th	Halie Palmer
$7^{ ext{th}}$	Adriana Hershberger Jordan Hershberger
9 th	Richard Clark
10 th	Julie Delp Issac Denton
11 th	Laura Myers
13 th	Lea Brinkley
14 th	David Weir
16 th	Keith Knight
18 th	David Griffith Christian Smith
19 th	Collin Speas
22 nd	Orville Stenger
23 rd	Michelle Kersey
26 th	Greg Hole Lynn Roberts Naomi Thurmond
27 th	Kevin Knight
29 th	Brenda Short Viki Tillotson
$30^{ m th}$	Jeani Weakly
31 st	Trissa Whitesell



August Anniversaries

11 th	Wilfred & Ruth Ann Franklin
11^{th}	Jeffrey & Carrie Houser
17^{th}	Jim & JoAnn Murray
20^{th}	Brian & Brenda Short
21 st	Kevin & Julie Cumbie





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

Dorothy Roberson – dealing with health issues

Gary & Kim Vandagrifft's newborn granddaughter, Claire Vandagrifft

Cathy & Orville Stenger's great-niece, Kenya

Worship Servants in August

Nursery

Sunday the 4 th	Lisa Smith
Sunday the 11 th	Susie Kiefer
Sunday the 18 th	Tiffany Kiefer
Sunday the 25 th	Morgan Griffith

Outside Greeters

Sunday the 4 th	Glenda Wallace
Sunday the 11 th	Joanna Sell
Sunday the 18 th	Greg & Karen Hole
Sunday the 25 th	Tom Wallace

Welcome Center

Sunday the 4 th	Joanna Sell
Sunday the 11 th	Jim & JoAnn Murray
Sunday the 18 th	Greg & Karen Hole
Sunday the 25 th	Glenda Wallace

Valet Parking

Sunday the 4 th	Mike Creech
Sunday the 11 th	Rob Franklin
Sunday the 18 th	Todd Griffith
Sunday the 25 th	Gil Thibodeaux

Acolytes

Sunday the 4 th	Maicee & Matthew
Sunday the 11 th	Collin & Emma
Sunday the 18 th	Makayla & Zane
Sunday the 25 th	Christyn & Rowan

Refreshments for Fellowship Time

Sunday the 4 th	Jennifer Partin & kids
Sunday the 11 th	Greg & Karen Hole
Sunday the 18 th	*available for sign up*
Sunday the 25 th	Tom & Glenda Wallace

Children's Church Teams

Sunday the 4 th	Kim Vandagrifft Wil Vandagrifft
Sunday the 11 th	Kris Kilburn Heather Kilburn
Sunday the 18 th	Kris Kilburn Heather Kilburn
Sunday the 25 th	Kim Vandagrifft Katelyn Arnot

Children's Sunday School Teams

Sunday the 4 th	Susie Thibodeaux Cassie Knight
Sunday the 11 th	Susie Thibodeaux Cassie Knight
Sunday the 18 th	Mitzi Griffith Todd Griffith
Sunday the 25 th	Mitzi Griffith Todd Griffith

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, <u>must</u> be scheduled through the church office.**



Thursday the 1 st	10am 7pm	Ladies Service Group, Fellowship Hall Finance Team, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Friday the 2 nd	6:30pm	Euchre Night, Fellowship Hall
Sunday the 4 th	9am 10:15am 6pm-8pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School Rooted Youth, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room
Monday the 5 th	8:30am	Men's Service Group, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Saturday the 10 th	9:30am	Bartlett Women in Ministry, Fellowship Hall
Sunday the 11 th	9am 10:15am 5pm 6pm-8pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School Rooted Youth Meeting (parents & youth), Fellowship Hall Rooted Youth, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room
Tuesday the 13 th	10:30am Noon 6:30pm 6:30pm	Visitation Team, Rooms 11-12 (library) Seniors on the Go, Fellowship Hall Board of Trustees, Rooms 11-12 (library) Staff Parish Relations Committee (open to SPRC members only), Fellowship Hall
Wednesday the 14 th	7pm	Prayer Group, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Sunday the 18 th	9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School
Monday the 19 th	8:30am	Men's Service Group, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Tuesday the 20 th	7pm	Administrative Council, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Sunday the 25 th	9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School
Wednesday the 28 th	7pm	Prayer Group, Rooms 11-12 (library)

Our Military

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

Coy AndersonJonathan CumbieJeremy ShermanIsabelle BurrJeffrey HouserRyan ShottsZachary CarmichaelMatt PalmerShawn Weir

Jessica Cumbie Tom Palmer

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

Our Homebound Members

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

Fred & Marcia Harris

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Danville, IN 46122

Danville, IN 46234

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Danville, IN 46234

Mary Jane Hartung

Danville, IN 46122

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Edith Rankin 409 N Wayne St

GMC Prayer Connections

Please find below a listing of the most recent prayers for the Global Methodist Church and Bartlett Chapel which are published in the weekly Tuesday E-news. Future weekly listings in the e-news and monthly newsletter will be discontinued as we switch to the daily prayers August 7th through September 15th, found in the 40 Day Prayer and Fasting Guide (made available on Sunday, August 4th at church). Your faithful prayers over the past 23 weeks and God's responses can only be truly recognized, appreciated, praised, and honored appropriately in heaven. However, we thank you for your wonderful faithfulness and praise God for His mighty works.

Bob and Earlene Niemeyer GMC Prayer Partners

GMC Prayers

- Please pray that through the preparation for the GMC Convening General Conference, during the actual Conference and its aftermath, that many spiritually lost people will be convicted of their need for Christ Jesus and that great spiritual renewal will occur.
- Please pray that God will enable the Global Methodist Churches throughout the world to become "Houses of Prayer" where the presence of God is strongly manifested!
- Please pray that God will use the GMC to help bring worldwide spiritual revival in faith in Jesus Christ for desperately needed hope, salvation, and peace with God.

- Please pray that our Great Lakes Annual Conference worshippers will see the need to pray and seek God throughout the 40 days of prayer and fasting for His help in creating the church denomination he desires.
- Please pray that all attendees at the Convening General Conference will come with healthy hearts and spirits open to God's direction.

Bartlett Chapel Prayers

- Pray that God will draw many women to attend the Bartlett Chapel Fall Women's Retreat scheduled for September 14th and that God will pour down a rich day of spiritual renewal and salvation to everyone in attendance.
- Pray that Bartlett Chapel will become a "House of Prayer" where the presence of God is sought, felt, and exalted!
- Pray that Bartlett Chapel will experience a strong spiritual revival in our congregation and in our Hendricks County communities.
- Pray that each of us at Bartlett Chapel will seek God as we go through the 40 days of prayer and fasting.
- May our prayer support all attendees of the Convening General Conference for God's safety, direction, praise, and glory.

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