



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bartlett Chapel ❖ April 2024

The Art of Straightening Up

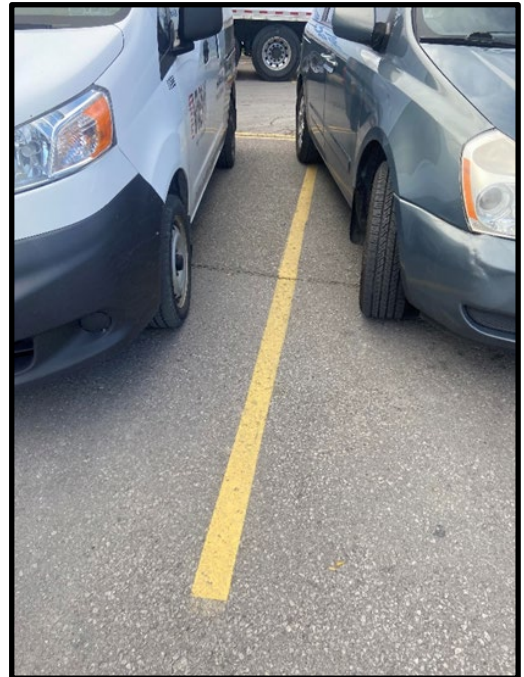
Happy Easter!!! Christ is Risen!!!

With the title of this article, you perhaps would expect that I'm going to begin by talking about Spring Cleaning of some sort – “straightening up” around the house or office. Nope.

First a bit of a brag ... Isaiah is a good driver. Sometimes he drives a little faster than he should, and his music is ALWAYS too loud ... but fundamentally he is a good driver. The truck he drives, however, is challenging at times. It has the turning radius of an ocean liner, which makes some essential driving techniques more difficult.

The most challenging of those is parking. From my years of driving the truck, I believe that truck has a built-in refusal to pull in between the lines the first time – EVER! So, Isaiah has learned what we called “The Art of Straightening Up”. Annette and I recently went to Kroger together, and I'm not exaggerating when I say I believe the cars parked within the lines of their designated space were the minority.

I could defend that our ‘everything-but-drive-for-you’ cars make us blind to noteworthy elements of driving. But I think our society has gradually become lazy about some important things that greatly impact the people around us. Even if it makes parking harder for the next guy, parking in the lines has become optional. Many headlights are bright enough to dim the sun, but that's the other driver's problem. Apparently, the energy necessary to reach up and pull a lever on the steering wheel to deploy a turn signal is more than should be asked of the average driver. And don't get me started on people parking in the Fire Lane at WalMart.



We have become a genuinely self-centered society. Everything revolves around the self. The culture's love affair with secular humanism is driven by the belief that “self” is the most important entity in society.

John wrote: “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.” [1 John 3:16 – NIV] Then, he wrote: “Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” [1 John 3:18 – NIV] Paul wrote “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” [Philippians 2:3-4 – NIV]

It's very difficult to be a Christian in this world, but that's nothing new. The world has always tried to pull believers off the mark and make us look like them instead of looking like Christ. But if we can resist the urge to be like the world, they will notice how strange we are, which might produce some opportunities for evangelism.

Early Church Father Tertullian wrote that the people of his day said of Christians, “See how they love one another.” Even Jewish historian Josephus recorded that Christians were known to regularly sell property and material goods to support the poor in their communities. No early Christian witness proclaims, “See how they fit into society.”

So hold doors for people. Help others especially when they wouldn't expect it. Use your turn signal. Straighten up your crooked park job. Do everything you can to help other people. And when they ask why you're so strange, tell them it's because they are so important to God.

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.



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 two classes to choose from:

The "Christian Builders" class is discussing the study *In the Footsteps of the Savior* by Max Lucado. The study is about the people and places that shaped Jesus's life. This class meets in Fellowship Hall.

The "Open for Discussion" class is discussing "The Letter to the Romans". This class meets in Rooms 11 & 12 (library).

We also have two gathering spaces:

A gathering for college students meets in the room next to the church office. This is for post high school young people, whether working or going to school and will provide an opportunity to catch up with friends. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Franklin at rwfathom13@gmail.com.

A gathering for young adults (single and married) meets in the room next to the nursery. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Julie Macy at pastorjulie@bartlettchapel.com.

Choir Practice

On Sunday, April 21st the choir will have practice at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. If you have questions or are interested in joining, please contact Jim Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

Ladies Service Group

All ladies of the church are invited to participate in our monthly hands-on service opportunity on Thursday, April 4th 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, beginning this month! On the first Friday of every month, gather at the church to play euchre. The first gathering will be Friday, April 5th in Fellowship Hall from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Cards will be provided.

Seniors on the Go

All are invited to the April meeting of Bartlett Chapel Seniors. Linda Runyon will be presenting the program “Hendricks County’s Best Kept Secret” on Tuesday, April 9th in Fellowship Hall. Hendricks County Senior Services not only has a large, lively, and beautiful Senior Center, but also an abundance of FREE services available to all Hendricks County seniors. The entrée for the noon luncheon will be ham. You can indicate your plans to attend on the sign-up sheet at the kiosk or by calling the church office.

Bartlett Women in Ministry

Bartlett Women in Ministry will meet on Saturday, April 13th at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to participate!

The women have been taking meals to Family Promise families every couple of months. We would like to be able to do this on a more regular monthly basis. There are usually between 15-20 people that need an evening meal provided for them at the residential home. Family Promise of Hendricks County has this mission statement: *to fight homelessness in Hendricks County by coordinating immediate shelter and needs assistance programs alongside longer term compassionate support services for families in all areas of life.* We want to offer this opportunity for more of our church families to participate in providing meals for this worthwhile service in our community. A sign-up sheet is available on the kiosk for those interested in serving in this mission. Questions can be directed to Joanna Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

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 April, we will meet on Monday the 1st and Monday the 15th. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Jim Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

Women’s Bible Study Group

The Wednesday morning Women’s Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Rooms 11 & 12 (library). Beginning April 3rd, we are studying *Seven Letters to Seven Churches*. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Joanna Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

Ladies Exercise Group

The ladies exercise group is always welcoming new members! We meet in Fellowship Hall every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am to 10:00am. If you are interested in joining, please contact Joanna Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

Barnabas Ministry

Barnabas ministers, consider making contact with your student during the month of April. Most students will begin finals toward the end of the month into the first part of May. Some may even be finishing their spring semester by the end of April. You can always check your student’s calendar online for specific dates for finals and semester end. Encourage your student as they finish the school year and continue to lift them up in prayer. Thank you for serving as an encourager!

– Ruth Franklin

Church Camp

Registration for summer church camp is open! If you have a child or grandchild who will be starting kindergarten through eighth grade in fall 2024, they are invited to participate in camp during the week of June 16th at Camp Rivervale in Mitchell, Indiana. If you have questions, please contact Kim Vandagriff at kidministrybartlett@gmail.com.

Rooted Youth (Jr High/Sr High)

All junior high/middle school and senior high/high school youth, join us and invite a friend or two! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Julie Macy at pastorjulie@bartlettchapel.com.

Sunday, 4/7 – Meet at the church, 6pm to 8pm (simple meal provided)

Sunday, 4/14 – Youth group outing immediately after Sunday school

Sunday, 4/21 – Meet at the church, 6pm to 8pm (simple meal provided)

Friday, 4/26 – After Party at the church, 8:30pm to 11:30pm (snacks provided)

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!

Mission News

Kairos Prison Ministry

Chris Mains will lead a Kairos group at the Plainfield Correctional Facility from May 2nd through 5th. This group will go into the center during this weekend and lead the inmates in Bible studies, worship, and prayers in Christ’s name. The congregation is encouraged to pray before, during, and after this weekend for the success of this ministry. The congregation is also encouraged to attend the closing ceremony on Sunday afternoon, May 5th to witness the change Christ has made in everyone’s lives. If you are interested in attending the closing ceremony or would like to know more about Kairos, please contact Chris Mains at mainscm@comcast.net.

Mission Trip to Costa Rica

Youth and adults will be traveling to Strong Missions in Costa Rica from June 23rd through 29th. They will be working with Strong Missions to help develop strong Christ-centered communities. As a gesture of support, consider writing notes of encouragement to those who are going. The notes can be Bible verses and/or personal notes. We need five notes for each person on the trip. Please contact Susie Truax at missionsbartlett@gmail.com if you would like to participate in this ministry.

Cookie Donations

I am coordinating cookie donations for Project Homeless for Dave Griffith. They are currently distributing 16 to 18 dozen cookies per week! That’s A LOT of cookies!! I am looking for donations weekly. They can be left in the kitchen and marked for Project Homeless. I will bag them up and freeze them, so they are ready to go as needed. Any questions, I can be reached at 317-650-5752. Thank you for your generosity!

– Melissa Wilson

Why Do I Serve? – Stories of Service

We are featuring stories of service, so that we may learn more about opportunities to serve within the church as well as get to know one another more:

Why Do I Serve?

Short answer — It is the right thing to do!

Long answer — The Lord has much work for us to do. One person can't do everything, but each person can do something. The secret is to find out what you love to do and then do it. The Lord needs all kinds of workers, working together. I enjoy being able to use my talents at Bartlett.

Another short answer — I love it!

— Jim Sell
Chair, Trustees and Song Leader

Emmaus Community

The Greater Indianapolis Emmaus Community is excited to announce their first Chrysalis flight in the last several years will be held May 29th to June 1st at Emmanuel UMC in Noblesville. It is for students ages 15 to 18, grades 10 through 12, or recent high school graduates.

The Women's and Men's Emmaus Walks will be held at the Indiana Conference and Training Center in Fortville in October. The Women's Walk will be October 3rd to 6th. The Men's Walk will be October 10th to 13th.

If you have questions about the Emmaus Community, please contact John Magnabosco at john_magnabosco@live.com.

Did You Know? – The Kiosk

Take a look at the kiosk in the main hallway! This is where you will find sign-up sheets for worship opportunities, adult ministry, and children's ministry. Add your name to the area(s) that interest you.

Worship opportunities:

- Serving as a greeter
- Serving at the Welcome Center

Adult ministry:

- Helping with and/or attending Seniors on the Go
- Helping with meals for Family Promise
- Helping with bereavement meals

Children's ministry:

- Giving the children's message
- Serving as a facilitator with children's church



April Birthdays

5 th	Brian Whitesell
6 th	Joe Thurmond
12 th	Wilfred Franklin
14 th	Lisa Smith
15 th	Todd Griffith
18 th	Nick Knight
19 th	Lyndon Shields
20 th	Branden Short Kim Vandagriff
26 th	Vicki Byrd
29 th	Susan Kiefer Coleen Leath
30 th	Carol Ash

April Anniversaries

6 th	Jeff & Coleen Leath
8 th	Larry & Jamie Burns
9 th	Bob & Earlene Niemeyer
14 th	Hal & Susie Truax
16 th	Nic & Kalah Denton
24 th	Fred & Mary Ann Burr
29 th	Paul & Ginny Morton



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 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

Mike McFarling – undergoing treatment for cancer

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

Carole Unger – in palliative care

John Smitherman – hospitalized with fractured ribs

Elliot Kolsto – recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

The family of Jim Graves

Worship Servants in April

Nursery

Sunday the 7 th	Susie Kiefer
Sunday the 14 th	Tiffany Kiefer
Sunday the 21 st	Morgan Griffith
Sunday the 28 th	Cathy Stenger

Outside Greeter

Sunday the 7 th	*opening available*
Sunday the 14 th	Joanna Sell
Sunday the 21 st	*opening available*
Sunday the 28 th	*opening available*

Welcome Center

Sunday the 7 th	Joanna Sell
Sunday the 14 th	Brian Arnot
Sunday the 21 st	Glenda Wallace
Sunday the 28 th	Joanna Sell

Valet Parking

Sunday the 7 th	Rob Franklin
Sunday the 14 th	Todd Griffith
Sunday the 21 st	Gil Thibodeaux
Sunday the 28 th	Keith Knight

Acolytes

Sunday the 7 th	Christyn & Rowan
Sunday the 14 th	Trevor & Gabe
Sunday the 21 st	Jackson & Alex
Sunday the 28 th	Collin & Emma

Refreshments for Fellowship Time

Sunday the 7 th	Buz Wilson Tom & Glenda Wallace
Sunday the 14 th	Greg & Karen Hole Dick & Maggie Hayworth
Sunday the 21 st	Calleigh Johnson Brian Arnot
Sunday the 28 th	Tom & Glenda Wallace

Children's Church Teams

Sunday the 7 th	Ted Caldwell Katelyn Arnot
Sunday the 14 th	Ted Caldwell Christyn Arnot
Sunday the 21 st	Kirsten Mains Calleigh Johnson
Sunday the 28 th	Kirsten Mains Keira Johnson

Children's Sunday School Teams

Sunday the 7 th	Kim Price Susie Kiefer
Sunday the 14 th	Julie Hershberger Tiffany Kiefer
Sunday the 21 st	Julie Hershberger Tiffany Kiefer
Sunday the 28 th	Kim Vandagriff Wil Vandagriff

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.**



Monday the 1 st	8:30am 9am-10am	Men's Service Group, Rooms 11-12 (library) Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday the 2 nd	6:30pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Wednesday the 3 rd	9am-10am 10am 6:30pm	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library) Mission Committee, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Thursday the 4 th	10am-noon	Ladies Service Group, Fellowship Hall
Friday the 5 th	9am-10am 6:30pm-8:30pm	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Euchre Night, Fellowship Hall
Sunday the 7 th	9am 10:15am 6pm-8pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School Rooted Youth
Monday the 8 th	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday the 9 th	Noon 6:30pm	Seniors on the Go, Fellowship Hall Board of Trustees, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Wednesday the 10 th	9am-10am 10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Thursday the 11 th	6:30pm	Children's Ministry Team, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Friday the 12 th	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Saturday the 13 th	9:30am	Bartlett Women in Ministry, Fellowship Hall
Sunday the 14 th	9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School
Monday the 15 th	8:30am 9am-10am	Men's Service Group, Rooms 11-12 (library) Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday the 16 th	7pm	Administrative Council, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Wednesday the 17 th	9am-10am 10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Friday the 19 th	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall

Events in April - continued

Sunday the 21 st	9am 10:15am 5pm 6pm-8pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School Choir Practice, Sanctuary Rooted Youth
Monday the 22 nd	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday the 24 th	9am-10am 10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Thursday the 25 th	7pm	Finance Team, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Friday the 26 th	9am-10am 8:30pm-11:30pm	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Rooted Youth After Party
Saturday the 27 th	6pm	Mission Trip Team, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Sunday the 28 th	9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School
Monday the 29 th	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall



Our Military

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

Coy Anderson	Jonathan Cumbie	Jeremy Sherman
Isabelle Burr	Jeffrey Houser	Ryan Shotts
Zachary Carmichael	Matt Palmer	Shawn 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
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
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Marlene Jones
Christina Place Assisted Living
1435 Christian Blvd, Rm 147
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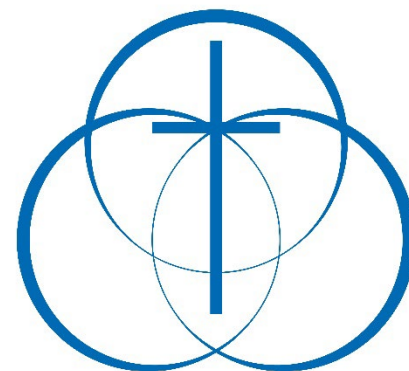
Sandy Wright
Westside Village Nursing Center
8616 W 10th St, Rm 324
Indianapolis, IN 46234

GMC Prayer Connections

Our new denomination is in the process of organizing prayer networks in its conferences. These networks are being asked to inform and encourage their local churches to pray for the needs of our denomination and the needs of its local churches. Bob and Earlene Niemeyer are Bartlett Chapel's network prayer points for the Great Lakes Provisional Annual Conference. Please find below a summary of this past month's prayer requests for your personal prayers.

GMC Prayers

- Pray for the hiring of the Convening General Conference Manager and for that individual's eventual work in planning and organizing the 2024 General Conference
- Pray that the necessary visas and paperwork will be procured for participants at the Convening Conference
- Pray for the following teams for the Convening Conference: Calendar, Agenda and Credentialing as well as how credentialing will be handled as the Conference is planned and organized
- Pray for the safety and security in the travel for those attending and participating in the Convening Conference
- Pray that the Lord will lead people to make commitments to Him, particularly during the revival and worship services at the Convening Conference



Bartlett Chapel Prayers

- Pray that God will help each of us to ramp up our going and making disciples for Jesus Christ as we live and work
- Pray that Bartlett Chapel will be led by God in the consideration and adoption of new ministries or changes to current ones
- Pray for prayer as we depend on the empowerment of the Lord Jesus Christ to accomplish His purposes in the world and in the Global Methodist Church
- Pray to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately

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