

generosity

with bridge cities church.

2024



A Bridge Cities Church
Core Value

Generosity is our lifestyle.

We live open handed and biblically as disciples.



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

2 Corinthians 9:6-15



This is one of the strongest New Testament teachings on the heart of generosity. The way we steward our finances is a direct expression of our heart. Honoring God by giving to the work of furthering the Gospel is both biblical and worshipful. Many people are afraid to give because of abuse of finances within other fallen ministries or simply because they don't feel they have it to give. Start somewhere with biblical generosity. Giving financially is a release of our control and a step of faith and obedience. When we put Him first by obeying and worshipping Him this way, He always takes care of us. Here are some practical and biblical things to consider regarding financial giving:

- 1.** Prioritize a tenth of your income to the work of the ministry first. Prioritize advancing His Kingdom first with your time, talent, and treasure.
- 2.** Make sure to give to good works and view it as planting on good soil that is producing Kingdom fruit. We believe BCC is good soil!



3. When you give, release control of your gift as worship to God, not as something for you to leverage against a ministry, person or even God.

4. Give joyfully, discreetly, obediently, regularly, and live with an open hand.

5. Everything we have belongs to God, we are just stewards or caretakers. See yourself in that way and live openhandedly towards investing in Kingdom work!

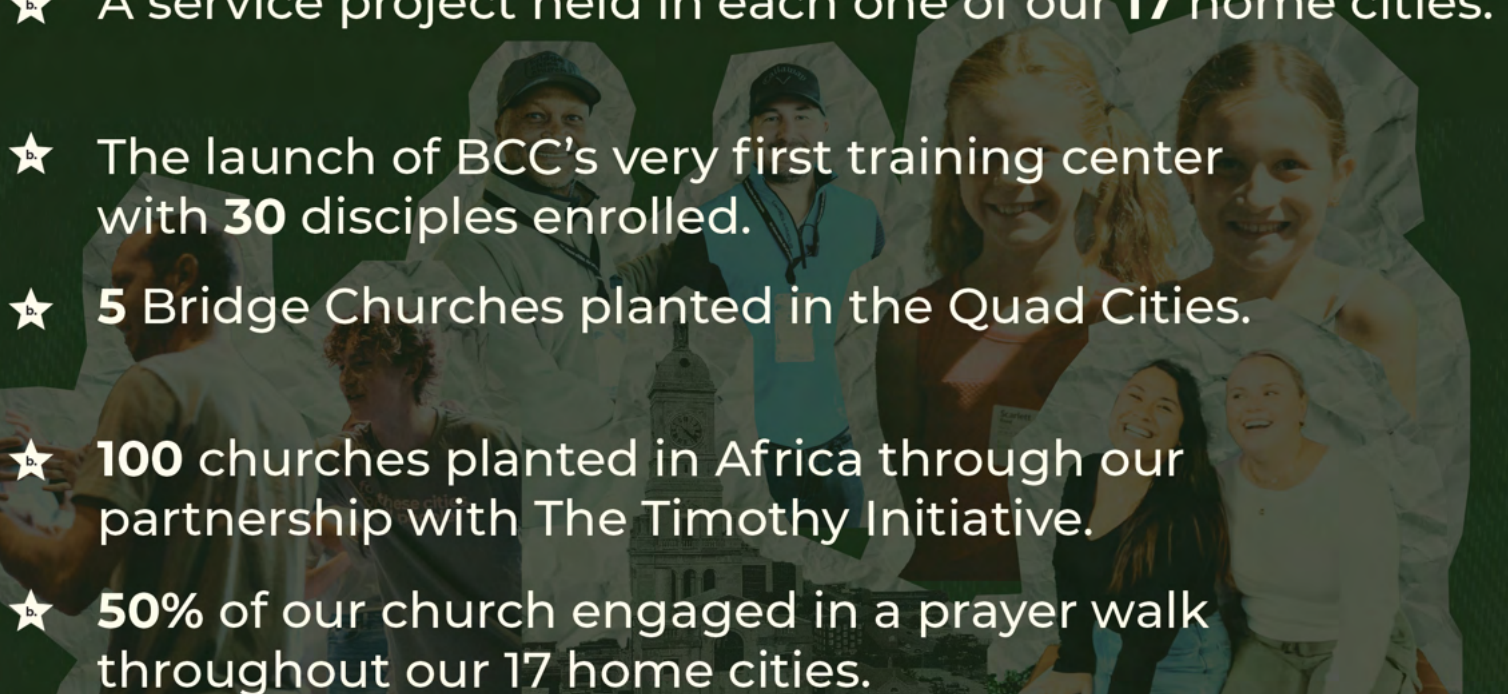
Thank you for walking in obedience and worshipping together to support the ministry at BCC locally and all over the world! We will continue to see God move in ways that are bigger than Sunday, bigger than Bettendorf and we will make an impact beyond our lifetime!

-Pastor Derik Armstrong



A Year In Focus.

The vision and mission at BCC are laser focused on becoming a church that is For These Cities & For All People. We will say, "No." to the things we like so that we can say, "Yes!" to the things we love. We are going to be that church by being laser focused on these six things this year:

- ★ **102** people receiving Christ through the ministry of BCC and her people.
 - ★ A service project held in each one of our **17** home cities.
 - ★ The launch of BCC's very first training center with **30** disciples enrolled.
 - ★ **5** Bridge Churches planted in the Quad Cities.
 - ★ **100** churches planted in Africa through our partnership with The Timothy Initiative.
 - ★ **50%** of our church engaged in a prayer walk throughout our 17 home cities.
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Stewardship.

Stewardship is important. We operate with a high degree of integrity at BCC when it comes to financial management. Our elders approve the annual budget and we have a financial accounting team that works diligently to provide proper check and balances along the way. If you have any questions regarding finances within the church please feel free to contact:

kristin@bridgecities.church
or
elders@bridgecities.church

The elders and staff do not have knowledge of members' giving.



2024 Budget Breakdown.

General Ministry Operations \$166,681

Facilities \$410,308 (includes monthly building debt payment)

Human Resources \$796,114

Missions \$155,950

Total 1,529,053

Weekly Need \$29,404.87

2023 Comparison

2023 Budget Total: \$1,402,118.57

2023 Actual Year End Total Giving: \$1,507,652.44

2023 Actual Expenses: \$1,413,770.85

Remaining Debt From 2020 Building Expansion: \$3,613,759.21

Missions.

When you give at BCC, 10% of your giving goes to support ministries that are impacting eternity all over the world!



BCC Partners.

The Timothy Initiative
Central India Christian Mission

Supported Sent Missionaries

The Cover Family- Cadence Intl.
The Custer Family- Trans World Radio
The Gainer Family- Ukraine
The "O" Family- Middle East
The Paxton Family- Cadence Intl.

Supported Local Ministries

Argrow's House	Pregnancy Resources
Heart of Hope	Safe Families
Hope at the Brick House	World Relief
One Eighty	Youth Hope

Supported Global Ministries

Tavriski Christian Institute- Ukraine
North Burma Christian Mission
Kobzar Family- Czech Republic (Ukrainian refugees)



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Ways to Give.



Online. www.bridgocities.church/giving

Check or Cash. via envelope and giving boxes past the doors as you exit the Worship Center. (You can also drop off or mail your gift to 3487 Towne Pointe Drive Bettendorf, IA 52722 please make out all checks to BCC or Bridge Cities Church)

Stock & Crypto Donations.

All donations to the church are tax deductible and you will be provided a receipt at the beginning of each new year for the total previous year's gift. You can also track this through creating an online giving account on our website or emailing kristin@bridgocities.church.

Designations For Giving.

1. General Operations (all undesignated funds go here)
2. Building Fund (this goes to various capital improvement projects)

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