

# WELCOME

THE



IN OUR CHURCH

## MESSAGE NOTES | February 22, 2026 | Pastor Eddie Eddy

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:** James 3:1-12 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) **Taming the Tongue**

**3** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. **2** For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. **3** If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. **4** Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. **5** So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! **6** And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. **7** For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, **8** but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. **10** From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. **11** Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? **12** Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Leader: *This is the word of God for the people of God*     **People: Thanks be to God**

### RECEPTION INTO BACK ROADS GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Friends...as members of Christ's Church, will you be loyal to Jesus through this Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?     **I will.**

### RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of this congregation...Back Roads Global Methodist Church...will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?     **I will.**

### COMMENDATION AND WELCOME     The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God, I commend these brothers and sisters to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect their in love.

The congregation responds: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you that you may live in grace and peace.

And all God's people say: **Amen**

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## CONNECTION CARD

### WORSHIP LOCATION/TIME

- Bloomington 9:00am
- Boscobel 7:30am      Boscobel 9:00am
- Mt. Zion 11:00am      Richland Center 9:30am
- Gays Mills / North Clayton / Soldiers Grove 6:00pm

**AGE**     17 & under     18-35     36-65     66+

**I'M A**     1<sup>st</sup> time guest      2<sup>nd</sup> time guest  
           regular attender      member

### HOW I HEARD ABOUT Back Roads Church:



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IN OUR CHURCH

Change of information

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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- I will read through the Lenten Reading List this Lenten season
- Sign me up for Growth Group: \_\_\_\_\_ (class code)

## OFFICE HOURS |

**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY** 8:00am - noon  
**OFFICE PHONE:** 608-375-4565  
**KID'S MINISTRY:** 608-375-6069 (hours vary)

*Stay in the know, wherever you go!*  
 Text BRC to **844-247-4441**  
 Scan for this week's BLTN



**ANNOUNCEMENTS** | [BackRoadsChurch.org](http://BackRoadsChurch.org)  
[FB.com/BackRoadsChurchWI](https://www.facebook.com/BackRoadsChurchWI)



 **BRC KIDS/KIDS CARE** | Sundays @ 9am | BRC Boscobel  
 For infants through 4 years and kids 5 years through grade 5

**WNSS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL** | BRC Boscobel  
 Ages 4K through Grade 5 are invited each\* Wednesday from 6 – 7:30pm. Contact Ms. Nikki at 608-375-6069 or [Nikki@BackRoadsChurch.org](mailto:Nikki@BackRoadsChurch.org)

 **BACK ROADS YOUTH** | Wednesdays\* @ BRC Boscobel  
 Junior High 6:15-7:15pm; Senior High 7:15-8:15pm  
 Contact Kalyn and Allie at [YouthLeader@BackRoadsChurch.org](mailto:YouthLeader@BackRoadsChurch.org)  
 Register for all of the above at [BackRoadsChurch.org/Learn](http://BackRoadsChurch.org/Learn)  
 \*Canceled if Boscobel Area Schools close due to weather/ scheduled break  
 → **NO WNSS OR BRC YOUTH on March 25 | Happy Spring Break!**

 **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** | Deadline: Mar 11 | High school seniors who are active at Back Roads Church are invited to apply. Details: [BackRoadsChurch.org/Scholarships](http://BackRoadsChurch.org/Scholarships)

 **TACO TUESDAY** | Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12 | 4:30-7pm | BRC Boscobel  
 Adults now \$7, kids \$4, Under 5 Free. Carry-outs are available. Supports Youth Missions. If you'd like to donate meat or desserts, sign up on the BRC Boscobel lobby whiteboard

 **FMSC MOBILEPACK** | April 9-11 | Truvariant, Boscobel  
 Donate at [Give.FMSC.org/Boscobel](http://Give.FMSC.org/Boscobel). Registration opens soon!  
 Contact Bruce @ 608-485-2678 or Kathryn @ 608-485-2554

 **BLESSINGS IN A BAG** provides simple to prepare weekend food for Boscobel Area School children during the school year. This ministry is solely funded by donations. If you would like to donate, please mark your gift BIAB. Thank you!

 **\*\*\* CANCELLATIONS/POSTPONEMENTS** will be announced at [BackRoadsChurch.org](http://BackRoadsChurch.org) & [FB.com/BackRoadsChurchWI](https://www.facebook.com/BackRoadsChurchWI) and emails will be sent to those on file

 **WEEKLY PRAYER CALL** | Wednesdays @ noon |  
 Call 848-220-3100 and use Conference ID: 53805  
 → Sign up for email reminders: [tinyurl.com/PCReminder](http://tinyurl.com/PCReminder)

 **WORSHIP UPDATES** | Pastor Eddie will lead Worship in person:  
**NEW→ BRC Bloomington will NOT meet at the usual 9am Worship time on MARCH 1. Please join us at 1pm instead that day**

BRC Gays Mills (GM), North Clayton (NC), & Soldiers Grove (SG) will meet together at 6pm Sunday evenings following this rotation: FEB 22: NC, MAR 1: GM, MAR 8: SG, MAR 15: NC, MAR 22: GM, MAR 29: SG

 **HERSTORY: OH, HOW HE LOVES US!** | Feb 28  
 Registration is open for this annual women's event!  
 Held at BRC Boscobel from 8:30am - 3:00pm.  
 Details and registration via the QR Code or at [BackRoadsChurch.org/Women](http://BackRoadsChurch.org/Women). Register by 2/23



 **SOUP COMPETITION & SUPPER** | Mar 26 | 5-7pm

- ENTER a crockpot of soup in the competition: FREE
- Cost to EAT: \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids, 4 and under free
- VOTE for winning soup: \$1 for each vote you enter

Silent auction prizes as well. Proceeds go toward Youth Mission trips. Message Allie Marks at 608-485-3128 by March 16 if you can enter a soup or provide an auction prize.

 **QUILTING for SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE** | Mar 15 | 12:30-5pm  
 Bring your sewing machine to BRC Boscobel, loaded with neutral color thread (tan, gray). Don't sew? You can help to cut fabric and press seams. We are also looking for donations of kid's fabric (and/or borders to match) and batting...these can be dropped off at the church office. Monetary donations toward these items are appreciated as well. [SHPbeds.org](http://SHPbeds.org)

SAVE THESE DATES:

- **MAUNDY THUR** Apr 2 | **GOOD FRI** Apr 3 | **EASTER** | Apr 5
- **GRADUATE SUNDAY** | April 26 | BRC Boscobel
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP** | June 7 - 9 | Boscobel  
*For kids entering Grades 6 - 8 in Fall 2026*
- **HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP** | June 20 - 27 | Pickford, MI  
*For kids entering Grades 9 - 12 in Fall 2026*
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION DAY** | June 24 | Boscobel  
*For kids entering Grades 3 - 6 in Fall 2026*
- **RAINFOREST FALLS VBS** | July 19 - 23 | BRC Boscobel  
*Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!*

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**I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT:**  
 (Include your contact info on the front of card)

- Becoming a Jesus Follower
- Serving
- Church Membership
- Automated Giving

Other:

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

Include my prayer request on the prayer list:  YES  NO