

# WELCOME!

## Not What I Expected

MESSAGE NOTES | *Not What I Expected* | December 14, 2025 | Pastor Eddie Eddy

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:2-11 New International Version (NIV) Jesus and John the Baptist**

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

<sup>7</sup> As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup> If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. <sup>9</sup> Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

**This is not what I expected.**

**God promised to always be with us in the times that cause us to doubt our faith.**

**This is the love that will never let us go which leads to the Joy we celebrate at Christmas and throughout the year.**

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### CONNECTION CARD

#### WORSHIP TIME/LOCATION

- Bloomington 9:00am     Boscobel 7:30am
- Boscobel 9:00am     Gays Mills 9:15am
- Mt. Zion 11:00am     North Clayton 10:30am
- Richland Center 9:30am     Soldiers Grove 8:15am

**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:



Change of information

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

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

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

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

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

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## OFFICE HOURS |

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00am - 1:30pm  
**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)



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR PHONE** | Thank you!

**BRC KIDS/KIDS CARE** | Sundays @ 9am | BRC Boscobel  
 For infants thru 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. **Register at [BackRoadsChurch.org/Learn](http://BackRoadsChurch.org/Learn)**  
*\*Canceled whenever Boscobel Area Schools close due to weather or scheduled break. Questions? Contact Ms. Nikki at 608-375-6069 or [Nikki@BackRoadsChurch.org](mailto:Nikki@BackRoadsChurch.org)*  
**\*\*NO WNSS December 10 – January 6\*\***

**BACK ROADS YOUTH** | Wednesdays @ BRC Boscobel  
 Junior High 6:15-7:15pm; Senior High 7:15-8:15pm  
**Register at [BackRoadsChurch.org/Learn](http://BackRoadsChurch.org/Learn).** *\*Canceled whenever Boscobel Area Schools close due to weather or scheduled break.*  
 Contact Kalyn and Allie at [YouthLeader@BackRoadsChurch.org](mailto:YouthLeader@BackRoadsChurch.org)  
**\*\*NO BRC Youth December 17 – January 6\*\***

**Christmas Karaoke Game Night Dec 19 @ 6pm @ BRC Boscobel**

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

**TACO TUESDAYS** | Dec 16 | Jan 13 | Feb 10 | Mar 10  
**NOW THIS WEEK!** Stop by BRC Boscobel between 4:30-7pm for a delicious taco supper. Adults \$6, 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

**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)

**GIVING TREE** | Nov 23 – Dec 15 | BRC Boscobel lobby

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR FOOD PANTRY** | Donations of cookies and candies are wanted for the Food Pantry. Sign up on the BRC Boscobel whiteboard and drop of your goodies by 7am on December 20

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** | Dec 21 @ 6:30pm | BRC Richland Center  
**Together for Christmas** will be presented at 794 N. Jefferson Street, Richland Center. Encores will be presented on 1/11 at 1:30pm at Pine Valley Manor and 11/15 at 6pm at Schmitt Woodland Hills, both in Richland Center

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** | Wednesday, December 24  
**Pastor Eddie is looking forward to celebrating Jesus' birth in person at each of these times and locations:**  
 Bloomington— 8:00pm  
 Boscobel—5:00pm & 6:15pm  
 Gays Mills—1:00pm  
 Mt. Zion—11:00am  
 Richland Center—3:00pm  
 Online—5:00pm

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed December 24 — January 5. Deadlines will be moved up to accommodate this, so if you have an announcement or event to promote, submit it as early as possible to [Dawn@BackRoadsChurch.org](mailto:Dawn@BackRoadsChurch.org)

**MEDIA SHOUT TECHNICIANS** | BRC Boscobel  
 We are looking for teens or adults interested operating the media screens on Sunday morning. Training is provided. Interested? Make a note on your Connection Card

**FOOD PANTRY** | 7:45 – 9:45am | BRC Boscobel | Open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. All in need are welcome. Want to serve? Come at 7:30am to assist with setup and distribution. Food and monetary donations appreciated

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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