

January 5, 2025

the **CHOICE**  
the conclusion to the  
Sermon on the Mount



— MATTHEW 7:13-14 —

**NARROW GATE &  
WIDE GATE**

“The Choice: Narrow & Wide Gate”  
 Matthew 7:13-14  
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“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”  
 —Matthew 7:13-14

A \_\_\_\_\_ must be made.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Easy things are rarely \_\_\_\_\_ and good things are rarely \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

“The \_\_\_\_\_ is simply doing whatever I want to do.” —Dallas Willard

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Destruction = \_\_\_\_\_ = This word implies the idea of something being destroyed and in doing so forfeiting the purpose for which it was made.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

When you follow Jesus, you should not be \_\_\_\_\_ when you look around and you don't see the masses of people following.

Choosing the \_\_\_\_\_ requires that we \_\_\_\_\_.



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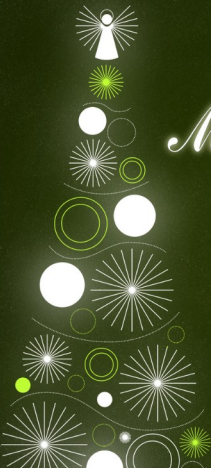
SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Sunday Nights | 6:00-8:00

# Bereavement Support Ministry



Thursday | 7pm  
Fireside Room



## The Memorial Tree

will be removed from the  
Atrium after January 12.

*Please collect the ornaments  
you added in prior weeks.*

# THIS WEEK AT BCGGANDERSON

## **TODAY, January 5**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth (7th-12th)

## **MONDAY, January 6**

## **TUESDAY, January 7**

- 8:30 a.m. Rev Strength

## **WEDNESDAY, January 8**

- 6:30 p.m. Anderson Christian Martial Arts (8 yrs & up)
- 6:30 p.m. BCC Young Adults @ Davis' House

## **THURSDAY, January 9**

- 8:30 a.m. Rev Strength
- 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Support Ministry

## **FRIDAY, January 10**

## **SATURDAY, January 11**

## **SUNDAY, January 12**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Worship
- 12:00 p.m. LOAH Commitment Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth (7th-12th)

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## **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

### **Our Congratulations To:**

Lucas & Shelby Martin on the birth of their daughter, Maylyn Reign Martin, on 1/1/25. Grandparents are Stephen & Jennifer Beltz and Shane & Mandy Martin. Great-Grandparents are Sharon Beltz and Ralph & Sharel Marcum.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ministry Service Opportunities:** We are excited about what God is doing here at Bethany, and we would love for you to be a part of it! If you go to [bccanderson.org/serve](http://bccanderson.org/serve), there are several ministry opportunities available to serve in your particular areas of interest. Following Jesus was never meant to be done alone. We need other people and other people need us. Together we find strength, encouragement, commitment, and support. We look forward to serving with you!
- **BCC Young Adults** will be meeting on Wednesday, **January 8**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Davis home. We will be studying Chapter 7 from the book "Blessed are the Misfits". If you have any questions, contact Mark Hahn.
- **Bereavement Support Ministry** will meet this Thursday, **January 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Rob Mifflin, Chaplain for Community Hospital Hospice Care, will be our guest speaker. Please enter through the North Entrance, Door #7.
- **Memorial Christmas Tree** will remain in the Atrium until Sunday, **January 12**. Feel free to take your memorial ornament home with you at anytime in the next few weeks.
- **Winter Carnivale:** Winter Carnivale will be Friday, **January 24**, from 6-8:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers to a fun, free, family event. We need your help to make this event a success! There are sign-up sheets in the Atrium to volunteer, and to donate individually wrapped candy/fruit snacks or homemade cookies/brownies/rice krispies treats. You can also sign up by using the BCCAnderson mobile app, or online at [bccanderson.org/carnivale](http://bccanderson.org/carnivale).
- **SuperStart (5th & 6th Graders)** will be **February 28 - March 1** at Traders Point Christian Church. SuperStart is a high-energy weekend event in which preteens can learn and grow in their relationship with friends, leaders, and most importantly God. **Early registration ends Sunday, January 26**. You can register online at [bccanderson.org/superstart](http://bccanderson.org/superstart). Cost is \$85. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Ohmes at the church office, 765-643-5713.
- **Winter Photo Booth:** We have a beautiful winter backdrop set up in the Atrium for you to take pictures of you and your loved ones this winter season. There will not be a photographer available, so make sure you have your phone or camera ready. We wish you all the joy, peace, and love this time of year brings!



If you are new to Bethany, have a prayer request to share, recently changed contact information, have questions about Jesus, volunteering, or more—***we want to connect with you!*** Simply open your smart phone's camera app and point it here or navigate to [www.bccanderson.org/connect](http://www.bccanderson.org/connect)