

Being Connected

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It is difficult to believe that October is already here! And while it still feels like summer in good old Beaufort, the fall season is upon us! As we enter this new season of the year, I want to encourage you to stay connected and involved in the life of the church. There are a number of ways you can connect.

If you do not currently attend a Sunday School Class, then I want to encourage you to give Sunday School a try. Classes meet from 9:45 until 10:45 am each Sunday and I know there's a class that would be just right for you. I would be thrilled to have the opportunity to discuss the various options and help you get connected in a class.

Certainly being present for worship each week is a way to stay connected. Worship is the most important work of the church and it is vitally important that we gather as the people of God for worship each week. Please make worship a priority for you and your family. Prepare your hearts and minds each week and come to the Sanctuary expecting to experience God's presence as we lift high the name of Christ. Be prepared to pray, to sing, to give, and to hear the proclamation of God's Word and experience God's presence among us. In this season without a senior pastor, we continue to be blessed by hearing different voices from the pulpit.

Being present on Wednesday evenings is a great way to stay connected to the church family. If you haven't given Wednesday evenings a try then please consider doing so. The family night meal line opens at 5:00 pm. At 6:00 pm we have opportunities for preschoolers, children, youth, and adults. I know being present on Wednesday nights demands a great deal of effort, especially for families with children. And yet, I truly believe that if you'll attend for three weeks in a row then you'll decide that being at BCOB on Wednesday evenings is worth the effort!

I also want to encourage you to stay connected and remain faithful in your giving to the church. In addition to weekly tithes and offerings, you'll note there are a number of opportunities to "give and serve" in the weeks to come. Please consider volunteering to help with the upcoming Fall Festival and/or accept Allison's invitation to give the Choir (children, youth, and adults) a try by participating in the Christmas Cantata this year.

Let's continue to stick together and stay connected to the church during the fall season. Lots of wonderful things are happening at BCOB. Come and join us! You'll be glad you did . . . we will too! See you soon!

OASIS Lunch & Meeting



All Senior Adults are encouraged and invited to join us for OASIS on Thursday, October 3 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall (Building C). The cost for lunch is \$6.00 per person. Reservations are not required for the meal. Mac Saunders will be our guest. Mr. Saunders is a tomato farmer. The Saunders family grows tomatoes that are shipped to Canada, the Eastern Seaboard and Puerto Rico. The Saunders family also produces other farm products. Don't miss this interesting program!

University Choir Concert

The North Greenville University Concert Choir with 43 members will present a program of music titled "This Is My Father's World" in the Sanctuary on Saturday, October 5 at 5:00 pm. All are invited to attend! A special offering will be received during the concert to help offset the cost of the evening. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this evening of music.



Need Some Positivity?



The mission of Honor Flight Savannah is to transport America's veterans, at no cost to them, to Washington, DC so that they may visit the memorials built and dedicated

to honoring their sacrifices in past wars. Our very own Charlie Grisham recently participated in this valuable experience of gratitude for his service.

Upon returning, Charlie said, "The WW2 Memorial is a spectacular illustration of all the people who served from all of the states. Very overwhelming!"



Charlie was amazed at the bus driver's expertise in navigating the busy interstates and safely turning sharp corners in the hectic downtown DC traffic. A surprise visit and meal with Larry (Charlie's son) was an unexpected treat. During all the storytelling about the trip, Sara interjected that an Admiral took off his gold tie clip and gave it to Charlie for being the oldest (95+ years old) on the trip. Sara said that Charlie is humble and will not tell you that part.



Charlie expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to go to DC gifted to him by Honor Flight Savannah as well as the behind-the-scenes planning by the Board of Director Craig

Bowman. Do you know another deserving veteran? Would you like to be a guardian, volunteer, or donor for a future trip? Informational brochures are with Michelle Gee at our reception desk. How might you invest in America's thirst for positivity?

Study for Awareness – A Word Fitly Spoken



Women are invited to join us for the book study and conversation on Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 pm in the Green Room. We will be studying the book "Talking to Strangers" by Malcolm

Gladwell. This book is currently listed on the New York Times bestseller list. Contact **Rebecca Cooper at 843-368-6720** or **Beth Haverfield at 404-395-7023** for additional information regarding this study and discussion group.

Fall Youth Retreat

Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to go on the Fall Youth Retreat to Kure Beach, NC on Friday, November 1 through Sunday, November 3, 2019. The cost is **\$120.00**



per person. The deadline to sign-up is Sunday, October 20. The deadline to pay is Wednesday, October 30. We will leave BCOB on Friday, November 1 at 2:00 pm. We will return to BCOB on Sunday, November 3 by 6:00 pm. Visit bcobfamily.org to sign-up for the retreat!

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip



BCOB Preschoolers (Babies – 5K) and parents will go to Holiday Farms in Ridgeland to have fun at the Pumpkin Patch on Saturday,

October 12. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 12 and take the church bus to Holiday Farms. We will return to BCOB at 1:30 pm. Admission tickets to the Pumpkin Patch are free (paid by the church). Parents will be responsible for paying for lunch. Sign-up sheets are located in the Preschool Entrance of Building B or contact **Ms. Kelly 843-991-5355** to sign-up.

Make a Difference Day

BCOB Kids (Grades 1-5) will help make a difference in Beaufort by serving others in the name of Christ on Saturday, October 26. Children will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 am and will travel on the church bus for service projects. We will return to BCOB at 1:30 pm. Lunch will be provided for our children. Make a Difference Day is free but permission forms are required. Permission Forms and sign-up sheets are available at the Children's Information Center (2nd Floor of Building C). Contact **Ms. Kelly 843-991-5355** for additional information.

Fall Festival



Plan to join us for the Fall Festival on Wednesday evening, **October 30!** Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to hotdogs and trimmings, there will also be a Chili Cook-Off. At 6:00 pm we'll have Trunk-Or-Treating in the parking lot and games and activities for preschoolers and children on the 2nd floor of Buildings B and C. The Cake Walk will begin at 7:10 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Fall Festival will end at 7:30 pm. The Fall Festival is a church-wide event and we want to encourage the entire church family to join us for fun and fellowship. Preschoolers and Children are encouraged to wear non-frightening costumes for the celebration. Remember to bring a bag or bucket for Trunk-Or-Treating!

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Christmas in October? Yes! BCOB Children's Ministry Leaders are selling professional, hand-made, live Christmas

Wreaths as a fundraiser for summer camp. Wreaths are provided by the Hidden Cove Christmas Tree Farm which is located in

the North Carolina Mountains. Wreaths may be purchased on Wednesday evenings, Sunday mornings following worship, and through the church office during the week. The deadline to purchase a Wreath is Thursday, October 31. The sizes range from 10" to 36".

We are also offering right and left hooked candy canes with bows, a snowman (including hat, hands, and scarf), and a cross with a bow. Orders will be ready for pick up around Thanksgiving.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase Christmas decorations and support our children's ministry. Contact **Ms. Kelly 843-991-5355** for details and additional information. Order Forms are located throughout the church campus. Thanks for supporting our Children's Ministry!



Birthdays in October

October 2nd - Gloria Godwin and Wallace Thomas

October 4th - Howard Cairnes, Jackie Dansby, and Daniel Lightsey

October 5th - Melanie Buchanan and Renee Dugger

October 7th - Ozzie Mujica

October 8th - Jimmy Lane

October 9th - Les Brediger

October 11th - Sarah Russell and John Stevenson

October 13th - Joyce Woods

October 14th - Britnee Courtney

October 16th - Shirley Tuttle and Susan McKessy

October 18th - Kay Gibbs, Jim Pope, and Stephanie Lane

October 19th - Matthew Priester and Caroline Bryson

October 20th - Lisa Pate and Madison McDougall

October 21st - Katie Harris

October 22nd - Dollie Morrall, Sam Johnson, Mary Hope Roseneau, and Gary Bradley

October 23rd - Jimmy Culbertson, David Carter, and Marlow Yawn

October 24th - Frances King

October 25th - Jim Underhill and Miranda Weslake

October 26th - Emily Fairchild and Rebecca Cooper

October 27th - Arthur Perry and Paul Moore

October 28th - Marcia Caldwell and Katie Howell

October 29th - Teddy Schultz, Patricia Garvin, and Kelvin Canaday

October 30th - John Dail

October 31st - Tim Drury, Melissa Lopatka, and Ashley Rhodes

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If you or another family member is in or going to the hospital then please let us know in the church office by calling 843-524-3197.

You can also share this information with the "Minister on Call" for the week. The name and phone number for the "Minister on Call" is published in the weekly edition of "The Happening" newsletter each week. Thank you for sharing this information with the church staff.

A Christmas Invitation

If you've ever thought about joining the choir, the Christmas season is the perfect time to try it! To be presented on December 8, our cantata this year is entitled "**Seekers of the Light,**" and we'd love for you to be a part of it! It is going to be a multi-generational event with children and youth participating as well. Whatever your age, you are welcome to join us. Ask Allison for more details, and come check out a rehearsal: Children Wednesdays at 6 pm, Adults Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, and Youth Sundays at 4:30 pm.

Something for Everyone!

The entire church family is encouraged to help us with this year's Fall Festival. Please contact Ms. Kelly (843-991-5355) if you are willing to help. Here's what we need:

- Individually wrapped candy – Donation Boxes are located around the campus
- Chili Cook-Off Participants – Make your favorite chili recipe and bring it to the Fellowship Hall by 4:45 pm on Wednesday, October 30. Sign-up to participate by Sunday, October 27
- Decorate your trunk – Drive your car (or truck) to the church parking lot by 5:30 pm on Wednesday, October 30. Have your trunk decorated and ready to receive children by 6:00 pm. You'll need to bring your own candy for trunk-or-treating.
- Volunteers to help with games and activities.

Sign-up to help on Sundays following worship or contact Ms. Kelly to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your effort to help create positive memories within the faith community for our children!



WEDNESDAYS AT BCOB

Look for Menu information in

The Happenings
weekly newsletter

