

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

Thoughts from Jeff Pethel

At our first online Youth Meeting using Zoom back in March, our Youth created two columns on a sheet of paper. On one side of the sheet, Youth wrote the word “Loss,” and on the other column, the word “Grateful.” Youth were encouraged to name their losses during this time of being at home by writing down everything they were missing as a result of COVID-19. As you might suspect, the list was extensive and included activities related to church gatherings, going to school, seeing friends, playing sports, and other activities. High School Youth included events such as Proms, Award Ceremonies, and Graduation celebrations. There was great sadness (including tears) as Youth were encouraged to name their losses without the fear of having their losses minimized. Youth were also encouraged to list the things for which they were grateful. Even in the season of being stuck at home and missing out on meaningful activities, the Youth shared a long list of things for which to be grateful. It was meaningful to acknowledge loss and give thanks for the blessings we still enjoy.

As the COVID-19 season continues, perhaps this would be a good activity for everyone to complete. On a sheet of paper, create two columns. Write the word “Loss” over one column and “Grateful” over the second column. Put the paper in a place where you’ll see it multiple times each day. Create your list by naming the things you have lost during this season. Give yourself permission to grieve and lament the things you miss doing as a result of this health crisis. Also, write down those things for which you are grateful. Offer a prayer to God, asking God to help you grieve the things you miss during this season. Additionally, offer a prayer giving thanks to God for the many blessings you still enjoy. Count your many blessings, name them one by one!



Good-Bye and Thank You

Michelle Gee quickly made a positive impression on our church family and guests when she began her work as Church Receptionist in early June 2019. Michelle’s warm smile, gentle spirit, kind voice, and significant presence indeed foster a ministry of warmth and hospitality to both those visiting the office in person or contacting the office by phone. Michelle became a friend, minister, and prayer partner for many who visited or called the church office. Unfortunately, Michelle will be leaving BCOB in mid-May because she is moving to be closer to her mother, who lives in South Hill, VA. We are incredibly grateful for Michelle’s work at BCOB and will miss her. Please take the opportunity over the next two weeks to call Michelle and wish her well as she prepares to leave Beaufort and move to VA. Thank you, Michelle, for a job well done. We will miss you and the excellent hospitality you offered to everyone you met by phone or in person! May God continue to bless you and your family as you begin this new season of life in South Hill, VA.

Thank You for Giving



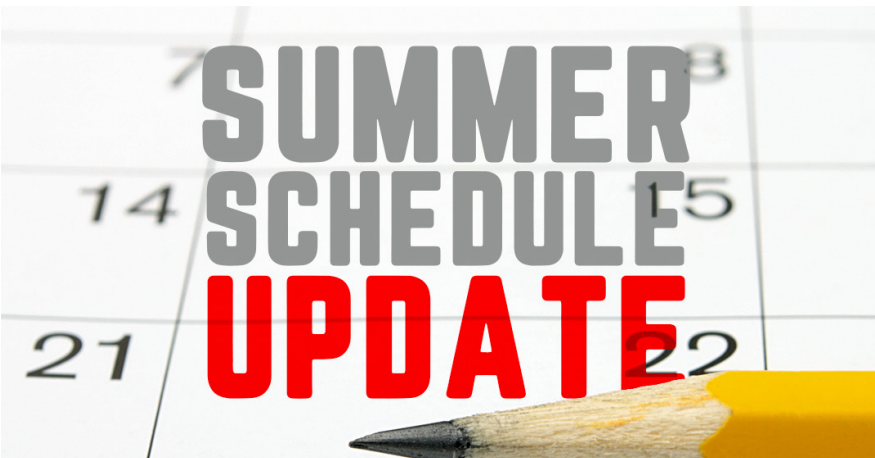
Thank you for continuing to support the work of Christ's Church by giving your tithes and offerings even though we are not gathering physically on the campus for worship each week. You can continue to drop your tithes and offerings off at the church office or mail your offerings to the church. Online giving at BCOB is also secure and easy to do! Go to the church website: www.bcob.org. Click the "Give" button on the upper right-hand side of the screen. Complete the requested information and click on submit. It's that easy to do! If you have questions or need assistance, please contact La Vone Cording in the church office (843-524-3197). Thank you for continuing to support the work and ministry of BCOB.

Thursday Bible Study

Landon Collins continues to lead an online Zoom Bible study on Thursday each week with sessions at 9:00 am or 1:00 pm. The link for the weekly meeting is emailed to the church family on Wednesday afternoon each week. Contact the church office if you have any technical questions regarding Zoom. Make plans to be present online at 9:00 am or 1:00 pm each Thursday!



Summer Schedule Update



Due to COVID-19 and safety concerns for our faith community, we have canceled all previously scheduled activities for our children and youth this summer. Cancellations include Vacation Bible School and the Passport Camps for children and youth. While we are disappointed to announce these decisions, the safety and welfare of our children, youth, and their families must come first. If health care professionals, community leaders, and our church leaders decide that it is safe for us to meet this summer, then some in-town fun and fellowship opportunities for our children and youth will be offered.

Keep the Family Connected

Church members are encouraged to continue reaching out to one another by phone and through email during this season of social distancing. Please contact the church office and let us know how we can minister to you and your family during this time.



Sunday Worship



Join us for live-stream Worship on Facebook with music beginning at 10:50 am. Use this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship. The service will start at 11:00 am. Worship Guides for the service will be available on the home page of the church website (bcob.org). Additional information regarding the church schedule for May will be determined and announced next week.



May Birthday List

May 1st Marissa Pethel
May 4th Jackie Smith
May 5th Ann Collins, Rita Bell, Katherine Cieplowski
May 6th Jane Hendricks
May 7th Joanne Stanley
May 8th Janelle Smith
May 9th Linda Ickert
May 10th Elise Hill, Roy Brookins
May 11th Dot Crapse, Sonya Steinmeyer, Huntley Duryea
May 12th Andy Kinghorn
May 13th Donald Gruel, MaryLou Gruel
May 16th Fran Cromer, Joel Deer, Jessica Stokes, Raeann Witte
May 18th Edward Russell, Travis Yawn, Claire Howell
May 19th Denise Carter
May 21st Camille Manley
May 22nd Ron Tuttle, Harold Graves, Kelly Lesesne
May 27th Nancy Dale
May 29th James Wilson, Aralyn Townsend
May 30th Steven Brown, Wilkes Duryea
May 31st Matt Hansen, Michael Ponder, Bryan Brewton, Mark Brewton

Online Devotions

Visit www.d365.org for an online devotional each day. Passport Youth Camps provide this online devotional.



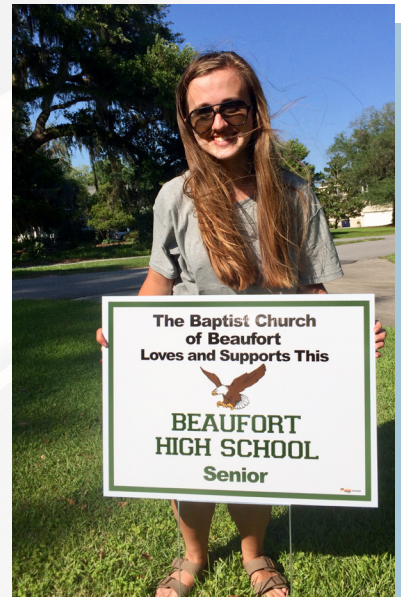
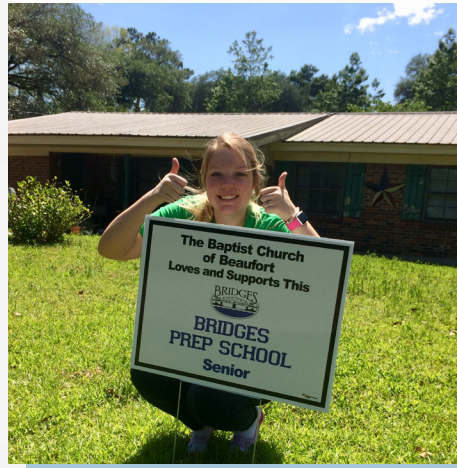
Prayer Requests

Please let us know how to pray for you during this season. If you want your request (name only) included on the public BCOB Prayer List, then please state in the email to add the name (with permission) to the public Prayer List.

Please email prayer concerns to pray@bcob.org.

Senior Signs

High School Seniors who are active in the BCOB Youth Family recently received “yard signs.” We are proud of all of our seniors! We will celebrate with our seniors, their families, and give thanks to God for God’s faithfulness in the days to come.



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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.