

# THE WINDOW

*The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter*

## WHY I LOVE BCOB: Mike McNally



Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote a wonderful love poem in 1849; everyone can relate to it, whether about a person you love or for that matter our church.

So, I say to the BCOB...  
*"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
My soul can reach..."*

I love the new people I met at BCOB, having moved here from New Jersey, a few years earlier.

I was introduced to BCOB by Dr. Tony Bush, and Robert Dickey early in 2014, when I was volunteering for the Beaufort Redevelopment Commission. We worked together to get a land swap from the City, which is now our youth's play lawn on Prince Street, and also to develop four houses on King Street as part of the city land swap deal. When I first met these men, I knew they were special, and they had such a loving and kind way

about them. I know now that it is called the face, voice, and hands of Christ.

My wife Roberta and I joined the Agape Sunday School class at that time, and yes, there was an outpouring of love and acceptance there from then total strangers.

The theme of love at BCOB continued to Easter Sunday, 2014, when we both professed our faith in Jesus Christ and officially joined the church. We were both baptized in the Beaufort River that October. What joyous days!

I became involved in the BCOB building improvement program and got to meet more people, including both pastors Jim Wooten and Jeff Pethel. These men, I call both Pastor and friend. The love of Christ is apparent in those who love Him, and it is wonderfully infectious.

I loved working on the Master Planning Council for the campus improvements we are all now enjoying. So much work from so many wonderful people.

I was privileged to work with Mary Rich, who chaired the Capital Campaign, and Bill Harris, Architect and church member, and so many others.

I loved working in the Kitchen for the Oasis Luncheons, and I hope to be back there someday soon. Working side by side with Chef Steve Brown and Dr. Tony Bush is a joy!

I love BCOB because it taught me the power of prayer and, at the same time, respect and patience with God's Timing and His Will, which is often a clouded mystery.

I miss the regular schedule at BCOB which has been interrupted by the Covid-19 virus, and hope we can soon fully resume... It is like being away from someone you love very much and miss so much.

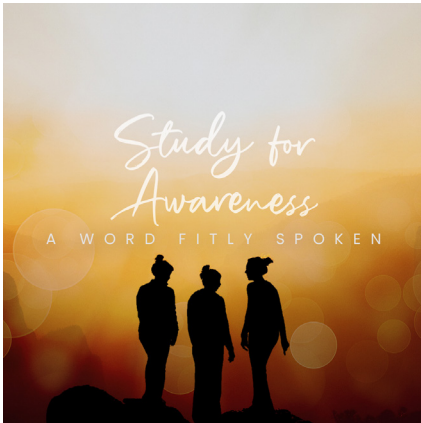
I love our new pastor Landon Collins, he is like the salt of the earth, a vibrant and dedicated leader, and now a friend for life, as are so many of my BCOB friends.

So, how do I love thee, BCOB? *"I love thee with the breath, smiles, tears, of all my life!"*



## Oasis on Thursday, September 3

OASIS will meet on Thursday, September 3, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All Senior Adults are invited to join us! We will adhere to the church guidelines in place for this in-person meeting. Facemasks (properly covering the mouth and nose) are required, and we will practice social distancing. Nametags will not be issued. We will have a drawing for prizes at the end of our meeting. Bottled water will be provided. Our guest speaker is Dr. Ernie Wiggers, Ph.D., President, and CEO of Nemours Wildlife Plantation. Nemours contains a rich diversity of habitats and provides an incredible natural landscape for conducting scientific and educational programs. Dr. Wiggers is an interesting and engaging speaker who will share information and stories regarding the medley of habitats we have right here in our Lowcountry backyard! The program is free!



## Study for Awareness – A Word Fitly Spoken

This women's book study group meets the third Tuesday of every month to discuss books related to social issues in our neighborhood and across the world. Our goal is to increase awareness regarding some of the obstacles and challenges faced by so much of humanity and how we might respond as Christians. Our first meeting this fall will be on Tuesday, September 15, at 5:30 pm in the Green Room. The title of the book for September is "White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo. Please read the book in advance and come ready to discuss the book on September 15. Women are invited and encouraged to join this group for conversation and fellowship. We will wear facemasks and practice social distancing. Contact Rebecca Cooper at 843-368-6720 or Beth Haverfield at 404-395-7023 for additional information regarding this study and discussion group.



## Wednesday Nights at BCOB

We begin a new year of Wednesday evening activities on Wednesday, September 9, from 6:00 until 7:00 pm in Building C. There will be opportunities for preschool, children, youth, and adults each week. Preschoolers and children should be escorted by parents and checked in at the Children's Suite on the 2nd floor of Building C. Youth will meet in the Youth Center on the 2nd floor of Building C. Adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall of Building C. Facemasks (for age 2 and older) are required and we will practice social distancing. Adults will begin with a "Town Hall Meeting with Landon" on September 9 to reconnect and catch up on news and information regarding the life of the church. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect and get the new church year off to a great start. Adult Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 16.



## Sunday School Literature and Devotionals

Sunday School literature for this fall is available at the table on the lawn before or after worship on Sunday. If you ordered an "Open Windows" or "Reflections" devotional for this fall then stop by the table as well. Sunday School literature and devotionals are also available for pick-up at the church office during the week.

# BCOB E-Learning Volunteers Needed



Beaufort County School District has chosen to begin this new school year with virtual learning until the number of COVID cases in Beaufort County declines to the point administrators feel confident in children returning to classrooms. As a way to relieve the stress and burdens for parents and families, BCOB will open facilities and provide a safe environment for children to complete their schoolwork each day. However, we need volunteers to make this happen!

Volunteers are needed to help monitor the students entrusted to our care each day. Volunteers will not be expected to teach the children. We hope for volunteers willing to commit the same day once each week from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. We do have flexibility, so even if you cannot commit to one day each week, then please consider helping in other ways. Call Mrs. Kelly for additional information and details. If you have a big heart, love for children, and are willing to help, then please contact Kelly Zytynski immediately at 843-524-3197, 843-991-5355, or kzytynski@bcob.org. Thank you!

## Food Donations for HELP of Beaufort

HELP of Beaufort continues to provide food for families needing assistance in our community. There is currently a shortage of canned vegetables (not soups) and cereal at HELP. You are encouraged over the next few weeks to bring canned vegetables and boxes of cereal to worship on Sunday morning. You can also bring food donations to the church office during the week. Thank you!

## New Address

Charlie & Sara Grisham  
303 Heritage Club Drive – Greenville, SC 29615  
Phone: 864-509-0441

## 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](mailto:pray@bcob.org).



## September Birthday List

**September 1** - Victoria Flowers, Tanya King, KW Pruett  
**September 2** - James Adams, Ronnie Reichert  
**September 3** - Penny Moore, Ray Sherbert  
**September 4** - Norman Morrall, Tricia Bush, Sharon Pope, Will Beere  
**September 6** - Teresa Brown, Linda Pike  
**September 7** - Patsy Stowe, Kelcey Keen  
**September 8** - Marian Youmans  
**September 9** - Jean Stokes  
**September 10** - Anne Smith, Bentley Witte  
**September 11** - Rick Brown  
**September 12** - Karen Smoak, David Ott  
**September 13** - Neils Christensen  
**September 14** - Ernest Kirkland, Linda Davis  
**September 15** - Allyson Alford  
**September 16** - Audrey Maxey  
**September 17** - Michael Brewton  
**September 18** - Betty Ruth Rentz  
**September 19** - William Hendricks, Bill Smoak, David Wilson  
**September 20** - Nancy Priester  
**September 21** - Eleanor Tillman  
**September 23** - Todd Roseneau  
**September 24** - Charles Horton  
**September 25** - Delores Williams, James Pike  
**September 26** - Michael Bonyne  
**September 29** - Ginny Hardee  
**September 30** - Ruth Horton, Julie Hunter, Becky Woods, CJ Akins



# The Church at Work

## Welcome USC-B Students

We recently made and delivered 110 “Welcome Bags” to give to college students moving into USC-Beaufort. Due to the pandemic, we were not able to help move students into the apartments this year. However, we are grateful for the opportunity to welcome the new students to Beaufort and to introduce them to BCOB.



## Deacon Ordination

We ordained Huett Bishop, Rebecca Cooper, Katie Howell, John Lesesne, and Doug Moss as new deacons on Sunday evening, August 23. Our Deacon Council also met on Saturday morning, August 22 for Deacon Ordination. It was a good day of sharing information and learning together. Our Deacon Chair this year is Donald Gruel. Mary Rich is the Vice-Chair and Peggy Infinger is Secretary.

## HELP of Beaufort

We have delivered two big loads of cereal and canned food items to HELP of Beaufort during August to help feed others during this challenging pandemic season. Thank you for your remarkable generosity! We will continue collecting food for HELP each week.



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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.