

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

A “Growing Young” Story

Once upon a time, I was an ordinary, awkward 7th grader involved with my church Youth Group. My Youth Minister, Tom Smith, had planned a summer mission trip involving work with children of poverty in a rural setting near the NC/Virginia state line. I paid little attention to the details of this trip since only high school students were invited to participate. Nevertheless, Tom called my parents several days before the trip seeking their permission for daughter Debbie to go on this mission trip. Tom was in a bind since several high school students had backed out of going at the last minute. My parents gave their blessing, and Tom proceeded to call me. His invitation for an awkward 7th grader to go on this mission trip changed me. What Tom said continues to impact me some 45 years later.

Tom utilized *keychain leadership* in his invitation to me. He said that he saw maturity in me. Moreover, Tom knew that I would not complain or whine about spending July days and nights in a remote cabin with no air conditioning or hot shower. He said that I could be counted on to work diligently and would be a bonus to the team. Now, Tom assured me that the older high school students and adult chaperones would work alongside me as guides. I agreed to this adventure.

There are three “take-aways” in this story. One, I will forever be grateful to Tom Smith, my Minister of Youth, for this opportunity; nevertheless, I never told Tom face to face what a difference he made in my life. I wrote a letter to his wife following Tom’s death to share my gratitude with her. So, thank people today. They may not be here tomorrow.

Second take-away... Often middle school students tell their parents they do not want to attend a youth event or worship because their friend is not attending. Parents and grandparents, do not allow your middle school student to use this flawed excuse. My friends did not go or even get invited to participate on the life-changing mission trip I was privileged to make as a 7th grader. In fact, my closest circle of friends did not even attend my youth group. So, parents do not bend or buckle to matters of spiritual growth. Be the leader and get your middle school student to every church opportunity. If their friends attend, then what an additional bonus and blessing!

The final take-away is the potential of *keychain leadership*. Tom Smith was acutely aware that he could pass a key to an awkward 7th grader. He intentionally entrusted and empowered me with a spirit, commitment, and love of servant mission work, which continues in my life today. We are in the process of evaluating the keychain leadership of BCOB through our Growing Young initiative. You can help with this by completing our church-wide Growing Young survey, meditate on your leadership philosophy, and reflect on scriptural examples including: Exodus 18:1-27; Joshua 1:1-18; 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Jeremiah 1:4-19; John 13:1-17; John 15:1-17; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; and Philippians 2:1-18.

Debbie Pethel

Growing Young – Please Help Us!

The Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) in Pasadena, CA, spent four years studying churches across the nation, thriving in many ways, especially thriving in their ministry with older youth and young adults (focused on 15 - 29 year-olds). The churches involved in the research were of different denominations, different worship styles and included old and new churches. These churches are located in all regions of the country in both urban and rural areas. As you may recall, our church is participating in a “Growing Young Cohort” with churches around the country, including several churches in South Carolina, to determine how FYI’s research might help us at BCOB.

As we move forward, our church family will learn more about how you can be involved in this work. One way you can help immediately is to lend your voice to this critical work by completing a church-wide survey. We want as many people as possible to complete this survey, which is vital to our work. To take the survey, visit our website (bcob.org) and click on “Growing Young.” The survey will take no more than 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Individual responses will remain completely confidential – no one, not even our GY Team, will have access to your answers. We will receive a composite report including all of the responses from our church family. The survey is available online now and will close on Wednesday, February 17.

From Landon Collins

As the leader of a Baptist Church, I am grateful for our local, state, and national ministry partners that connect us to other like-minded congregations and resource us for ministry. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), one of our state and national partners, is currently providing a wonderful resource for me. CBF would like to share the following information with our congregation.

From the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is pleased to announce that your pastor has been selected to participate in the Thriving in Ministry Initiative. This initiative, founded by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment, focuses on helping clergy and their churches thrive and experience deeper levels of well-being.

As a participant, your pastor will benefit from:

- the opportunity to work with two mentors
- a new group of colleagues who share the same ministry context or challenges
- an enhanced support system in the ministerial setting
- tools and resources that contribute to flourishing
- knowledge and wisdom applicable to their ministries
- ultimately increased thriving of congregations

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) is delighted to support your pastor and your congregation through this important initiative.

Church Staff News

Thank you Teena Deer!

On June 8, 2020, Teena Deer stepped in to be our part-time Interim Receptionist while the Personnel Committee worked with Landon to determine how to fill the position. Teena has been an excellent addition to our staff and church family during this season of transition. Teena's last workday was Friday, January 29. We are beyond grateful for the excellent work that Teena has performed while filling this interim position. Teena's daily presence in the office will be missed. Thankfully, Teena is an active and faithful member of the church, and so we will continue to see Teena's smiling face at BCOB on Wednesdays and Sundays. Please show your appreciation to Teena by sending her a note or giving her a phone call. Well done, Teena! Thank you!

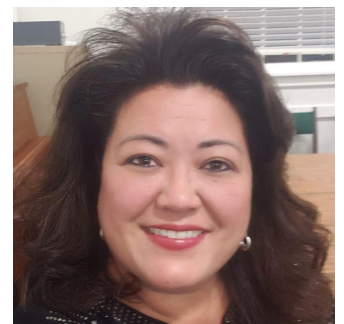
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Teena Deer

Welcome - Aleisia "Alli" Ashlaw!

"Alli" Ashlaw is our new Office Administrator! Alli has been working a few hours during the past couple of weeks to learn from Teena and LaVone. Alli will work from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 until 12:00 noon on Friday. Alli has lived in Beaufort for 24 years. Alli is married, the mother of two adult children, and also has two grandchildren. Alli has been teaching dance for our CEC preschoolers for the past two years. Welcome Alli!



Alli Ashlaw

LaVone Cording, our financial secretary, will continue to work from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays and 1:00 until 5:00 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We are grateful for La Vone and her many years of faithful service to BCOB.

Study for Awareness

This women's book study group meets on 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 humanity and how we might respond as Christians. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 16, at 5:30 pm in the Green Room. The title of the book for February is "In the Garden of Beasts" by Eric Larson. Please read the book in advance and come ready to discuss the book on February 16. 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.

A Word Fitly Spoken... (Proverbs 25:11, KJV)

Ash Wednesday Service



Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 17, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. You do not need to sign-up for this service. Child-care will be available for bed-babies through Kindergarten. Facemasks are required, and we will practice social distancing. This service will be available via live-stream on Facebook at 6:00 pm.

Weekly Schedule

Wednesdays – Discipleship for all age groups – 6:00 until 7:00 pm – (Building C)

Sundays – Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am. Extended Teaching Care (for bed-babies through Kindergarten) provided for both services.

Youth Handbells – 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Youth Night Live Meeting – 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

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.



February Birthday List

February 1st Meredith Keene

February 5th Mark Stokes,
Leigh Copeland

February 7th Jaime Pope

February 8th Marguerite
Garrett, Henry Thames,
Piper Fleullan

February 11th Cindy Burns,
Graham Manley

February 13th Bertha Graves,
Shelley Kolb

February 14th Gerald Winstead

February 15th Doug Maxey,
Ann Berry

February 18th Darlene
Reynolds

February 21st Susan Neal

February 22nd Ann Locke

February 23rd B.J. Woods,
Betsy Kinghorn, Nicholas Moore

February 24th Paul Newman

February 25th Christine Polke,
Todd Stowe, Drake Woods

Church Grounds Clean-Up Day

Led by Lefton Graves, the Grounds Committee Chair, a group of 20 plus volunteers representing children, youth, adults, and older adults braved the cold temperature on Saturday morning, January 30, to help trim trees and remove yard debris from the church campus. Thank you for a job well done!



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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.