

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter



Creative Prayer

Much like a carpenter or car mechanic need appropriate tools to build homes or repair automobiles, followers of Jesus need the spiritual tools to create a more personal and meaningful prayer life. Adults are encouraged to join a four-week journey of exploring spiritual tools and practices that will lead to a richer and deeper prayer life with God. Participants will not be singled out or called on to pray aloud during these sessions. However, participants will engage in spiritual practices related to prayer and receive resources to use in personal quiet times at home.

Please plan to join us on this journey from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in the Green Room (Building A) on the following Mondays: June 7, 14, 21, and 28. Jeff Pethel will facilitate this study. The study is free, but sign-ups are required. **Sign-up by emailing jpethel@bcob.org, call the church office at 843-524-3197 or register at bcob.org/events.**

Growing Young Assessment

Based on the Fuller Youth Institute research, six Core Commitments are necessary for churches desiring to better engage young people in the congregation and community. The six Core Commitments are: Unlock keychain leadership, Empathize with today's young people, Take Jesus' message seriously, Fuel a warm community, Prioritize young people (and families) everywhere, and Be the best neighbor.

Based on the results of the Growing Young Assessment taken by our Growing Young Cohort and the Congregational Assessment completed several months ago, our two lowest scores are Unlocking keychain leadership and Empathize with today's young people. Moreover, our two strongest scores are Take Jesus' message seriously and Fuel a warm community.

In addition, thank you for taking the time to participate and contribute to the five Listening Sessions that have already been completed. Continue to pray for the Growing Young initiative as we move through the months to come. Detailed copies of the completed assessment are available in the church office. Contact Jeff Pethel if you want a copy emailed to you.

Worship News

We will end sign-ups for Worship and Extended Teaching Care beginning on Sunday, June 6. Our guidelines for in-person worship gatherings (facemasks required and social distancing) remain in place until Sunday, June 27. Updates regarding guideline changes will be available in the coming weeks.

Here is our worship schedule for June:

Sunday, June 6 - Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am – (Extended Teaching Care for both services)
Sunday, June 13 – Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am – (Extended Teaching Care for both services)
Sunday, June 20 – Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am – (Extended Teaching Care for both services)

We will return to in-person Sunday School and one Worship Service beginning on Sunday, June 27! Sunday School starts at 9:45 am and ends at 10:45 am. Worship will be at 11:00 am. Extended Teaching Care will be available for bed-babies through Kindergarten during the 11:00 am Worship Service. On June 27, we move from "facemasks required" to "facemasks recommended" on the church campus. Updates regarding other guidelines will be available in the coming weeks.

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?



Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- ANXIETY OVER HEALTH
- GRIEF DUE TO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOSSES
- TENSION FROM JUGGLING WORK, CHILDCARE, AND SCHOOLING
- FINANCIAL STRAIN OR JOB LOSS
- UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE
- OTHER UNEXPECTED LIFE CHALLENGES?



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our church office.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



FROM THE Church Mouse

This is a column in which we share items of note within our congregation. The mouse has been busy counting numbers as June approached. If you know something you think should be included here, please email churchmouse@bcob.org.

- We have 1 “Teacher of the Year” in our congregation. DJ Wilson represents Okatie Elementary School as Teacher of the Year, and we are mighty proud of this accomplishment.
- Jeremiah Ponder is a top 10 student in his class and was a Junior Marshall at Bridges Prep Graduation.
- MaryLou Gruel has written over 600 cards, letters, and notes to individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her words of encouragement and support have been a soothing balm to many.
- Lefton Graves has faithfully seated over 8,000 individuals in our socially distanced sanctuary during the past pandemic year. Lefton arrives on Sundays around 8:00 am and does not leave until all is cleaned up around 12:30 pm. Thanks for your calm, steadfast, loyal leadership.
- A motion to spend \$165,000 was unanimously voted on during our recent Church Business Meeting. This money will be used to make Elisha House repairs, replace Building C windows, paint the outside of Building B, complete a financial review/audit, and some debt reduction of our loan. Big applause to individuals living generously!

New Deacons

Will Beere, Ryan Copeland, Paul Hamilton, Ashley Rhodes, and Mary Smith were elected as new deacons at the Called Business Meeting on Sunday, May 23. Congratulations and thank you for serving.

Financial Reports

March 2021:

Monthly Requirement: 90,674.36

Received: 72,426.40

Expenses: 107,254.41 (Note: Payroll posted three times in March)

Over/Under: -34,828.01

April 2021:

Monthly Requirement: 90,674.36

Received: 75,974.24

Expenses: 82,710.29

Over/Under: -6,681.73

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.



June Birthday List

June 2nd David Craft

June 3rd Lenair Woods

June 4th Gayle Carroll,
Lisa Sedar

June 5th DeShield Tomlinson

June 7th Joe Poveroni,
Charles Yahres

June 8th Kathy Sherbert

June 9th Christy Stowe

June 10th Woody Axton,
Sellers Lynn

June 11th Nancy Davidson,
Lukas Copeland

June 13th Helen Martin

June 15th Mark Story

June 16th Jean Redfearn,
LaRose Smith

June 17th Marilee Morris

June 20th James Brown,
Thomas Squires, Andrew Moore,
Reames Copeland

June 21st Daniel Dale

June 23rd Robert Neal,
Wendi Lynn

June 24th Joan Drury

June 26th Dot Rucker

June 27th Carol Myers,
Dwight Cairnes, Shelley Moody,
Neils Christensen

June 28th Mike Brainerd

June 30th Tommy Collins,
John Polk, Larry Dacus

A Gift That Changes Lives

Due to the pandemic, we could not raise money (parking lot fundraisers, etc.) to help youth families reduce the cost of the Passport Youth Camp this summer. Our Youth are going to camp at Furman University on July 5 through 10. Passport Camp includes mission work, small group Bible studies, worship, electives, and fellowship opportunities. "Passport empowers students to have fresh encounters with God, embrace community, and extend grace to the world." The cost is \$445.00 per person. If you are in a financial position to offer a gift (of any amount) to help reduce the cost of camp for youth (grades 7-12), then please make checks payable to BCOB and put "Youth Camp" on the memo line. You can also contribute online through the church website giving portal to "Youth Scholarships." Thank you for supporting our youth (and the Growing Young initiative) with your prayers and financial support.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

We will recognize and honor our high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 27, during the 11:00 am Worship Service. Youth who are active members of BCOB or Youth who are active in the BCOB Youth Ministry are invited and encouraged to participate. The deadline to sign-up to participate is Sunday, June 13. Call the church office at 843-524-3197 or email jpethel@bcob.org to sign-up.

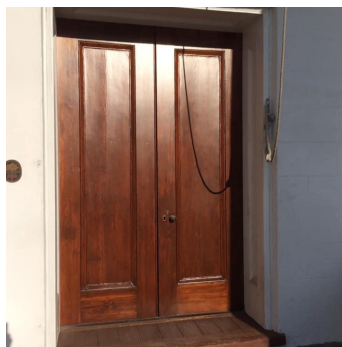
Our Sanctuary doors were recently refurbished by Lance Aulffo at Front Door Refinishing. Enjoy the before, during, and after photos of Lance's craftsmanship.



Before



During



After



After

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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.