

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter



Welcome Rev. Missy Smith & Family

We are excited to welcome Missy, Bailey, Bella, and Olivia Smith to the BCOB family! Missy is our new Minister of Youth & Communication. Please continue to pray for Missy and her family as they settle in and make BCOB and Beaufort their new home. Missy's email address is msmith@bcob.org.

Unafraid Bible Study

Fear is pervasive in our culture today. How do we keep fear from controlling our lives? How do we live with courage and hope in uncertain times? Written by Methodist Minister Adam Hamilton, adult participants will discover the resources in their lives and faith to live more boldly and freely without fear during this five-week study. The study will meet on the following Mondays from 6:30 until 8:00 pm in the Green Room: September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11. Jeff Pethel will facilitate this study. Books are available for purchase (but not required). Contact Jeff if you want a book. Sign up at the tent or online at bcob.org/events.

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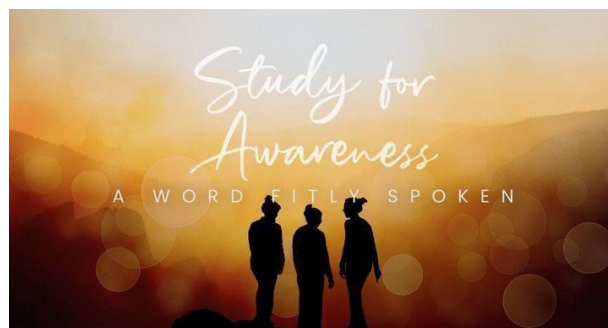


Stephen Ministry News

We will commission our newest group of Stephen Ministers in worship on Sunday morning, September 19, during the 11:00 am service. Immediately following the service, there will be a brief meeting in the Green Room for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister. Contact Cindy Duryea for additional information regarding Stephen Ministry.

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. The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 21, at 5:30 pm in the Green Room. The title of the book for September is "Nickel and Dimed" by Barbara Ehrenreich. Please read the book in advance and come ready to discuss the book on September 21. Contact Rebecca Cooper at 843-368-6720 or Beth Haverfield at 404-395-7023 for additional information regarding this study and discussion group.





Fall Kick-Off Party for BCOB Youth

On Sunday, September 12, from 6:00 until 7:30 pm, youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join us in the Youth Center to celebrate the restart of the BCOB Youth Program for the fall. We will have supper, games, prizes and get a calendar of all the things happening with youth at BCOB. Join us and bring a friend! Facemasks are encouraged.



TOWMO for Haiti and Louisiana

Financial contributions given to the BCOB Touching Our World Mission Offering (TOWMO) and marked "Relief" will be divided between ongoing mission work in Haiti and Louisiana. If you want to support relief efforts in Haiti and Louisiana, make checks payable to BCOB. Write the word "Relief" on the memo line and envelope.



Wednesday Night News & Discipleship

Due to the recent rise of COVID-19 in our community, church leadership decided to adjust our schedule and delay returning for the Wednesday night meal and activities until a later date. Fortunately, there are other opportunities for discipleship and fellowship. Adults are encouraged to participate in the "Unafraid" study on Monday evenings. Additional discipleship opportunities for children will be scheduled. Youth will continue meeting on Sunday evenings.

Sunday School remains our primary resource for discipleship during this pandemic. Sunday School provides opportunities for connection, formation, service, and care. Everyone in the church is invited and encouraged to be active weekly in Sunday School and Worship. Contact Jeff Pethel if you have questions regarding Sunday School and connecting to a group.

A Personal Invitation from Jeff Pethel

The pandemic continues to impact our lives in ways that are difficult to articulate. I continue to hear people talk about being tired and anxious. Much is happening in our community and world that troubles us. The uncertainty of the pandemic adds stress and anxiety to life for people of all ages. I am reminded of the words in Psalm 63: "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water." We hunger and thirst for God's presence daily.

Walking the labyrinth is a metaphor for our spiritual journeys. Over the years, I have found walking the labyrinth to help quieten my mind and calm my spirit. God has used the labyrinth as a tool to help me in seasons of grief, uncertainty, joy, and transition. Walking the labyrinth helps me become more mindful of God's presence in the moment. Thoughts and images often come to mind even weeks after a labyrinth walk.

I enjoy introducing the spiritual practice of walking the labyrinth to others. Consider this a personal invitation for Rest and Renewal. Please get in touch with me if you would like to schedule a day and time to walk the labyrinth. Walks can be scheduled for weekdays and weekday evenings. I prefer small groups of at least three people but am willing to schedule walks with one or two people. I would encourage you to allow one hour for the experience. You do not have to do or prepare anything in advance. Call me at 843-524-3197 or email jpethel@bcob.org to schedule a walk.



FROM THE Church Mouse

This is a column in which we share items of note within our congregation. The church mouse is excited to share some September congregational news with you. If you know something you think should be included here, please email churchmouse@bcob.org.

- Kyle King made the spring semester Dean's List at the University of SC. Kyle is studying in the College of Engineering & Computing.
- Teena Deer volunteered to be our female chaperone for Youth Passport Camp at Furman. Thank you for your servant heart.
- Congratulations to a young BCOB softball team that is building relationships and notching some wins.
- Reames Copeland brought two quarters to Wacky Wednesday and gave them to Mrs. Kelly. Reames said, "I know these events cannot be FREE at our church so I brought one quarter for me and one for my friend to help pay off the expenses." Wow, the Church Mouse thinks our children are paying attention to Landon's tithing sermon and advice.
- Charlie and Sara Grisham sent a note saying they wish they were butterflies and could "flit" down to Beaufort and see all the wonderful friends and folks who have prayed for us.

Facility Updates and Good News

Mr. Richard Gray and the Gray Family Foundation recently made a generous \$10,000.00 gift to The Baptist Church of Beaufort! In addition to this gracious gift, Grayco helped us secure an additional discount from the manufacturer on windows we are purchasing for Building C and the Mission House. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of Mr. Richard Gray and the Grayco business. If you know Mr. Gray, please say "thank you" when you're shopping at Grayco.

Shay Pinckney is working with the contractor on finalizing permits and scheduling the work for replacing the remaining old windows in Building C. New windows are also planned for the Elisha Mission House. The exterior of Building B is expected to be painted soon. We are waiting for cooler fall days to spruce up the churchyard (cemetery) and around the church campus.

July Financial Update

YTD Expenses: \$560,786.78
YTD Receipts: \$547,854.57
YTD Budget: \$623,891.17

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.



September Birthday List

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

Welcome New Members!



Grady, Josh, and Caitlin Reid



Carolyn Stuart



Harrison and Britnee Courtney



Bailey, Olivia, Bella, and Rev. Missy Smith

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Yvonne Vicuna, Director of The Child Enrichment Center

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.