

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

Growing Young: A Praise, a Prod, and a Promise

In August I spent three weeks preaching about the Growing Young Initiative and the six core commitments of churches that do a good job of engaging young people. To refresh your memory, churches that engage young people are committed to creating warm relationships, empathizing with young people, giving young people leadership opportunities, taking Jesus and the gospel seriously, prioritizing young people throughout the life of the church, and are committed to loving their neighbors. I am thrilled that we are a church who has a desire, and sees the need, to engage young people. Remember, churches that are growing young have more passion, more service, more money, and more overall health.

Just as John offers a praise, a prod, and a promise to the churches at the beginning of Revelation, I would like to offer a praise, a prod, and a promise to this church regarding growing young.

Praise: I am excited about the conversations taking place within the church about how we can connect different generations. One of our ladies mission groups has committed to preparing dinner for our youth on Sunday Evenings this Fall. This is something to celebrate. I am also excited that young people have been given leadership opportunities in worship over the last few weeks. Of our recent new members, half of them are younger than I am. This church has created warm relationships and young people want to be a part of what God is doing here.

Prod: Our church-wide survey results show that while we are doing some things well, we have some work to do in a few areas. As we move forward we will need to work on prioritizing young people as we make decisions and we will need to learn how to empathize with young people. If we want to engage young people, then we must put forth the effort to understand what is going on in their world. BCOB, I believe we will take steps forward in these areas.

Promise: I am not qualified to offer the promises that Christ offers the churches in Revelation, but I can promise you that the Fuller Youth Institute found that churches who were able to be faithful to these six core commitments ended up being healthier and more vibrant churches. BCOB, I am excited for what is happening and for what is ahead. Remember, our church needs young people, and young people need our church.

Landon Collins

From the Personnel Committee - Minister Appreciation Month

Here at BCOB, we are blessed with an extraordinary ministerial staff! You are encouraged to express your love and appreciation for them throughout the year, but especially during this month because October is designated as National Minister Appreciation Month. Sincere thanks, personal notes, cards, special prayers, words of encouragement, and “goodies” delivered to the church office are just some of the ways you might let our ministers know they are important to you and that their dedication does not go unnoticed. Let’s shower our staff with heartfelt love and thanks for who they are and what they do.



Church Business Meeting

There will be a Church Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 13, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall (Building C). The main agenda item is to vote on church leadership positions for this new church year. A Town Hall Meeting will follow the Business Meeting.

A Letter from Josh Wall

Over the past two years, it has been my joy and honor to offer music as part of the services each week. As many know, music is my life and I can't imagine life without it. A large part of my musical upbringing, my grandmother, joined the heavenly choir on Easter Sunday in April of 2021. How fitting, right? From 1954 to 2018, my grandmother held a music position in more churches than I can count and I've always felt a special connection with her throughout my church postings. When we learned that her time with us in physical form was coming to an end, my family debated on if she'd have one more Easter celebration with us - or pick the better seat on high. That Easter, while celebratory for everyone else, was especially hard for me because my musical influence wasn't with me in human form any longer. Since then, my family and I have experienced hardships in several capacities that have started to negatively affect us and those around us. I am grateful that BCOB has given me the rest of 2021 to step away from my responsibilities so that I might attend to a few family matters. I am also grateful for the support and prayer of this congregation.

Grief Support at the Holidays

The holiday season is difficult for anyone experiencing grief, and we want to offer support and a safe place for anyone grieving in this coming holiday season. Whatever your experience of loss (death, divorce, estrangement, loss of job, etc.), you are invited and encouraged to join this group. Space is limited, and the cost for resources is \$10.00 per person. There will be three meetings during this season, and participants can attend during the day or evening sessions.

Day Sessions: Wednesday, November 17, December 8, 15

Time: 10:00 until 11:30 am

Location: Room B-203 (2nd floor in Building B)

Evening Sessions: Wednesday, November 17, December 8, 15

Time: 6:30 until 8:00 pm

Location: Green Room (Building A).

Space is limited, so visit bcob.org/events to sign-up,

Or contact Jeff Pethel (843-524-3197 or jpethel@bcob.org) for additional information.

Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat

On Wednesday, October 27, we will celebrate the fall season with "Trunk-or-Treat" for our children from 6:00 until 7:00 pm in the Parking Lot. Adult volunteers are needed to decorate their car trunks or truck beds and give out candy to our children. Please sign-up at the tent to volunteer or contact Ms. Kelly to help. We also need individually wrapped candy donations, and donation boxes are located around the church campus. Thank you in advance for helping make this unusual time a little more normal for our children.

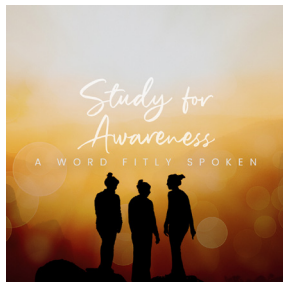
Contact Ms. Kelly at kzytynski@bcob.org or 843-991-5355 for questions or additional information.



MODERN PARABLES ADULT STUDY

Modern Parables Adult Study

Adults will begin a four-week series using modern stories that will lead to a deeper understanding of the parables of Jesus. The stories will be entertaining and help participants grasp the parables of Jesus at an immediate, gut level while engaging Scripture in a new way. Bring your Bible. There is a morning option and an evening option for this study. The evening sessions for this study will be held in the Green Room from 6:30 until 8:00 pm on the following Mondays: October 25, November 1, 8, and 15. Childcare will be provided if requested. The morning sessions for this study will be held in the Green Room from 10:00 until 11:30 am on the following Thursdays: October 28, November 4, 11, and 18. The weekly day and evening sessions will be the same, so select the sessions that best suit your schedule. The study is free, but please sign-up at the tent after worship or at bcob.org/events to participate.



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, October 19, at 5:30 pm in the Green Room. The book for October is "In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts" by Gabor Maté. Please read the book in advance and come ready to discuss the book on October 19. Contact Rebecca Cooper at 843-368-6720 or Beth Haverfield at 404-395-7023 for additional information regarding this study and discussion group.



Make a Difference Day

BCOB Preschool and Children (age 3 through 5th grade) will meet in the Fellowship Hall (Prince Street side) on Saturday, October 23, from 1:00 until 3:00 pm to make "Blessing Bags" and "Birthday Boxes" for children and women at Hopeful Horizons. For more information email Kelly at kzytynski@bcob. or or visit bcob.org/events



Stephen Ministry News

Every two years, we train a new group of Stephen Ministers at BCOB. If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, then the next step is to gather information regarding the requirements and commitment to help guide you in making this important decision. Contact Cindy Duryea, the church office, or stop by the tent on Sunday to learn more about this ministry opportunity.



BCOB Youth News

Youth Handbells meet at 5:00 pm in Building A on Sunday afternoons. The "Youth Gathering" meets from 6:00 until 7:30 pm in Building C on Sunday afternoons. "Youth Gathering" includes a small meal, games, worship, and Bible study. All youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited and encouraged to attend.

August Financial Update

YTD Expenses: \$653,225.17
YTD Receipts: \$640,501.72
YTD Budget: \$713,018.48



October Birthday List

October 2nd Gloria Godwin,
Wallace Thomas
October 4th Jackie Dansby,
Daniel Lightsey
October 5th Melanie Buchanan,
Renee Dugger
October 7th Ozzie Mujica
October 8th Jimmy Lane
October 9th Les Brediger
October 11th Sarah Russell
October 13th Joyce Woods
October 14th Britnee Courtney,
Arena Lesesne
October 16th Shirley Tuttle,
Susan McKessy, Erin Collins
October 18th Kay Gibbs,
Stephanie Lane
October 20th Lisa Pate
October 21st Terri Abraham,
Katie Harris
October 22nd Dollie Morrall,
Sam Johnson, Mary Hope
Roseneau, Gary Bradley,
Noah Squires
October 23rd Jimmy Culbertson,
David Carter, Marlow Yawn
October 25th Jim Underhill,
Miranda Weslake
October 26th Rebecca Cooper
October 27th Arthur Perry,
Paul Moore

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.

Alzheimer's Family Services



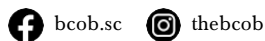
Alzheimer's Family Services of Greater Beaufort is a local non-profit agency offering education, respite, and support to caregivers of persons in our community who struggle with Alzheimer's disease. We do this through our Social Day, In-Home Respite, and our Early Memory Loss programs. We offer two support groups, one for caregivers and one for individuals in the early stage of Alzheimer's. Additionally, we offer free, confidential memory screenings. Please contact us at 843-521-9190 or www.afsgb.org for additional information regarding our services.

Welcome New Members!



Walter and Billie Jo Godwin

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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.