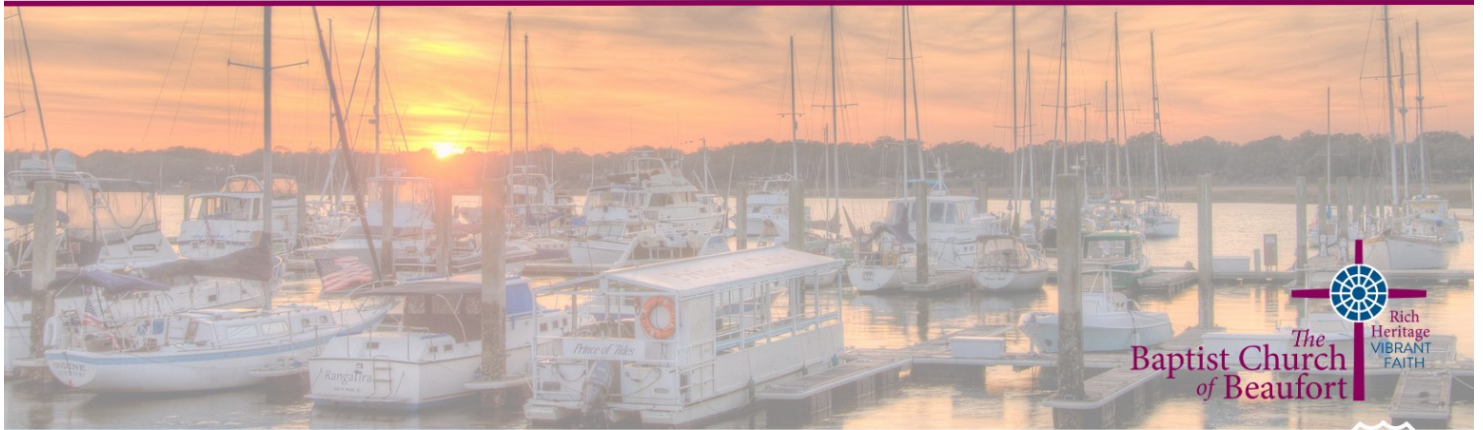


THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

August 2023



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August 1-4 - Youth Mission Trip

**August 6 - 9:15am Sunday School,
10:30am Worship**

August 7 - 6:30pm Adult Bible Study

**August 13 - 9:15am Sunday School,
10:30am Worship, 6pm Ministerial
Ordination Service**

**August 14 - 6:30pm Adult Bible
Study**

August 19 - 9am Deacon Orientation

**August 20 - 9:15am Sunday School
(Promotion Sunday), 10:30am
Worship, 6pm Deacon Ordination**

**August 21 - 6:30pm Adult Bible
Study**

**August 23 - 5pm Covenant Choir
Kick Off Event**

**August 27 - 9:15am Sunday School,
10:30am Worship, Youth Fall Kick
Off Event**

**August 28 - 6:30pm Adult Bible
Study**

**August 30 - 6pm Business Meeting,
Steeple Sounds, 7pm Covenant
Choir**

Discernment

BCOB has been in transition over the last few years and now I believe it is time for this congregation to discern where God is leading us over the next two to three years. This process is less about creating a new vision for the future of our church and more about finding the key initiatives we, as a church, need to engage. If our church exists to introduce people to Jesus and become more like him, what might that look like over the next few years?

Beginning in Matthew 5, Jesus begins speaking to the disciples and the crowds who gathered around about life, faith, and the Kingdom of God. The Sermon on the Mount is the most complete description of what it looks like for individuals to follow Jesus and live as citizens of God's Kingdom. For several weeks in September and October, we are going to allow Jesus' words to guide us in our discernment process. We are going to ask, "How might Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount shape this church over the next two to three years?" The Sermon on the Mount will be our focus in worship, as well as the focus of conversation on Wednesday Nights. More details will come in the weeks ahead, but for now, I would invite you to begin praying for this church and this process as we seek to be the church God has called us to be.

Landon Collins



Stephen Ministry



Mike Brainerd and Bailey Smith are in the final stages of completing their training to become Stephen Leaders. On Sunday, September 17, we will commission Mike and Bailey during worship. So what are Stephen Leaders? Stephen Leaders can be pastors, other church staff members, or lay leaders who are equipped to direct the Stephen Ministry in their congregation. Stephen Leaders exhibit gifts and skills in areas such as leadership, teaching, and organizing people, along with a heart for caring ministry.

In addition on September 17 following worship, we will have a recruiting/informational luncheon for individuals interested in training to become a Stephen Minister. This meal is free and not a commitment to become a Stephen Minister; nevertheless, an opportunity to learn more. What are Stephen Ministers? Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to provide one-on-one, Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting, and they are equipped with caring ministry skills by their congregation's Stephen Leaders. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support. Stephen Ministers provide care to individuals facing difficult times in life – divorce, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, disability, loneliness, cancer, grief, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles.

Next steps? Begin praying how you might bring hope and healing to hurting people by becoming a Stephen Minister. Join the conversation on September 17 to ask and get questions answered. Approach current Stephen Ministers to discuss this life changing ministry. Catch the vision and train to be a Stephen Minister!

New Office Admin

We are excited to announce that within the next few weeks Aleaha Horsely will be joining the staff at BCOB as our new Office Administrator. When you call or stop by the church office, please introduce yourself and welcome her to BCOB.



Making Sense of the Bible

Adults are invited and encouraged to join us on a six-week journey titled "Making Sense of the Bible." The study will be held Monday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00pm in the Green Room beginning Monday, August 7. We will also meet on Mondays, August 14, 21, 28, and September 11 and 18. Books for the study are \$14.00 each (or you can secure your own copy). Topics include: Making Sense of the Old Testament, Making Sense of the New Testament, The Bible and Science, Violence, Suffering, and Other Troubling Issues, and Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships. Sign-ups are required for the study, and childcare will be provided, if requested. Sign-up at the tent on Sunday or call the church office at 843-524-3197 to sign up.



August Birthdays

August 1 - Susan Thomas
August 2 - Walter Ickert, Jennifer Fitzhugh, Kay Bodine
August 4 - Janice Capps, Jim Godwin, Russell Pate
August 5 - Lauralee Townsend
August 8 - William Winn
August 9 - Robert Reynolds
August 10 - Warren Story, Alice Poveroni
August 11 - Elizabeth Brewton, Hampton Lane
August 12 - Jessie Stowe
August 13 - Mike McNally
August 14 - Bobby Smith, Susan Dickey
August 17 - Carol Griffis, Linda Keene, Carol Brediger, David Priester, Burton Sauls
August 18 - Flo Polk, Penny Tarrance, Joanie Barber, Gail Teem, Michele Weitzel, Chris Beere
August 19 - Teresa Witt, Luke Morris, Phillip Lynn
August 21 - John Fugate, Jim Riley
August 22 - Teena Deer
August 23 - Sally Sauls
August 24 - Mary Peterson
August 25 - Robert DeLoach, Cindy Duryea
August 26 - Jane Miller, Julie Lightsey, Huett Bishop
August 27 - Ken Bodine
August 28 - Brent Cooper
August 29 - Roberta McNally
August 30 - Steve Burns
August 31 - Dianne Deer



Prayer Requests

Please let us know how to pray for you during this season. To place someone on the Prayer List, please obtain the individual's permission first and then call the church office at 843-524-3197 or email pray@bcob.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days.

Weekly Prayer List will be provided in The Happening, which you can receive weekly in your worship guide or at the church office. Thank you for praying and encouraging each other in prayer.

BCOB Youth

BCOB Youth (students 6th - 12th grade) have had an incredible summer together. After the youth were encouraged and challenged spiritually at Passport Camps, they had an opportunity to take part in Bible study through Taco Tuesdays, where they learned what it means to "delight in the Lord." The youth had a sweet time of fellowship at Taco Tuesdays after their Bible study each week. Some weeks the youth swam in pools, sometimes they played in the river by kayaking and paddleboarding and some weeks they simply had fun playing games together. BCOB Youth ministry team is thankful for the support of the church members this summer who hosted and fixed meals for our Taco Tuesdays. We all were blessed by how well you served the Lord by serving our youth.

The first week in August is the mission trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, that BCOB Youth have been preparing for this summer. A group of youth will be traveling to Knoxville to serve with local ministries there to do construction projects, feed at homeless shelters and lead activities with children in need. Please pray for the youth who are serving that they will have safe travels and servants hearts as they grow in the Lord by serving the community in Knoxville this summer.

BCOB Youth will welcome all 6th graders into the youth group on Sunday morning, August 20th during Sunday school. All students 6th-12th grade are invited to the youth Kick-Off Fall activities on Sunday, August 27 at 6pm. BCOB Youth will have supper and have other fun indoor and outdoor games. Make plans to attend this FUN Fall Kick-off Event!



BCOB Youth Fall Dates to Remember:

August 20 - Promotion Sunday
August 27 - 6pm Fall Kick Off Event
September 9 - 6pm Youth Karaoke Night
September 10 - 5pm Youth Bells and 6pm Youth Gathering Resume
September 13 - 6pm Youth Faith and Youth Voices Resume
October 6-8 D-Now Weekend
October 25 - Fall Festival
November 17 - Mission Night

BCOB Kids

By: Kelly Zytynski



The BCOB Kids were at PASSPORTkids Camp from July 10-13 in Laurinburg, NC. I want to thank you for praying for our group while we were at camp. I also would like to thank you for your monetary gifts to help us get to camp, whether you purchased wreaths, or soup or donated, it was greatly appreciated. We laughed, danced, sang, and made new friends. We had the best time learning about turning our world UPSIDE DOWN for God, by thinking and seeing others differently. We were challenged to step out of our comfort zone, by thinking like God thinks and seeing others as God sees them! We will now go into our community and turn it UPSIDE DOWN for God answering His call to be a good neighbor. Again, I thank you for your support of our BCOB Kids.

As we look to the Fall, Acolyte Training for 2nd - 5th graders will be August 6 at 3pm in the sanctuary. If you have already attended Acolyte training, you do not need to attend again; however you do need to let Ms. Kelly know you would like to continue to serve as an Acolyte. Acolytes will start serving in worship on August 20.

Promotion Sunday will be on August 20 during Sunday School. If you are a rising first grader, you will start with Ms. Kelly in the preschool area and she will move you to the children's area. If you are a rising sixth grader, you will start in the children's area, and will move to the youth room. Our preschool and children's Sunday school teachers for this year are Babies: Audrey Maxey, Melissa Beere, and Shelly Kolb (sub), Toddlers: Britnee Courtney, Bayleigh Melson, and Elly Grubbs (sub), Preschoolers: Meredith Keene, Janet Andrews, and Penny Tarrance (sub), Children: Dawn Bates, Teena Deer, and Erin Collins (sub). Thank you all for your dedication and love of our BCOB Kids.

Worship Arts Ministry

Now is the time of year when our church ensembles begin a new season of worship through music. So if you've thought about checking out one of the groups, now is the perfect time to do so! Covenant Choir is our adult choir that sings in Sunday morning worship from September to May. If you love to sing and worship our great God, this is the group for you! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30 beginning August 30. If you have handbell ringing experience or have always wanted to learn, Steeple Sounds needs you. They practice on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm beginning August 30. Don't forget that our youth also sing and ring! Youth Bells will resume on September 10 at 5pm, and Youth Voices will practice on September 13 at 6:30pm. Also on September 13, Blast Kids will be singing again at 6pm. If you have questions about any of these ensembles or want to join us, please contact Allison.

Update from the Stewardship Committee

As members of the Stewardship Committee, we celebrate with the church family as we see the completion of the steeple repair. This is the reflection of our stewardship in meeting the challenges throughout our church history.

Some of those challenges have been overcome:

- 1844 \$17,000 to build our present day sanctuary
- 1959 Hurricane Gracie repairs
- 1961 Steeple erected
- 1998 Sanctuary renovation \$1,500,000
- 2004 Bicentennial "Finishing the Task" Campaign to clear all debt

As we remember our past and look toward our future, we must be committed to God's leadership in our giving. As you read below you will see the Stewardship Committee's report of our collections and spending to date in 2023. From January through the end of June, expenses currently exceed collections by \$22,642.

- YTD Expenses: \$564,287
- YTD Giving: \$541,645

May we all be faithful to give back a portion of what God has given so that we may be good stewards of the church, buildings, facilities and people for God's Kingdom's glory.

June 2023 Financial Generosity Summary

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| • MTD Expenses: \$97,663 | • YTD Expenses: \$564,287 |
| • MTD Giving: \$85,564 | • YTD Giving: \$541,645 |
| • MTD Budget: \$92,994 | • YTD Budget: \$557,966 |

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