

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

September 2023



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September - 9:15am Sunday school, 10:30am Worship

September 9 - 6pm BCOB Youth Launch Party

September 10 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6pm Youth Gathering, Discernment Prayer Service

September 11 - 6pm Adult Bible Study

September 13 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study (Discernment), Youth Faith and Voices, Kids JAM and Blast; 7pm Covenant Choir

September 14 - 11:30pm Lunch and Learn

September 17 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship; 11:30am Stephen Ministry Luncheon; 5pm Youth Bells; 6pm Youth Gathering

**September 18 - 6pm Adult Bible Study
September 20 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study (Discernment), Youth Faith and Voices, Kids JAM and Blast; 7pm Covenant Choir**

**September 24 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6pm Youth Gathering
September 25 - 6pm Adult Bible study**

September 27 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study (Discernment), Youth Faith and Voices, Kids JAM and Blast; 7pm Covenant Choir

Discernment

The best sermon of all time is found in Matthew chapters five, six and seven. 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. As we enter into this discernment process, we as a congregation are going to ask, "How might Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount shape BCOB over the next two-three years?"

There will be different ways, both individual and corporate, to participate in this discernment process:

In worship on Sunday mornings from September 10 through October 1, we will focus on a few sections of the Sermon on the Mount.

On Sunday evening September 10 at 6pm, we will meet in the Sanctuary for a Discernment Prayer Service. This will be a time to prayerfully prepare our hearts to experience God over the next few weeks.

Each Monday morning we will send out a church-wide email with a few prompts for prayer and scripture reading for the week. The Sanctuary will also be open on Monday mornings from 7am-10am and the same scripture and prayer prompts will be available. Our hope is that we would spend some time individually asking how God might lead in the next few years.

On Wednesdays from September 13 through October 4, as part of our Wednesday evening activities, we will gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate what God has done, what God is doing, and ponder what God WILL do.

Throughout these four weeks, the Prayer Labyrinth will be available in the Fellowship Hall. There will be certain times for Sunday School classes to come and walk the Labyrinth together. Individuals are welcome to come and walk as well. Contact Jeff Pethel for a list of the available times.

On Sunday evening October 1, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Church-wide Town Hall. This will be an opportunity for us to hear how God has been working and leading throughout this discernment process.

I am excited about the weeks ahead and how God will lead. What a joy it is to be a part of this church in this season.

Landon Collins

Wednesday Nights

Beginning on Wednesday, September 13, we will meet from 5:30-7pm in the Fellowship Hall for a shared meal, fellowship, and discipleship. We will eat together from 5:30-6pm, then our preschoolers (infants-kindergarten) will head to the B-Building for JAM. Children from 1st Grade - 5th Grade will head upstairs to the Children's Suite for Blast. Youth, which includes students from 6th-12th grades, will go to the Youth Room for Youth Voices. Adults will stay around the tables in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study. The first four weeks are devoted to congregational discernment.

There are a few special dates to keep in mind. Our Fall Festival is on October 25. We will have a Business Meeting after dinner on November 1, to discuss the proposed budget for 2024. On November 29, we will wrap up the semester with a meal packing event. Please sign up each week for dinner at the tent or by calling the office to reserve your spot for dinner. We hope you will be able to join us on Wednesday evenings this fall.

Women's Mission Groups

If you have a heart for missions, we invite you to join one of our two mission groups. The Vivian Walsh Group meets the first Monday in the months of October - June at 12:30pm. Contact Annette Petit at 843-812-4485 for more details. The Bush Mission Group meets the third Thursday in the months of September - May at 11:30am. Contact Tricia Bush at 843-524-7683 for more details.

Stephen Ministry



A recruiting/informational luncheon for individuals interested in training to become a Stephen Minister will follow worship on September 17. Get all your questions answered, learn about becoming a Stephen Minister, and enjoy a lunch. Attending the luncheon is not a commitment to serve but a first step opportunity to begin equipping yourself to bring hope and healing to hurting individuals. Our official start for training sessions will be January 2024.

Also, on September 17, Mike Brainerd and Bailey Smith will be commissioned as new Stephen Leaders during worship. Continue to pray for this meaningful ministry.



Bailey Smith



Mike Brainerd



September Birthdays

- September 1 - Vicki Flowers, Tanya King
- September 2 - Ronnie Reichert
- September 3 - Ray Sherbert, Penny Moore
- September 4 - Tricia Bush, Sharon Pope, Will Beere
- September 6 - Teresa Brown
- September 7 - Patsy Stowe, Kelsey Keen
- September 8 - Marian Youmans
- September 9 - Jean Stokes
- September 10 - Anne Smith, Bentley Witte
- September 11 - Rick Brown
- September 12 - Karen Smoak, David Ott
- September 14 - Ernest Kirkland, Linda Davis
- September 15 - Allyson Alford
- September 16 - Audrey Maxey
- September 17 - Michael Brewton
- September 18 - Betty Ruth Rentz
- September 19 - Bill Hendricks, Bill Smoak, David Wilson
- September 20 - Nancy Priester
- September 21 - Eleanor Tillman
- September 23 - Todd Roseneau
- September 25 - Delores Williams
- September 26 - Michael Bonyne
- September 29 - Ginny Hardee
- September 30 - Ruth Horton, Julie Hunter, Becky Woods



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

On Saturday, September 9, we will have a Launch Party in the Youth Room. We will have a Ramen Noodle Bar set up, games set up, new calendars and an opportunity for each youth to check out the Youth Room and connect with each other before starting back to youth activities September 10. Please come, bring a friend and hang out with BCOB Youth as we launch into the fall. On Sunday, September 10, we will begin our new Bible Study called *PRAYER* at Youth Gathering at 6pm.

BCOB Youth Fall Dates to Remember:

September 9 - 6pm Youth Launch Party

September 10 - 5pm Youth Bells

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

December 10 - Christmas Party

December 17 - Youth Caroling



BCOB Kids

JAM: JESUS and ME

September 13 through November 29 the preschoolers (birth - 5K) are meeting together for JAM in the preschool area. We meet for an hour (6-7pm). Preschoolers will be learning songs and how to serve like Jesus with serve projects.

BLAST CHOIR & BLAST MISSIONS

September 13 through November 29 the children (1st-5th grade) are meeting together for BLAST Music and BLAST Missions in the children's area. We meet for an hour (6-7pm). Children will be learning music and how to be the hands and feet of Jesus. While learning about Missions and doing serve projects.

It's time to kick off the fun this Fall with a "Messy Day." On Saturday, September 16 from 1pm until 4pm: Let's make a Mess with our Friends! Wear clothes that can get very Messy! Sign up by 9/13 with Ms. Kelly to join this Messy fun. For the month of September BCOB Kids will be collecting new socks (all sizes) for those in need. There will be bins out until September 27 to collect socks, BCOB Kids invite you to help with "SOCKtember." Parent's Night Out will be Friday, September 29 from 6 until 9pm. Make sure and sign by September 27 with Ms. Kelly. New BCOB Kids Calendar available, see Ms. Kelly if you did not receive one.

Online Daily Devotion

Many in our church family use "Reflections" or "Open Windows" as a daily devotional guide. Another devotional resource to consider is d365.org. d365 is a daily online devotion written for youth and adults. The devotion follows a five-step format - Pause, Listen, Think, Pray, Go. Users can read this online devotional silently or with music playing in the background. You are encouraged to give d365.org a try. Passport, Inc., a non-profit camp organization, provides this free resource.

Sunday School Invitation

Sunday School provides a place for individuals to grow in their relationship with God and others. Sunday School offers an opportunity for learning, growing, and sharing God's love in a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment. Sunday School is also about caring for each other - celebrating joys, offering support when needed, and sharing life challenges. Everyone is encouraged to participate in ongoing Bible study and fellowship with others in the church family. You are encouraged to give Sunday School a try! We offer classes for a variety of ages on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. There is a class that is just right for you. Contact Jeff or Landon for more information regarding Sunday School.

Worship Arts Ministry

We have some disappointing news. The candidate we were seeking to hire as our new staff accompanist, Dennis Lau Sie Kai, will not be able to accept our offer. His ability to come was dependent on also taking a teaching job in an area school. Though he is more than qualified for such a position, the school district declined to sponsor his visa or aid him in an application for a different status. Without that sponsorship, they could not offer him a contract.

Dennis thanks BCOB, especially the Music and Personnel Committees, for your kindness and generous spirit.

So now we will resume seeking the musician God has for helping to lead our worship here at BCOB. Please pray as our search continues. In the meantime, thank our keyboardists who volunteer their time so faithfully every week.

Pastoral Care

In Galatians 6:2 we read "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." As a church we are instructed to care for one another, and I am grateful for the many people here at BCOB who do that well. I am grateful for our Stephen Leaders and our Stephen Ministers who care for people within the church who are navigating loss and other challenges. I am grateful for the Sunday School Classes that are committed to praying for one another. I am grateful for our Deacons and our At Home Team who care for those who aren't always able to gather in person. I am grateful for Kelly, Missy and Allision who care for people in their area of ministry. I am especially grateful for Jeff, who in the last few years has taken responsibility for Pastoral Care here at BCOB. I imagine many of you have received a phone call, handwritten note, or even a visit from Jeff within the last year. Thank you for being a church that fulfills the law of Christ by carrying each others' burdens. We are a stronger community for it.

- Landon Collins

Lunch and Learn

On Thursday, September 14, Senior Adult "Lunch & Learn" will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. Our guest speaker will be Bailey Smith, a member of our church and counselor within our community. Bailey will share with us, "The Habits of Happy People." The cost for the meal is \$8.00 per person (pay at the door). Meal reservations are required. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, September 6. Sign up at the tent on Sunday, or contact the church office.

July 2023 Financial Generosity Summary

- MTD Expenses: \$82,926
- MTD Giving: \$93,525
- MTD Budget: \$92,994
- YTD Expenses: \$656,788
- YTD Giving: \$632,761
- YTD Budget: \$650,958

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