

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

December 2023



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**December 3 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30 Worship (Hanging of the Green);
5pm Youth Bells, 6pm Youth Gathering**

**December 9 - 9am BCOB Kids Cookie
Bake**

**December 10 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30 Worship (Christmas Cantata);
5pm BCOB Youth Caroling**

**December 14 - 11:30am Sounds of
Christmas Lunch and Learn**

**December 16 - 9am BCOB Kids Parents'
Day Out**

**December 17 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30 Worship (Steeple Sounds Ring);
5pm BCOB Youth Christmas Party**

**December 21 - 6pm Longest Night
Service**

**December 24 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship; 5:30pm Christmas
Eve Candlelight Service**

**December 31 - 9:15am Fellowship
Gathering; 10:30am Worship**

Advent Worship

The Season of Advent has arrived! Thank you to all who will participate in our Hanging of the Green Service on December 3. What a blessing it is to prepare for the coming of our Savior as a Church family! There is much more in store. Throughout the season, be sure to enjoy the Advent Art Exhibit and participate in the silent auction. All money raised will go towards our Christmas Missions Offering. On December 10, the Covenant Choir, Youth Voices, and guest musicians will be joining forces to present Tidings of Joy: A Celtic Christmas Celebration. It will be a morning you do not want to miss! On December 17, Steeple Sounds will be ringing the sounds of Christmas and leading us in worship. Also remember the special services of the season. The Longest Night at 6pm on December 21 is a time set aside to acknowledge and grieve the losses of the past year and remind ourselves of the hope that Christmas means. There will be one Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this year at 5:30pm.

December Advent Worship Opportunities :

- December 3 - 10:30am Hanging of the Green
- December 10 - 10:30am Christmas Cantata - Tidings of Joy: A Celtic Christmas Celebration
- December 17 - 10:30am Steeple Sounds
- December 21 - 6pm Longest Night Service
- December 24 - 10:30am Advent 4 Worship AND 5:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Christmas Mission Offering

During this time of year, we have the privilege to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the CBF Global Mission Offering. When we give to Global Missions through our denominational partners, we are supporting missionaries in countries around the world who are pointing people towards Jesus and helping them become like Him. You can find out more about these offerings on our website. You may give online or through the Global Missions Offering envelopes available in worship and at the tent.

Having a Blue Christmas?

The Christmas season can be difficult for a lot of people. BCOB is a Stephen Ministry congregation. We equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. If you are having a difficult time this Christmas season, we want you to know you are not alone. If you need to talk to a Stephen Minister, contact the church office, 843-524-3197 or jpethel@bcob.org.

Christmas Cantata

Joseph Martin writes: "Christmas joy wraps us in the beautiful, surrounds us with song, and cradles us in arms of promise. Christmas joy is a gift of grace that glistens like silver snow and becomes even more beautiful when shared with others.

So then, let the music of joy sound again! Let the voices of Light break through the silence and teach the shadows to dance. Let there be hope in this place and grace for each heart. Let there be singing and glorious celebrations. For behold, we bring you good tidings of great joy, which will be to all people! Christ, the Lord, is born!"

The Covenant Choir, Youth Voices, and guest musicians will be presenting Joseph Martin's work Tidings of Joy: A Celtic Christmas Celebration on December 10, at 10:30am.

Sounds of Christmas

On Thursday, December 14, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a bonus "Lunch & Learn" titled "Sounds of Christmas!" Senior Adults will enjoy lunch at 11:30 am. Following lunch, we will enjoy hearing and singing Christmas Carols together. The lunch is free, but you must sign up by Wednesday, December 6, to attend. Sign up at the tent on Sunday or call the church office at 843-524-3197.

End of Year Giving

The last day to hand-deliver your END OF YEAR OFFERING is Sunday, December 31 during 10:30 worship. Our Church office will be closed at 12pm on Friday, December 29 and all day on Monday, January 1.



December Birthdays

December - 1 Gayle Morris, Samuel Kirkland, Ryan Smith

December 3 - Janet O'Hara

December 4 - Shauna Bishop

December 5 - Lisa Weslake

December 6 - Dan Rich

December 7 - Ed Duryea, Bradley Moody, Joshua Moody

December 8 - Walter Godwin

December 9 - Susan Rodrigue

December 10 - Brenda Rucker

December 11 - Paula Johnson

December 12 - Henry Manley, Max Duryea

December 13 - Jackie Griffing

December 14 - Pam Hagan, Julia Pryor, Elly Grubbs

December 15 - Roger Capps, Janet Hull, Les Stokes, Carter Kolb

December 16 - Linda Fulton

December 17 - Charles Berry, Pat Rodrigue

December 18 - Edna Anderson, Janet

Andrews, Michael Smith
December 19 - Peggy Infinger

December 20 - Miriam Thames, Cooky DeLoach

December 21 - Drema Brantley, Julianna Lane

December 23 - Greg Sauls, Andrew Deer

December 26 - Bella Smith

December 31 - Harrison Moore



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 for and encouraging each other in prayer.



BCOB Youth

BCOB Youth and Parents join in the parking lot fundraiser for the First Friday Christmas Event in Beaufort on Friday, December 1. This event will help raise funds for youth activities in the upcoming year. Each youth that serves will earn \$40 in Youth Bucks. Meet in the parking lot at 4pm for an instructional meeting. We will end around 7:30pm. See you there! Please contact Missy to sign up.

On December 3 at 6pm, BCOB Youth will be having a mission night as they bake cookies from various places around the world as a way of learning about missions in these different locations.

On December 11, BCOB Youth will go caroling to various at home members in the community. Youth will meet at the church at 5pm, then distribute Christmas cheer to those who need it this season. If you know someone in need of extra cheer this year, please call the church office and let Missy know or email her at msmith@bcob.org.

BCOB Youth will have their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17 at 5pm. The youth will have a Destination Christmas Party with a surprise destination. Youth are asked to bring a bag of canned food items to donate to The Help of Beaufort and a \$5 gift for a game. Youth will play exciting games, have yummy food and enjoy a sweet time of fellowship together! Contact Missy if you have any questions.

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CHRISTMAS
with love,
bcob youth

BCOB Kids

Calling all candy cane munching BCOB Kids to ride in the Beaufort Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 3. We will meet at our starting point (to be announced) at 2:30pm. Our theme this year is CandyLand, so dress as your best candy self. King Candy will be riding with us. There is room for all the "SWEET" treats on the parade float! Please sign up by Wednesday, November 29.

Come out to get your Christmas Cookie Bake on and have some hot cocoa too! On Saturday, December 9, from 9am until 12pm, BCOB Kids will bake cookies and make cocoa for some special elves. Please sign up by Wednesday, December 4.

Calling all BCOB Parents, has Christmas snuck up on you? Well, I have the answer, PARENTS DAY OUT! Saturday, December 16, from 9am until 2pm, yes, 5 hours of catch up or just to take a bubble bath. Drop your kiddos off for a day filled with FUN! Please sign up by Monday, December 11. Contact Ms. Kelly to sign up, or ask questions, 843-991-5355



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The Longest Night

The Longest Night Service will be on Thursday, December 21, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. This is a time to remember the events of years past, especially losses that have occurred. The service will be a time of reflection for anyone who has experienced life-changing events, whether through death, loss of a relationship, loss of job, separation and divorce, loss of health, or other significant events.

Everyone is invited to place an offering of memories on the communion table before the service begins; these symbols of remembrance may be photos or any other items related to your loss. You can take your memory item with you after the service.

Certainly, the holidays can be a very difficult time when one is experiencing the pain of loss. This time of reflection and worship will offer a meaningful way of remembering your loss and honoring your grief process. Invite your family members and friends to join you for this time of worship. A reception will be held in the Green Room following the service.

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year! We will have our normal Sunday morning routine of Sunday School at 9:15am, Worship at 10:30am and then we will have our special Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 5:30pm. Please invite friends, family and neighbors to join us as we worship the birth of the Messiah on Christmas Eve.

Sunday School and Fellowship

Sunday School will meet regularly at 9:15am on Sundays, December 3, 10, 17, and 24. The Advent and Christmas Season is a wonderful time to "connect" with a Sunday School Class if you aren't currently involved. On Sunday, December 31, there will be a Sunday School Class and church-wide food & fellowship gathering at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join us before gathering for Worship at 10:30 am.

October 2022 Financial Generosity

YTD Expenses: \$943,968

YTD Receipts: \$918,697

YTD Budget: \$929,941



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