

# THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

January 2024



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January 1 - Church Office Closed

January 7 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; 5pm Youth Bells, 6pm Youth Ski Trip Meeting

January 12 - January 15 - BCOB Youth Ski Trip

January 14 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; 5pm Youth Bells, 6pm Youth Gathering

January 17 - 7pm Covenant Choir

January 21 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; 5pm Youth Bells, 6pm Youth Winter Kick-Off Event

January 22 - 6:30pm Cloud of Witnesses

January 24 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study, Kids activities; 7pm Covenant Choir

January 26-27 - 6pm BCOB Kids Lock-In

January 28 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; 5pm Youth Bells, 6pm Youth Gathering

January 29 - 6:30pm Cloud of Witnesses

January 31 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study, Kids activities; 7pm Covenant Choir

## Sunday Mornings

Most of us at some point in our lives have been a "member" of something. Perhaps you were a member of a sports team in high school, or a fraternity or sorority in college. You might be a member of a book club or social club and if you have ever had the luxury of living near COSTCO, you might have even had a membership there. Over the next several weeks in worship, we are going to look at what it means to be a member of a church, specifically this church. I pray this series will encourage and challenge our current members and also be an invitation to those who might be wondering if you could call this church home. This sermon series will conclude on Sunday, February 4, which is Covenant Sunday. On this day, we will invite and challenge everyone who is active and engaged in the life of this church to commit to helping us be the church God has called us to be.

- Landon Collins



# Thank You

This Advent season, we have been blessed to have so many of YOU leading us in worship. Covenant Choir, Steeple Sounds, Youth Voices, and Blast and JAM Kids spent weeks, in some cases months, preparing to bring their musical offerings. Several of you led us through readings - Lighting Advent candles, Longest Night, and Lessons and Carols. Each of these contributions have enriched our worship, and we have celebrated the first coming of our Savior well. Praise God and thank you!

Thank You,  
Allison Sherwood



## BCOB Youth

Please remember to pray for BCOB Youth as they travel for their Ski Trip on January 12-15. The youth will be traveling to ski at Winter Place Ski Resort in West Virginia.

Winter Kick-Off Event will be Sunday, January 21, at 6pm! We will begin our new year with a fun night of games parents against youth. Bring your parents and receive our 2024 Spring Calendar so that we can be prepared for all that God has in store for us in the new year!

## BCOB Kids

As 2023 ends, I am thankful for all the memories we had this year. As we move into 2024, I look ahead to new memories and fun times as we learn and share the message of Jesus together and to our community. BCOB Kids, be on the lookout for our new calendar of events this month.

January 1: Sign up for Passport Kids Camp (July 2024)

January 15: Last day to sign-up for Passport Kids Camp and \$180 full deposit or \$90 first half due (\$90 second half due 5/1/24)

January 26 - 27: BCOB Kids 2024 Kick-Off Event: Pancakes and Pajamas Lock-In

February 11: SOUPER Bowl Sunday Fundraiser for Children Passport Kids Camp

June 5: Wacky Wednesdays Start

July: Passport Kids Camp

# Senior Adult VBS

For many Senior Adults, Vacation Bible School was a part of the annual rhythm of the church when we were young. Off we'd go, dropped off by our parents (sometimes at different churches for multiple weeks!) for what we later learned was not a vacation for us. It was a vacation for them! But it was always a fun and memorable way to be introduced to the stories of the Bible.

Building on that fun, Ed Kilbourne has taken his nationally recognized gifts of music, storytelling and humor, combined them with the wisdom and knowledge of his years as a folk-theologian, and put them in a 3-day Vacation Bible School program for the senior saints and sages of the church. Ed will lead during worship on Sunday, April 28, at 10:30am. There will be a concert on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. VBS will be Monday, April 29 thru Wednesday, May 1, with coffee, snacks, and fellowship at 9:30am. VBS will be from 10:00am until 12 noon, followed by a light lunch. The cost is \$30.00 per person (three days of food and supplies), and the deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, April 7. Sign up at the tent on Sunday, or call the church office (843-524-3197) to attend. Additional sponsorships to defray the cost of VBS are appreciated. You're not going to want to miss this!

## Cloud of Witnesses

Frederick Buechner said, "My story is important not because it is mine, God knows, but because if I tell it anything like right, - the chances are you will recognize - that in many ways - it is also yours... Maybe nothing is more important than that we keep track, you and I - of these stories of who we are - and where we have come from - and the people we have met along the way - because it is precisely through these stories, - as I have long believed - and often said, - that God makes God-self known to each of us most powerfully and personally." On Mondays, January 22, 29, and February 5 and 12, 2024, from 6:30 until 8:00pm in the Green Room, we will gather to hear the stories of church members from BCOB. Each week, a panel of adults will share their stories and the "Cloud of Witnesses" who have helped shape their lives and faith stories. Don't miss this opportunity to listen, learn, and be encouraged in your own faith journey. Childcare will be available for those requesting it. Sign up at the tent on Sunday, or call the church office (843-524-3197) to attend.

## Lunch & Learn Fellowship

"Lunch & Learn" will meet on Thursday, January 11, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall (Building C). Senior Adults will enjoy lunch, fellowship, and an interesting program. The cost for lunch is \$8.00 per person (pay at the door), but you must sign up by Wednesday, January 3, 2024, to attend. Sign up at the tent on Sunday, or call the church office at 843-524-3197.

## Thank You!

The church staff is grateful for how you expressed love and appreciation during Advent and Christmas. We are thankful for all the cards, goodies, gifts, and expressions of kindness to us. We are grateful for the privilege of serving our Lord with you. Thank you!



## January Birthdays

January 1 - William Flowers, Tillman Kolb

January 2 - Dianne Cooper

January 3 - William Youmans

January 4 - Doug Moss, Sidaley Reinhardt

January 5 - Karol Johnson, Nikki Newman

January 6 - Royce Chavis

January 7 - Martie Collins, Brenda Bursch

January 8 - Matthew Weslake

January 9 - Woodrow Crosby, Paul Hamilton

January 11 - Mackenzie Goodrich

January 12 - Lucinda Brookins, Jeff O'Hara

January 13 - Genie Brainerd, Rachel Squires

January 14 - Gretchen Bretsch

January 15 - Carmella Yahres

January 16 - Susan Krumm

January 18 - Robert Reames

January 20 - Mason Carter, Scarlett Brainerd

January 22 - Barbara Frazier

January 23 - Gabriel Squires

January 24 - Dana Christensen, John

Johnson, Tency Lynn, Linda Myrick

January 25 - Karl Davis, Austin Smith

January 26 - Cathy Kirkland, Jennifer Christensen

January 27 - James Moore

January 30 - Henry Squires



## 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](mailto: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.

# Missions

As we begin this new year we want to share how your generosity through TOWMO (Touching Our World Mission Offering) will be used to advance God's Kingdom here in Beaufort and around the world. Through your giving to TOWMO, we will be able to support:

Passport Camps, the summer camps our children and youth attend. HELP of Beaufort, a ministry to our neighbors who are in need here in Beaufort. No Longer Orphans, a ministry to boys in India in need of families. Scarlett Jasper, a missionary in southeastern Kentucky. The Savannah River Ministry to Agricultural Workers on St. Helena.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving. The Missions Committee will continue to communicate how money given to TOWMO is used to advance God's Kingdom.

## Salt Shakers Meal Groups

We will form new "adult dinner groups" for 2024 in February. If you are interested in meeting others from the church family and enjoying a meal together every other month during the year, call the church office (843-524-3197) or sign up at the tent. Groups will typically meet in host homes. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 4. Contact the church office or stop by the tent for additional information.

The picture on the right is a picture of an adult dinner group that met this previous year.



## New Members



Ken and Sassy  
Martin



Mary Ellen  
Smith

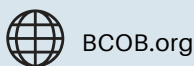
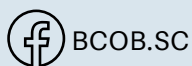


Chris Yates

## FINANCIAL UPDATES 2023

	PREVIOUS MONTH (NOVEMBER) GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET
Budget	\$82,810 / \$99,075/ \$92,994	\$1,002,724/\$1,043,043/\$1,1159,29
Capital Campaign		\$16,596
TOWMO		\$16,118
Endowment		\$24,237

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