

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

February 2024



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February 3 - 10am BCOB Youth sponsor
Senior Adult Tech Day

February 4 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells, 6pm
Youth Gathering

February 5 - 6:30pm Cloud of Witnesses

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

February 9 - 6:00pm BCOB Kids Parent's
Night Out

February 11 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells, 6pm
Youth Gathering

February 12 - 6:30pm Cloud of Witnesses

February 14 - 5:30pm Supper; 6:30pm Ash
Wednesday; 7pm Covenant Choir

February 18 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells;
6:00pm Youth Gathering

February 21 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm
Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible
Study, Youth Faith and Voices, Kids JAM
and Blast; 7pm Covenant Choir

February 25 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells;
6:00pm Youth Gathering

February 28 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm
Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible
Study, Youth Faith and Voices, Kids JAM
and Blast; 7pm Covenant Choir

Covenant Sunday

Over the last several weeks in worship, we have been talking about our member covenant and what it means to be a member of BCOB. My prayer for church members has been that they would be reminded of this covenant and encouraged to live it out by the grace of God. My prayer for folks who aren't members is that they would get a glimpse of what it means to be a part of this church. Sunday, February 4th is Covenant Sunday, a day where we, both members and non-members, will make promises to one another to live out this covenant. We will make a promise to be people who are Kingdom-minded, who pray for one another and care for one another, who are engaged and who participate in the life of this church, and who follow Jesus with all our hearts.

-Landon Collins



BCOB 101

On Sunday mornings in worship, we have been talking about what it means to be a member of BCOB. On Sundays February 18, 25, and March 3 and 11, we are hosting BCOB 101. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the history of our church and who we are as a church. BCOB 101 is for anyone who is considering membership and even for those who are members but would like to learn more about this church. We will meet at 9:15am in room B207. If you are interested, please contact Landon (lcollins@bcob.org) to sign up.

Cloud of Witnesses

Our Cloud of Witnesses series continues on Mondays, February 5 and 12, 2024, from 6:30pm until 8:00pm in the Green Room. Each week, a panel of adults 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.

Salt Shaker Meal Groups

New "adult dinner groups" are being formed during 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 18. Contact the church office or stop by the tent for additional information.

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 10:30 am. There will be a concert on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. VBS will be Monday, April 29 thru Wednesday, May 1, with coffee, snacks, and fellowship at 9:30 am. VBS will be from 10:00 am 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!



February Birthdays

February 1 - Meredith Keene

February 2 - Dylan Melson

February 4 - Kelly Zytynski

February 5 - Mark Stokes, Leigh Copeland

February 7 - Jaime Pope

February 8 - Henry Thames, Piper Fleullan

February 10 - Kim Green

February 11 - Cindy Burns, Graham Manley

February 13 - Bertha Graves, Shelley Kolb

February 15 - Doug Maxey, Ann Berry

February 18 - Darlene Reynolds

February 21 - Susan Neal

February 22 - Ann Locke, Jesse Moya

February 23 - B.J. Woods, Betsy Kinghorn,
Nicholas Moore

February 24 - Paul Newman

February 25 - Christine Polke, Todd Stowe,
Drake 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



BCOB Youth have had a busy start to the new year! The youth had a wonderful time on their Ski Trip to West Virginia. BCOB Youth resumed their Sunday night Youth Gathering for 2024 and have also started a new Bible study called *What Are You Afraid Of*. In this study, BCOB Youth will be discovering freedom that comes as they trust Jesus in the face of fear.

As the month of February is upon us, there are several things which BCOB Youth are gearing up. One of those events is a Senior Adult Tech Day. BCOB Youth will be sponsoring Tech Day to assist Senior Adults with any needs they have working with technology. The youth are well trained in using cell phones and social media apps, so BCOB Youth are inviting the Senior Adults to stop by the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 3 from 10am - 12pm. On this day, BCOB Youth will be ready and available to assist the Senior Adults in using technology. Senior Adults, please bring your fully charged devices to this event. Then on February 11, BCOB Youth will gather at the Smith's House, where they can watch the Super Bowl together. They will have refreshments play games and enjoy the fellowship of each other.

Also in February we begin our sign up for Passport Missions. We will travel to Moorhead, MS. We will stay on the campus of Mississippi Delta College. The date for camp is June 24- June 28. Youth must sign up by February 25 and pay \$100 deposit. The total cost for camp is \$400. It is also important that all students planning to go to Passport this summer sign up. Space is limited and only those that sign up in advance are guaranteed to have a spot.

BCOB Kids



BCOB Kids are ready to soar in 2024!

BCOB Kids have kicked off the year with a Pancakes and Pajamas Lock-in and learned how they can soar in 2024! Lost sleep, snacks, games, more SNACKS, and fun times were had by all! Opportunities for February and March learning and fun are listed below:

- February 9: Parents Night Out 6-9pm (text Ms. Kelly at 843-991-5355 to sign up by 2/7)
- February 11: "SOUP"-ER Bowl Sunday Fundraiser for Passport Kids Camp, 11:30am Fellowship Hall
- February 14: Ash Wednesday: Children will attend with Parents; Preschoolers will meet in preschool area.
- March 10: Acolyte Meeting/Training for new and current Acolytes, 3-5pm (text Ms. Kelly to sign up by 3/8)
- March 15: Parents Night Out 6-9pm (text Ms. Kelly to sign up by 3/13)

Ash Wednesday

On February 14 at 6:30pm, we will gather to observe Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the transition from death to life, from the darkness and despair of the Day of the Lord's judgement, to the light and hope of the Day of Salvation at Easter. It is an opportunity for us to confront our own frailties and imperfections, where we each fall short. Our perfect and almighty God is entirely justified in passing judgement; however, even on the verge of certain destruction, He reaches out to us with both hands, calling us to return and to be reconciled. When we come, He forgives and makes us whiter than snow! Join us as we celebrate our Savior's relentless affection for each of us.

Lenten Devotionals

Devotionals for Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and go through Easter. We hope you will set aside time each day for silent reflection as we move through the season of Lent. Devotionals for Lent will be available for pick up at the tent and church office over the next few weeks. In addition to the Lenten devotional, there will be opportunities to walk the labyrinth during March as we move closer to Easter.

Missions

In the coming year, our goal in the area of mission at BCOB is to communicate more clearly how BCOB is engaged in missions and how you can help us engage in missions. We also hope to offer opportunities to do more than financially support God's Kingdom, opportunities that will allow us to actually be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Pay attention to the monthly Mission Moments in our newsletter!

Below is a financial update from 2023:

TOWMO - \$17,498 (\$1,800 came from proceeds from Elisha House AirBnB)

Global Mission Offerings - \$8,514 (Includes amount raised from Advent Art)

State Mission Offerings \$1,605

Rise Against Hunger - \$900

In 2023, along with the faithful giving to the mission of God through our church Budget, \$28,517 was given towards the mission of God in 2023. Thank you for your generosity!

Endowment

Did you know the BCOB had endowments established in 2014 to support funding for missions and preservation of our historic structures? We currently have approximately \$400,000 invested with The South Carolina Baptist Foundation to manage those funds. We also have bequests, or future estate giving promises, of a little over \$2 million. If we can grow our endowments to \$5 million in managed funds, our church could be the beneficiary of over \$200,000 per year that will be over and above our budget offerings. What a blessing that would be for generations of BCOB members to come!

To learn how you can become a part of that with painless changes to wills and legal documents, contact the church office, and one of our BCOB Endowment Trustees can provide additional information.

A Cappella Choir of Carson-Newman



On March 4, we have the privilege to host the A Cappella Choir of Carson-Newman University on their spring tour. Under the direction of Dr. Brandon Hollihan, the university's premier mixed-voice choral ensemble is comprised of 22 auditioned students from various academic disciplines. You will not want to miss their free concert at 7:30pm. We will also need to house them for the evening. Host families will take the students home with them after the concert, provide them with a place to sleep, feed them breakfast, and return them to BCOB by 8:30am on Tuesday morning. This is a fabulous opportunity to bless students who are using their gifts for God's glory! So mark your calendars, and plan to come and hear them. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Allison.

Churchyard's Burial Plots and Pricing



Members of The Baptist Church of Beaufort are entitled to purchase burial space in our churchyard. There are currently over 50 cremain plots along the Newcastle St. fence line that can accommodate one or two cremain urns (\$800 each), and a limited number of single casket burial lots that can accommodate a single casket (\$1200). If desired, one or two cremain urns (\$800 each) buried above the casket. If you are a member of The Baptist Church of Beaufort and wish to discuss burial options in our churchyard, please contact the Cemetery Committee Chairperson, Chuck Yahres, at 843-473-5413 or by email at cyahres@yahoo.com for more information.

Buildings and Grounds Update



You might have noticed the new landscaping in front of Building A and the Breezeway entrance over the past few months. This grounds project completed landscape work that the Grounds Committee planned for the King Street parking lot and Building A entrance. The Grounds Committee will focus on sprucing up the area in front of Building B this spring.

Check out the fresh paint and new walls in the Fellowship Hall! While the colors remain the same, the newly painted walls look great! We are grateful for the financial resources to "prepare for and care for our people" by having nice rooms for discipleship, fellowship, meals, and community. Thank you church family!

New Members



Richard and Anne Reeves

FINANCIAL UPDATE YEAR IN REVIEW

2023

Giving towards **Budget** - \$1,153,835
Budget Expenses - \$1,136,590

Giving towards **Missions** - \$28,517

Giving towards **Capitol Campaign** - \$18,226
Capitol Campaign Balance - \$156,646

Giving towards **Endowments** - \$24,287
Current **Endowment Value** - \$400,000

2 Corinthians 8:7

"Just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us-- see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

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