

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

March 2024



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March 3 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6:00pm Youth Gathering

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

March 7 - 11:30am Lunch and Learn

March 10 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship; 3pm - Acolyte Training; 5pm Youth Bells, 6pm Youth Gathering

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

March 15 - 6pm BCOB Kids Parent's Night Out, BCOB Youth Mission Night

March 16 - 9am Churchyard Clean Up Day

March 17 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6:00pm Youth Gathering

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

March 23 - 6:00pm BCOB's Got Talent

March 24 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6:00pm Youth Gathering

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


March 28 - 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

March 29 - 7:00pm Tenebrae Service

March 31 - 7:00am Sunrise Service; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

Holy Week

There are many exciting plans for worship this Holy Week 2024. Beginning on Palm Sunday, March 24, the Blast and JAM kids will be sharing in regular worship the songs they've been learning on Wednesday nights. On Thursday, March 28, we will gather at 7pm for the Maundy Thursday service. We will remember the Last Supper and celebrate Communion together. On Friday, March 29, we will host guests from surrounding churches and celebrate Good Friday with a traditional Tenebrae service of Scripture reading and music. You will not want to miss the combined choir comprised of singers from church choirs around Beaufort. This service is also at 7pm. On Easter, Sunday morning, there will be two opportunities to celebrate the resurrection in worship. The sunrise service begins at 7am in the church yard, and our celebration service in the Sanctuary will begin at the usual 10:30am. Make plans to attend and worship with us this Holy Week. Let's marvel at our Savior's great work!

|  SCHEDULE | |
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| March 24 - Palm Sunday | 10:30AM - SERVICE |
| March 28 - Maundy Thursday | 7PM - SERVICE |
| March 29 - Good Friday (Tenebrae) | 7PM - SERVICE |
| March 31 - Resurrection Sunday | 7AM - Sunrise Service 10:30AM - SERVICE |

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Carson Newman Choir

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.

Labyrinth Prayer Experience

The season of Lent offers a time of renewal, a time for reflecting and taking stock of our lives, and a time to remember the life and ministry of Jesus – and to journey with Jesus during this season as best we can. Walking the Labyrinth provides an excellent time to quieten the mind, calm your spirit, and nourish the soul. There are two opportunities to experience walking the Labyrinth during the Lenten season. The Fellowship Hall (Prince Street side) will be open on Thursday, March 14, from 10:00am until 6:00pm and again on Monday, March 18, from 10:00am until 6:00pm. You can drop in at your convenience to walk the Labyrinth during the day using the Prince Street entrance doors into Building C. We hope you will engage in this individual prayer experience.

Flowering the Cross

The church family is invited and encouraged to bring fresh-cut flowers to flower the cross outside the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning. Flowering the cross provides an excellent, unique, and beautiful opportunity and activity for families on Easter Sunday morning. The Beacon Sunday School Class members will be at the cross on Easter Sunday morning to assist if needed.

BCOB's Got Talent

Join us for a night with the most-talented of BCOB. The deacons are hosting a fellowship event for all ages called BCOB's Got Talent. This event will be in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 23 at 6pm. All people are invited to come and enjoy the entertainment of the most talented at BCOB. We will have musicians, dancers, singers, actors, and comedians. Plan to come and enjoy the show!



March Birthdays

March 2 - Neil Baxley, Bill Harris

March 3 - Glenn Ragsdale, Bob Sellars, Reid Woods

March 4 - Clara Kolb, Marshall Rhodes

March 7 - Patti Culbertson, Dawn Howard

March 8 - Terri Stokes

March 9 - Jean Brown

March 11- Pat Patterson, Brandy Yates

March 12 - Kathy Perry, Sloan Manley

March 13 - McKenzie Wilson

March 14 - Austin Lesesne, Blake Lesesne

March 15 - Carl Stanley, Donna Moore

March 16 - Judy Copeland, Mary Rich

March 17 - Tim Cieplowski

March 19 - Sam Bates, Delton Cunningham

March 23 - Wes Priester

March 24 - Bruce Patterson, Barbara Foy

March 27 - Bailey Smith

March 28 - Betty Barton, Julia Smoak, Seabrook Duryea



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 geared up for ministry this year and have had a wonderful time doing it. In February, BCOB Youth created heart door hangers for Valentine's and mailed them to several widows within the church. The youth took their commitment of this project very seriously. They even looked up Bible verses and designs that would encourage the widows. Also in February, BCOB Youth enjoyed a time of fellowship together at their Super Bowl party. The youth snacked on yummy food and cheered on their favorite teams. These students add life and joy in our church community and we are blessed to have them.

In March, BCOB Youth have the opportunity to serve the children for their Parent's Night Out on March 15 at 6pm. BCOB Youth will entertain the children with St. Patrick Day's activities. After serving BCOB Youth will go to the drive-in and watch a movie together. All youth plan to come, serve and fellowship together.

BCOB Youth will be having a Ladies and Gents Retreat the weekend of April 12th-14th. Adolescents are experiencing many changes, not only physically, but also mentally, socially and spiritually. This retreat is created to encourage and explore the diversity within each individual. Many of our differences are the things that make us stronger for God's glory. This retreat will give youth the appropriate space to discuss the changes that the teenage years bring. Sign up by email to msmith@bcob.org. The cost of each trip is \$50, due by March 24.

BCOB Kids

The preschoolers and children have had a great start to 2024. They participated in a "LOCK-IN", had a Parent's Night Out with 40 of their friends, made Valentines for our big church friends, and had a "Soup-er" Bowl Fundraiser for Passport Kids Camp. We greatly appreciate all who attended to support our fundraiser! Thank You!

We will continue BLAST and JAM on Wednesday Nights through the end of April. BLAST and JAM will sing in worship on Sunday, March 24. Acolyte training and a meeting will be held for current and new Acolytes on Sunday, March 10 from 3pm-5pm in the Sanctuary. All current or new Acolytes must attend to continue to serve. Please sign up by March 8. Parent's Night Out: Green Day Edition will take place on Friday, March 15 from 6-9pm, please sign up by March 13. Parents, an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in is BCOB's Got Talent, which will be held on March 23 at 6pm. If your child has an act and would like to participate, see Ms. Kelly by Friday, March 1.

Campus Security Update

The Safety & Risk Management Committee is grateful for the church family's cooperation and support regarding campus safety and security on Wednesdays and Sundays. We realize locking doors can be a slight inconvenience from time to time. Thank you for your grace, patience, and willingness to walk extra steps when locked out. Remember, the main two center doors of the Sanctuary on the front porch and the breezeway doors remain unlocked during worship services. To reenter the balcony after worship begins, please use the inside entrances to return to the balcony.

We are encouraged and excited to see so many children in worship each week. We love and care about our children! Parents, we need your help. Encourage your children to use the restroom before worship begins. Children in grades five and below should be accompanied by an adult if there is a need to leave the Sanctuary during worship. The safety of your child is very important to us. Thank you for doing your part to make our church campus as safe as possible for all age groups.

Canned Food Drive

HELP of Beaufort has been one of our ministry partners for several years. Our Mission's Committee has offered financial support through TOWMO (Touching our World Mission Offering) and in the month of March, we as a church, can provide support through canned goods. On Sundays, March 3, 10, and 17, we are collecting canned tomato products, canned soups, canned fruit, and bottled water to help stock their food pantry. You can drop off your donations in bins outside the sanctuary on Sunday mornings or bring them by the office this week. Our goal is to collect 7500 cans and bottles.

Rise Against Hunger Update

Many of you joined us around Thanksgiving for a meal packing event with Rise Against Hunger. Together we packed 10,000 meals to go to those who do not have access to food like we do. Last week we got word that those meals were heading to Haiti. Here is an excerpt from their letter.

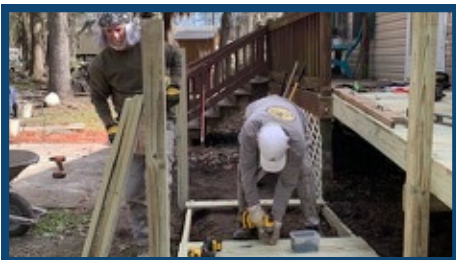
"Haiti, a small island nation located in the Caribbean, was the world's first black-led republic and the first independent Caribbean state. The country faces political, economic, and social instability, as well as vulnerability to natural disasters, having suffered serious devastation from massive earthquakes and hurricanes in the past decade. These unique circumstances create complex and ever changing threats to food security and public health in the country."

Thank you for feeding the hungry (Isaiah 58:10, Matthew 25:40) We look forward to a few more hands on mission opportunities this year.

-Landon Collins

Handicap Ramp Team

For years our Handicap Ramp Team has been blessing the community by building ramps for people who have found themselves in a situation where they are no longer able to get in and out of their homes efficiently. Over the years, this team has built over 200 ramps. They recently finished another project and we would like to celebrate what God has done through them.



ChurchYard Clean-Up Day

We will have a ChurchYard (Cemetery) Clean-Up Day on Saturday, March 16, at 9:00am. We want to spruce up the ChurchYard for spring and before Easter Sunday. Please bring rakes and a pair of gloves. Snacks will be provided. Volunteers of all ages are invited and encouraged to join the fellowship and work day. We should be finished by or before noon. Sign up at the tent on Sunday or call the church office at 843-524-3197.

Lunch and Learn

Senior Adults are invited and encouraged to attend the Lunch & Learn Fellowship on Thursday, March 7, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for the meal is \$8.00 per person (pay at the door). The deadline for meal reservations has passed, but contact the church office (843-524-3197) to be added to the wait list.

Senior Adult Vacation Bible School

Ed Kilbourne, nationally recognized for his music, storytelling, humor, and years of wisdom and knowledge as a folk-theologian, returns to BCOB on Sunday, April 28, through Wednesday, May 1, for a second year of Senior Adult Vacation Bible School. Ed will preach on Sunday, April 28, at 10:30am. There will be a free concert with Ed on Sunday, April 28, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. VBS will be on Monday, April 29, through 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!

Here are some comments from participants from last year's VBS at BCOB...

- Ed's songs were singable and touched the soul.
 - I loved the stories and laughter!
 - I can't wait until next year.
 - A very emotional experience. He (Ed) did speak to our hearts.
 - I was incredibly challenged to expand my thinking about stories from the Bible I've heard all my life.
 - I loved it! VBS was thought-provoking, challenging, and refreshing.
 - It opened my eyes to the human part of Jesus.
 - Wonderful speaker! VBS touched my heart.
 - I learned new ways to think about stories from the Bible.
 - What an amazing experience!
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Endowment

Did you know that there is a way to show your love for God and this church through gifts of resources that you will never need or miss? The BCOB endowments are set up to provide funding to support missions and preservation of our historic structures until Jesus comes again. 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. Contact the church office or the BCOB Endowment Trustees for more information.

New Member



Kami McHale

FINANCIAL UPDATES 2024

| | PREVIOUS MONTH (JANUARY) GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET | YEAR TO DATE GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET |
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| Budget | \$86,492/ \$91,170/ \$98,839 | \$86,492/ \$91,170/ \$98,839 |
| Capital Campaign | | \$670 |
| TOWMO | | \$1,297 |
| Operating Church Balance | | \$117,758 |

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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