

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

May 2024



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May 1 - 9:30am Senior Adult VBS

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

May 6 - 6:30-8:00pm Adult Bible Study

May 9 - 11:30am Lunch and Learn

**May 12 - Mother's Day; 9:15am
Sunday School; 10:30 Worship**

May 13 - 6:30pm Adult Bible Study

**May 18 - 1:00pm BCOB Kids End of
School Splash Bash**

**May 19 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30
Worship; 6:00pm BCOB Youth End of
School Party to Indy Karting**

**May 22 - 6:00pm Church Wide Town
Hall Meeting**

**May 26 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30
Worship**

**May 27 - Memorial Day (Church Office
Closed)**

**May 29 - 6:00pm Youth Passport
Mission Meeting**

May 30 - 6:00pm CEC Graduation

Windows on the World

At The Baptist Church of Beaufort, we are blessed with a beautiful historic sanctuary and campus in which to worship and enjoy rich fellowship. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be good stewards and recognize everything we are and have is a gift from God and we are to be generous with those gifts. Maintaining and improving our campus facilities reflects our recognition that these structures belong to God and we honor God through our efforts to maintain and beautify them.

Building B is approximately 65 years old. The windows are beyond repair. Wood is rotten, panes are missing, or easily dislodged. This is a safety issue of concern, especially in the classrooms of our Child Enrichment Center (CEC). There are a total of 91 windows that need to be replaced, of which 32 are located in the CEC.

Through grants the CEC has received, they will be able to purchase 32 windows and BCOB will purchase the remaining 59. Total cost of windows and labor is \$193,000.

The Stewardship Committee is fully committed to this much needed project and is launching a campaign to fund it. We are reminded that as Moses and the Israelites built the sanctuary as the Lord commanded, the workers told Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord has commanded." So Moses sent word out that nothing more was needed "because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work."

Each window costs \$1,500. You can purchase an entire new window for that amount, or you can give a portion of a new window. We are starting to collect funds on May 1 and will continue through Thanksgiving. You can write a check to BCOB and indicate "window" on memo line or you can give online and designate "window" gift. This is one way to honor God through the stewardship of our campus.

We anticipate the windows being replaced by summer's end, once the construction phase gets underway. As we are able to possibly salvage some entire windows, we plan to sell them to interested artists or schools in the community to incorporate into art.

We are excited to make this much needed improvement to BCOB and invite you to join us as we seek to be good stewards of what God has given us.

Mary Rich - Chair, Stewardship Committee
Bill Griffis
Mark Fogg
Judy Copeland
Darlene Reynolds
Donald Gruel

Online Daily Devotions

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 in silence, 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.

Lunch and Learn

Adults are invited and encouraged to join us for "Lunch & Learn" on Thursday, May 9, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall (Building C). Pamela Courtney, Executive Director of the Historic Port Royal Foundation, will be our guest speaker. The cost for lunch is \$8.00 per person (pay at the door). The menu will be a sandwich lunch from The Kitchen. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 1. Sign up at the tent on Sunday or call the church office at 843-524-3197 to attend.

Sunday School Invitation

Sunday School provides a place for individuals to grow in their relationship with God and with other people. 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.

Caring Notes

In the hallway of Building A, look for "Caring Note" pamphlets on the table across from the Men's Sunday School Class. These pamphlets cover various topics, including cancer, grief support, dementia, caregiving, forgiveness, and other important subjects related to relationships, illness, grief, and challenging situations. Feel free to take pamphlets that might be helpful for you or other family members.

Getting to Know You

Senior Adults interested in a home visit from Jeff should call 843-592-8319 to schedule a face-to-face meeting. Take advantage of this opportunity to share talents or hobbies, stories, faith journeys, family news, or catch up on what's happening around the church. You are encouraged to schedule a time with Jeff, so he can get to know you better!



May Birthdays

May 3 - Robin Fogg

May 4 - Jackie Smith

May 5 - Ann Collins, Rita Bell, Katherine Cieplowski

May 6 - Jane Hendricks

May 7 - Joanne Stanley, Joe Zytynski

May 8 - Janelle Smith

May 9 - Linda Ickert

May 10 - Elise Hill, Roy Brookins

May 11 - Dot Crapse, Sonya Steinmeyer, Huntley Duryea

May 12 - Andy Kinghorn

May 13 - Donald Gruel, MaryLou Gruel

May 15 - Donna Bradley

May 16 - Jessica Stokes, Raeann Witte

May 18 - Nick Russell, Travis Yawn

May 19 - Denise Carter

May 21 - Camille Manley, Janice Wilkins

May 22 - Ron Tuttle, Lefton Graves, Kelly Lesesne, Mary Smith

May 23 - Carole Fouts

May 25 - Colleen Stevenson

May 27 - Nancy Dale

May 29 - James Wilson, Aralyn Townsend

May 30 - Wilkes Duryea

May 31 - Rosie Kolb, Bryan Brewton, Mark Brewton



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.

Townhall Meeting Regarding SBC Vote

The last year there have been some conversations and decisions within the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) that could have implications for how we as the Baptist Church of Beaufort relate to the SBC. A previously published article (see below) offers an overview to this point (copies of this article are also available at the church office). Over the last few months, church leadership (Staff, Pastoral Council, Deacons, and Church Council) have been discussing the impact of an upcoming vote within the SBC. Now we want to engage the rest of the congregation. On May 22, at 6pm, we will host a Town Hall Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to simply have a conversation as a church. There will be more explanation about what exactly is happening within the SBC and a time for questions. We value the voice of our congregation, so we hope you will join us on May 22.

Denominational Relationships

One of the things I value most about our church is the diversity in our congregation around complex issues. What I value even more is the unity we have in Christ as we engage these issues. One of these complex issues is women in ministry. While there is certainly a diversity of beliefs on this matter, and each one is respected, I am grateful The Baptist Church of Beaufort affirms the ordination of women and women in ministry. While BCOB has not had a woman serve as Senior Pastor, and while currently the "title" of pastor is given to the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor, women have taken on pastoral roles within this church. Women have preached the word of God to the congregation, women have taught Scripture to men and women of all ages, women have performed baptisms, weddings, and funerals, women have served communion, women have cared for others, and women have helped lead this church to where we are today. I am grateful for those women, and I pray women who have served and currently serve will feel supported and affirmed as they continue living out their calling here at BCOB. Please know that in saying this I am not trying to push some agenda here at BCOB. I am simply affirming and acknowledging God-called people who are using their gifts to build this church.

Because of the pastoral roles women have had and currently have here at BCOB, our church has not fully aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) on this matter for nearly twenty-five years. Thankfully this has not kept us from having a home within the SBC and from partnering with the SBC to advance God's Kingdom. However, on June 14, 2023 messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention annual gathering voted to amend the constitution of the SBC. In June of 2024 messengers will again vote to affirm this amendment. If amended, the SBC constitution would state that a Southern Baptist Church is in friendly cooperation if it....."affirms, appoints, or employs only men as any kind of pastor or elder as qualified by Scripture." I believe our church has employed and currently employs women who have served as "any kind of pastor". The messengers also voted to remove other churches from the SBC over this matter. I would consider our church to be like minded with some of these churches. This does not seem to be a conversation about the role of Senior Pastor, but about the women who have served and currently serve here at BCOB.

My understanding is that no matter what might happen, those who choose to do so can still support Southern Baptist missionaries through the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong mission offerings. Those who wish to use LifeWay (Southern Baptist) Bible Study curricula may still do so no matter where BCOB end up. We would also be maintain our relationship with the South Carolina Baptist Foundation who manages our Endowment.

While I do not know what this means for our longstanding relationship with the SBC I know this decision has caused deep pain for churches and for women who feel called by God to vocational ministry within those churches. As someone who loves the church and as someone who affirms women in all roles of ministry, I confess I am disappointed in this decision. Not because of theological differences, but because I do not believe theological differences on this matter should prevent us from cooperation in Kingdom initiatives. Regardless of what happens we must be adhere to John's words in 1 John 2:10-11 Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble, but anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

BCOB was around for forty years before the Southern Baptist Convention was established. For forty years BCOB was a Baptist Church advancing the Kingdom of God. If our relationship with the SBC were to end, I trust we would still be a Baptist Church advancing the Kingdom of God.

-Landon Collins
Senior Pastor

Worship Arts

Our search for a staff organist and accompanist continues. We've been seeking someone for long enough that certain patterns have emerged. It is difficult to find someone with the skill set we need willing to transfer to our little town for a part time position, so someone who is also equipped to teach music in schools would be ideal. At this time of year, we see more interest in our job postings due to the fact that schools are currently negotiating contracts. Please continue to pray for the musician God will bring us and pray for wisdom as we seek and consider applicants. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Allison in the church office, or by email at asherwood@bcob.org



Graduate Sunday

On Sunday, June 2, we will take the time to recognize those who will be graduating from their respective schools. If a BCOB member or family member, is graduating from high school, college or graduate school and would like to be recognized in worship, please contact the church office at 843-524-3197, or email Missy at msmith@bcob.org no later than Sunday, May 26.



BCOB Youth

Thank you to all who supported and contributed to the Youth Spring Into Mission Fundraiser! Your contributions will help the youth as they travel to Passport Missions this summer in Morehead, Mississippi.

Thank you for your prayers for the youth as they retreated in April. They had a fun time bonding together and realizing that their faith is able to apply to multiple areas in their lives.

As the spring semester comes to an end, students 6th - 12th Grades are invited to join us as we finish up Sunday Night Youth Gathering for this school year. We will meet on Sunday evenings at 6pm on April 28 and May 4. On these nights we will be finishing a series called Jesus Changes Everything. We are off on May 12 for Mother's Day. Youth Bells and Youth Voices will be sharing in our 10:30am worship service on Sunday, May 12.

Students from 6th - 12th grade are invited for an exciting evening at Indy Karting in Bluffton, SC on Sunday, May 19, at 6pm. Youth are asked to bring \$10-\$15 for supper. Youth will enjoy the night of fellowship and racing as they finish this school year strong. Youth must sign up by Sunday, May 12, to attend. For more details, email Missy (msmith@bcob.org).



Child Enrichment Center 2024 Graduates



"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!"
- Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go!

Teachers, We Appreciate You!

The month of May is Teacher Appreciation Month! Here at BCOB, we are fortunate to have some incredible teachers who pour into the lives of the children in our Child Enrichment Center. We want to thank and show appreciation to these incredible teachers. If you are interested in cheering on the teachers, please reach out to Kelly Zytynski, via email, at Kzytynski@bcob.org.

BCOB Kids



I invite our BCOB Kids families to join me on this exciting 31-day journey of prayer and scripture reading. May is easily one of the most stressful months in the year — with spring sports, nature outings, end of the school year, and vacation planning — all pulling us in a million different directions.

This Spring Challenge will provide BCOB Kids families with an easy way to stay connected to each other and keep Jesus in the center amidst all the hustle and bustle this season brings. This is a fun, simple way to help kids form a habit of daily prayer and reading scripture at home.

BCOB Kids Families may pick up their Spring Challenge Sheet from Ms. Kelly, or the church office, and join me in making room for God in our hearts and schedules, and turn our homes into houses of prayer.

New Members



Marge Hill



Kelcey and Collin Keen



Will, Kelly
Jacob, Liam and Clara Jane Hall

March 2024 Financial Generosity Summary

FINANCIAL UPDATES 2024		
	PREVIOUS MONTH (MARCH) GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET
Budget	\$100,425/ \$80464/ \$98,838	\$285,142 / \$281,516 / \$296,516
Capital Campaign		\$21,215
TOWMO		\$3,354
Operating Church Balance		\$111,993

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