

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

August 2024



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August 4 - 9:15am Sunday school (Promotion Sunday); 10:30 Worship

August 10- 2:00-5:00pm BCOB Kids Back to School Blast

August 11- 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship; 6:00pm BCOB Youth Kick-Off Event

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

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

August 25- 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship (Pocket Change Sunday); 11:30am Mission Leadership Interest Meeting; 5pm Youth Bells; 6:00pm Youth Gathering

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

Ministry in the Months Ahead

July 21 was Jeff's last Sunday here at BCOB. We will certainly miss the ministry he and Debbie provided over the last eleven years. With that said, I am excited about the season ahead. I am excited about the ways we might be creative in how we staff for future ministry here at BCOB. Our Personnel Committee has already begun having conversations and will begin engaging the congregation in the weeks ahead about ways we might meet current ministry needs and also staff for future ministry opportunities. As we move forward, I am sure there are some questions about the immediate future.

1) What about Pastoral Care? The Personnel Committee made a proposal to Church Council to hire an Interim Minister of Pastoral Care. This Interim Minister will continue to help us as a congregation care for individuals and families in need. Church Council approved this proposal and the process outlined in the personnel manual is underway. If you believe someone would be a good candidate, please encourage them to contact our personnel committee via email (bcb@bcob.org) or submit a resume to (bcb@bcob.org) by August 2. You can also visit our website (bcob.org) to learn more about this position. A candidate will be submitted to the church for a vote at the appropriate time.

2) What about our Senior Adults? Prior to Jeff taking on some of the senior adult ministry responsibilities, the senior adult ministry was run by volunteer leadership. There is currently a senior adult ministry team in place that will continue to create discipleship and fellowship opportunities. The current staff will work closely with this senior adult ministry team to ensure ministry continues as it has in the past.

3) How will we move forward? Most importantly, we will move forward with a posture of prayer, trusting that the Spirit of God will lead us. We also want to identify areas of need as well as areas of opportunity here at BCOB. Some of these include Administration, Communication, Senior Adult Ministry, Median Adult Discipleship, Mission, Women's & Men's Ministry, & Pastoral Care. More and more churches are having to be creative in the way they staff for ministry as they think about financial realities and doing ministry in a changing church culture. As we move forward and attempt to staff for these ministry needs and ministry opportunities, we want to consider the many ways which we can be the church God has called us to be.

I know this does not address everything in the season ahead, so if you have questions or would just like to have a conversation, please feel free to come by the office. It is a joy to serve as the Pastor here at BCOB, and I am excited about the season ahead.

Your Pastor,
Landon

Mission Leadership Interest

Over the last few months our Mission Committee has been working hard to pave the way for new Mission Leadership at BCOB. This Mission Leadership will include the current Mission Committee and a new Mission Team. Those folks will work closely together to create and identify new ministry partners and to create hands-on mission opportunities for the congregation. On Sunday, August 25, immediately following worship the Mission Committee is hosting a quick information meeting in the Green Room about this new Mission Leadership. We hope you will prayerfully consider attending this meeting to find out if this may be a place you could serve the church, the community, and the world.

Pocket Change Sunday

Your generous giving to TOWMO (Touching our World Mission Offering) allows our Mission Committee to support ministries like Passport, the camps our Children and Youth attended this summer. Your giving also helps us support missionaries like Scarlett Jasper who serves in South Central Kentucky among the homeless population and families in medical and financial crisis. From time to time we have a Pocket Change Sunday where our children collect change that helps raise awareness and funds for TOWMO. Our next Pocket Change Sunday is coming up on August 25, so make sure to save your change and bring it with you to worship.

Deacon Council and Ordination

We welcome our new deacons, Cathy Ragsdale, Denna Sessions, Julia Smoak, Donald Gruel, and Tim Drury. We look forward to their ministry over the next few years. On Sunday, August 18, at 6pm, we will have an ordination service for Denna Sessions and a reception will follow. Please join us for this special service to recognize God's gifting and calling in her life.

We also are grateful for Will Beere, Ryan Copeland, Ashley Rhodes, Mary Smith and Paul Hamilton. They have served this church faithfully.

The Deacon Council at BCOB for 2024 - 2025 is as follows:

Cathy Ragsdale, Denna Sessions, Julia Smoak, Donald Gruel, Tim Drury, Mike Teem, Lauralee Townsend, Wallace Thomas, Bill Harris, Melanie Buchanan, Britnee Courtney, Peggy Infinger, Alex Wilkins, Trish Underhill, and Mark Stokes.

Wednesday Nights Resume

Beginning on Wednesday, August 21, we will meet from 5:30-7pm in the Fellowship Hall for a shared meal, fellowship, and discipleship. We will eat together from 5:30-6pm; then our preschoolers (infants-kindergarten) will head to the B-Building for JAM. Children from 1st Grade - 5th Grade will head upstairs to the Children's Suite for Blast. Youth, which includes students from 6th-12th grades, will go to the Youth Room for Youth Voices. Adults will stay around the tables in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study. The fall study will be looking at what it means to be Baptist.



August Birthdays

- August 1 - Susan Thomas
- August 2 - Kay Bodine, Jennifer Fitzhugh, Walter Ickert
- August 4 - Janice Capps, Jim Godwin, Russell Pate
- August 5 - Lauralee Townsend
- August 8 - William Winn
- August 9 - Jack Reynolds
- August 10 - Alice Poveroni, Warren Story
- August 11 - Elizabeth Brewton, Hampton Lane
- August 12 - Jessie Stowe
- August 13 - Mike McNally
- August 14 - Susan Dickey, Kyle King, Bobby Smith
- August 17 - Carol Brediger, Carol Griffis, Linda Keene, David Priestler, Burton Sauls
- August 18 - Chris Beere, Flo Polk, Penny Tarrance, Gail Teem, Michele Weitzel
- August 19 - Phillip Lynn, Luke Morris, Teresa Witt
- August 21 - John Fugate, Jim Riley
- August 22 - Teena Deer
- August 23 - Sally Sauls
- August 24 - Mary Peterson
- August 25 - Robert DeLoach, Cindy Duryea
- August 26 - Huett Bishop, Julie Lightsey, Jane Miller
- August 27 - Ken Bodine
- August 28 - Brent Cooper
- August 29 - Roberta McNally
- August 30 - Steve Burns
- August 31 - Dianne Deer



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.

Worship Arts

Now is the time of year when our church ensembles begin a new season of worship through music, so if you've thought about checking out one of the groups, it's the perfect time to do so! Covenant Choir is our adult choir that sings in Sunday morning worship from September to May. If you love to sing and worship our great God, this is the group for you! All are welcome, and we especially need altos and tenors! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm. If you have handbell ringing experience or have always wanted to learn, Steeple Sounds needs you. They practice on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Don't forget that our youth also sing and ring! Youth Bells will resume on August 25 at 5pm, and Youth Voices will practice on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Also on Wednesdays, Blast Kids will be singing again at 6pm. If you have questions about any of these ensembles or want to join us, please contact Allison at asherwood@bcob.org.

Thank You

Dear BCOB Family,

I have often said that our language limits us in describing God's nature and the depth of God's love for us as God's children. And now, I find myself at a loss for words and limited in my ability to articulate my deep love, appreciation, and gratitude for how you have expressed your love and appreciation for Debbie and me over these past few weeks. The gracious and kind words of encouragement and many expressions of love I have received from you recently have been astonishing and heart-warming! My heart is full! Thank you!

You have truly been the presence of Christ to Debbie and me over the years as we have served our Lord together in this very special place. You have loved and accepted me and have allowed me to be myself as I have lived and served among you. Indeed, this is one of the greatest gifts you have offered me during my tenure as your Associate Pastor while serving in multiple roles. I will forever be grateful for the unconditional love and grace you have shared with me despite the many times I failed and disappointed you. Thank you.

The "send-off" on Sunday, July 14, was well-planned and appreciated. I want to thank Dave Green and the Personnel Committee for honoring us without a reception. Your creative ideas and the beautiful gifts presented during worship were heartfelt and greatly appreciated. The flowers offered to Debbie were beautiful and a thoughtful way to honor her. We will cherish the incredible picture of the church that Pam Hagan created. The picture will adorn a wall in our Raleigh home, and we will see it daily. Thank you also for the plaque that will be added near the magnolia tree. Debbie and I appreciate all the hugs, texts, phone calls, notes, cards, gifts, and group gatherings we have experienced over the past few weeks. Thank you for celebrating our ministry with you in meaningful and tangible ways.

I continue to be sad and happy at the same time. I will miss you greatly. You are a good church, and you are a good people. While I will no longer serve as your Associate Pastor at BCOB, I will always consider you my family, friends, sisters, and brothers in Christ. I will continue to pray for you as a church family. I would certainly appreciate your prayers as well.

Indeed, my language limits me in expressing my deep love and appreciation for you. And so, all I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you. Until we meet again, continue to gather for worship each week, and then depart to serve faithfully in the name of God the Father, who created you, Jesus Christ, the Son who redeemed you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells within you now and forever more. Amen.

Loving and Gracious God, continue to bless these people as they love you and serve you in the days ahead. Thank you for the gift of allowing me to serve You here at The Baptist Church of Beaufort with these people I have grown to love and appreciate so deeply. Guide them in the days ahead and help them to love and accept the next minister (or ministers) they call as they have loved and accepted me. Keep us compassionate and kind as we seek to be the presence of Christ to others in the work of God's Kingdom. May You continue to find us faithful in our service to you. In the strong and life-giving name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

Grace and Peace in Christ,

Jeff Pethel

BCOB Youth

If one word was used to describe the summer that BCOB Youth had, it would be "serve." The youth have not just served a lot this summer, they have served well. After the youth were encouraged and challenged to serve at Passport Missions in June, they came home and assisted in various mission opportunities locally. BCOB Youth served in nursing homes, food pantries, within our church building, and even helped with yard work for those who needed assistance. This summer of service has not gone unnoticed. Through the sacrifice the youth have made, many have experienced the love of Jesus in action. Thank you BCOB Youth for serving so well.

School starts back early this month, and BCOB Youth would like to give a special welcome to all rising 6th graders. The transition out of elementary school into middle school can be terrifying for students and parents, but in BCOB Youth we are thrilled to help make that process smoother for rising 6th graders. BCOB Youth is a safe place for 6th graders to come fellowship with peers, learn about the love of Jesus, and be encouraged by caring adults. If you have a rising 6th grader and have questions about BCOB Youth, do not hesitate to reach out to Missy at msmith@bcob.org.

All students 6th-12th grade and their PARENTS are invited to BCOB Youth Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, August 11, at 6pm. A pizza supper will be served, and fun games will be played. Games are specifically planned for parents vs. youth! This is an important opportunity for youth and parents to learn about the BCOB Youth Program. Sign up by email to msmith@bcob.org. Childcare is provided for youth siblings who are 5th grade and younger, just make sure to indicate that need when you sign up. Make plans to come and get plugged in with BCOB Youth this fall!



BCOB Kids

BCOB Kids were at PASSPORTkids Camp from July 8-11 in Misenheimer, NC. I want to thank you for praying for our group while we were at camp. I also would like to thank you for your monetary gifts to help us get to camp. Whether you purchased wreaths, soup, baked goods or donated, it was greatly appreciated. We laughed, danced, sang, and made new friends. We had the best time learning to FLOAT in God's presence, to DRINK in the living water daily, and to DIVE into our community with love. We are ready to take what we learned at camp and put it into action. Again, I thank you for your support of our BCOB Kids.

Acolytes will resume serving in Worship on August 4. Acolyte Training for 2nd - 5th graders will be August 11 at 3pm in the sanctuary. If you have already attended Acolyte training you do not need to attend again; however, you do need to let Ms. Kelly know you would like to continue to serve as an Acolyte.

"Back to School Pizza Delivery" is just for you! (As we leave summer behind and get ready for school.) To kick off the start of school, I am thrilled to offer a special surprise: a free pizza delivery to your home! I'd love to visit your family, deliver a delicious pizza, and spend a few moments with my amazing BCOB Kids. How to sign up and delivery dates will be sent to you on August 1. I can't wait to see your family and share some back-to-school fun.

More back-to-school fun for BCOB Kids (ages 3 years old to 5th grade). They are invited to gather for a Back to School Blast on August 10. We will meet from 2pm until 5pm at Beaufort High pool on Lady's Island. You must sign your child up by August 7 with Ms. Kelly (843-991-5355). Wear your bathing suit, bring a towel, and be ready to have loads of FUN!



Endowment

Have you thought about making BCOB a beneficiary in your estate planning and giving? This is a great way to steward all that God has given us. Entire wills do not need to be redone. Codicils can be used to modify existing wills. It is inexpensive and a sure way to include BCOB endowments in your final giving plans. For information, please contact the church office. One of our Endowment Trustees will be glad to answer any questions.

Window Campaign Update

The building project to replace 91 windows in Building B is nearly complete! However, our campaign to raise the funds for this project is not. The total cost of this project is \$193,000. The CEC has graciously contributed \$64,000 towards this campaign to cover the cost of their windows. To raise the remaining funds, we have invited the congregation to "Buy a Window." 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. So far, we have generously given nearly \$85,000 which means we only need to collect another \$44,000 to fully pay for the project. This campaign will continue through Thanksgiving, and any funds given beyond what is needed for the windows will go to pay down the remaining debt from the Others Campaign.

June 2024 Financial Generosity Summary

FINANCIAL UPDATES 2024		
	PREVIOUS MONTH (JUNE) GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET
Budget	\$90,438 / \$87,536 / \$98,838	\$547,881 / \$558,497 / \$594,194
Capital Campaign		\$2,980.00
TOWMO		\$14,860.58
Endowment		\$5,650.00
Operating Church Balance		\$114,483.94

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