

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

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

November 5 - 7am-7:30pm In One Accord
Election Day Prayer Time

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

November 8 - 6pm Youth Glow Lock In

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

November 14 - 11:30am Lunch and Learn

November 15 - 6pm BCOB Kids Parent's Night Out

November 16 - 9am Church Yard Cleanup

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

November 24 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship- Lord's Supper; No Youth Bells or Gathering

November 28 - Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)

November 29 - Church Office Closed

Ministerial Staff Transitions

At our most recent Town Hall, I offered an update on staff roles and responsibilities. I would like to share those updates with those were unable to attend the meeting. As the Associate Pastor, Jeff's roles and responsibilities shifted over the years he was here. When he left in July, Jeff was responsible for pastoral care and ministry to senior adults. Jeff had also inherited most of the administrative responsibilities of staff. Considering current ministry needs and future ministry opportunities, we decided not to begin the process of hiring another associate pastor. To address the need for pastoral care, the church voted to hire Mike Brainard as the Interim Minister of Pastoral Care. Sensing God stirring in her life, Missy Smith, our current Minister of Youth and Communication, has felt a call to transition to a new role where she will be responsible for Adult Ministry (Young, Median, and Senior Adults) and Missions. This transition will not take place until sometime next year. The Nominating Committee has just begun the process of putting together a search committee for a Minister of Youth and Communication. The Personnel Committee and staff are currently discerning how to best address our church administration needs. I ask that you pray for the church as we navigate the season ahead.

Sincerely,

Landon Collins
Senior Pastor



Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

Every year on the first Monday of November, Baptist women all over the world are meeting for prayer. They meet dancing in Africa, singing in Thailand, clapping in Malaysia, hugging in Bulgaria, and kissing in Argentina. Everywhere they meet, they are PRAYING! The groups follow a program in their native language.

BCOB women have been invited to join with women in Beaufort held at Pine Grove Baptist Church, 73 Pine Grove Road, at 7pm on Monday, November 4. Our church bus will take a group as well. Plan to meet the bus at BCOB at 6:30pm if you would like to ride. It will be exciting to meet and pray with local women while women around the world are meeting as well. A love offering will be collected, and gifts of fruit will be distributed.

In One Accord - Prayer Vigil

On a day of anxiety and angst, BCOB hopes to provide comfort to members of our congregation and neighbors in our community. On Tuesday, November 5th, our sanctuary will be open from 7am-7:30pm. Anyone is invited to drop in for as long as they like and pray in solitude or with another person. Communion will be offered at 9am, 12pm, 3pm, and 6pm. This event is not about political discourse. It is solely about praying for community, healing, and peace. Our desire is to "strive for peace with everyone and for holiness" (Hebrews 12:14).

Wednesday Nights

BCOB has had a full semester of Bible study, exploration of Baptist history and Town Hall meetings. We are thankful for the meals we shared together, the productive conversations that we had and the impactful study we embarked on this fall. The last Wednesday night for the semester will take place November 6 at 6pm. At this gathering, the Stewardship Committee will present the proposed budget for 2025. This budget represents our plan for ministry in the coming year, and we hope you will join us for a conversation. Plan to come and enjoy one last meal together this semester with our church family and participate in conversation about ministry opportunities ahead.

Lunch and Learn

On Thursday, November 14, Senior Adult "Lunch & Learn" will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. The cost for the meal is \$10.00 per person (pay at the door). Meal reservations are required. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 10. Sign up at the tent on Sunday or contact the church office at 843-524-3197.

Churchyard Clean Up Day

We will have a Churchyard (Cemetery) Clean-Up Day on Saturday, November 16, at 9:00am. 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 no later than noon. Sign up at the tent on Sunday, or call the church office at 843-524-3197.



November Birthdays

November 1 - Amy Squires

November 3 - Jimmy Brown Jr., Mike Foy, Jack Rhodes

November 4 - Rod Collins, Charles Squires

November 5 - Carol Hill

November 6 - Grace Harris

November 9 - Bill Griffis, Mabrey Kolb

November 10 - Alex Wilkins

November 11 - Ryan Copeland, Elliott Hagan

November 13 - John Dansby, Charlotte Kay, Katrina Sellars, Janet Thames

November 14 - Annette Petit, Cathy Ragsdale, Missy Smith, Nanette Brown Sutton

November 15 - Charlene Cusano

November 16 - Les Stokes

November 18 - Jeanie Walker

November 19 - Tom Perkins, Barbara Winn

November 20 - Jonathan Bursch, Jeff Riley

November 24 - Edward Carr

November 25 - Steve Andrews, Larry Hill

November 26 - Wayne Bretsch, Bill Deer

November 27 - Carl Peterson

November 29 - Denna Sessions

November 30 - Joyce Bunton, Mary Beth Kirkland, Anna Moore, Anne Neal-Dugdale



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.

Poinsettias

Beautiful live poinsettias have always had a place in adorning the sanctuary for Christmas, and you are invited again this year to purchase plants. They are \$10 each, in honor or memory of either a loved one or a couple. If you wish, you may take the plant with you after the Hanging of the Green service on Sunday, December 1, or you may leave the plants you order in the sanctuary through the Christmas season.

Payment is needed at time of order. Purchases may be made through the church office, 843-524-3197, or at the tent on Sundays after worship. The deadline for order and payment is Wednesday, November 27, at close of office (5pm daily.)

HELP of Beaufort Mission Project

BCOB's Mission Committee is participating with HELP of Beaufort to assist in gathering toys for children in need in our community for Christmas. All toy donations need to be new and unwrapped. Items are needed for various ages. You can find a list on our website and in the church office. Please bring toys and place them in the HELP of Beaufort bins around our church. The final day to bring toys is Thursday, December 5.

Hanging of the Green

On Sunday, December 1, at 10:30am, we will gather as a church family to begin the season of Advent and celebrate our Hanging of the Green service! We will need participants of all ages to help us decorate our sanctuary for the season. Some participants will hang decorations, and some will remind us of their significance in readings. Individuals, groups of friends, and families may volunteer. If you are willing to be a part to this service, add your name to the sign ups at the tent or contact Allison by email (asherwood@bcob.org), or in the church office.

BCOB Youth

BCOB should be VERY proud of the Youth Group in October! From leading in worship to serving at the Fall Festival, these young people are an inspiration to everyone in how to serve others well. BCOB Youth arrived at the church prepared, eager and happy to serve. Thank you to everyone who gave the youth the opportunity to serve by sponsoring a car for them to decorate for the Trunk or Treat! Your donation will support our youth as they go to camp this summer.

In addition to helping with the Fall Festival, BCOB Youth are gearing up for their Glow With Gratitude Lock-In! Ask any parent of teens how challenging they can be, especially when it comes to taking advice, and you'll get a whole spectrum of answers. Mostly, it depends on the day, but one thing we know for sure is that a daily gratitude practice can do wonders, especially for teens. That being so, we are providing a lock-in that will be fully focused on gratitude so that the students within our church can be a positive influence on their generation and be beacons of gratitude. BCOB Youth are going to glow with gratitude at their lock-in on Friday, November 8, starting at 6pm. Students 6th-12th grades should wear their brightest clothes and be prepared to have fun glowing in the dark 'til the sun rises Saturday morning. Sign-up is required by Sunday, November 3, by email to msmith@bcob.org

BCOB Kids

A wonderful time was had by all at BCOB's Trunk or Treat. Thanks to all who participated by volunteering in the kitchen, by bringing decorated cars and trucks, decorating donated cars and trucks, handing out candy, securing our grounds and keeping us safe, running booths or being runners, and most of all, sharing the love of Jesus with the children and families of our community.

For the month of November, BCOB Kids will have the opportunity to complete a "Give Thanks" scripture scratch-off. After completing the scratch-off, they may return it to Ms. Kelly for a prize.

JAM and BLAST will be leading in Worship with song on November 10, so mark your calendars.

Parents' Night Out will be Friday, November 15, from 6 until 9pm in the Building C Fellowship Hall for our "Parents Night Out: Blessings Edition." We will have dinner, make crafts, play games, and have tons of FUN! Make sure to sign-up by November 13 with Ms. Kelly (843-991-5355).

Worship Arts Ministry

Our search for a staff organist and accompanist continues. It continues to be difficult to find someone with the skill set we need willing to take on a regular position. We have three different public job postings, advertising for an organist, and pianist and choral accompanist, and someone willing to do both, so we are trying to cast as broad a net as possible. The Personnel Committee has bolstered their financial commitment to our search, which will help make our position more attractive in the competitive market. Please continue to pray for the musician God will bring us and pray for wisdom as we seek and consider applicants, and thank our volunteers who continue to serve us so faithfully. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Allison in the church office or by email.

Stewardship Update

Because we have not shared a financial update in the past two months, we want to make sure to highlight a few things that are not reflected in these numbers.

- We have nearly met our goal for our Windows Campaign! Of the \$193,000 that was needed we have collected just over \$189,000. Anything we collect above \$193,000 will go towards our Others Campaign. Thank you for your faithfulness and your generosity.

- The Others Campaign from 2018 is projected to have a balance of around \$75,000 at the end of this year. We continue to pay down that debt through our budget and through the generosity of people who continue to give.

- While giving is down by 4% in compared to this time last year it is important to celebrate we have nearly paid off the Windows Campaign. In comparison to previous years, giving has increased 11% since 2021 and almost 14% since 2022.

- On Wednesday, November 6th, the Stewardship Committee will present the 2025 proposed budget. We invite you to join us for conversation at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

FINANCIAL UPDATES 2024

	PREVIOUS MONTH (SEPTEMBER) GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET
Budget	\$87,029/ \$85,748/ \$98,838	\$782,926/ \$842,662 / \$889,550
Capital Campaign		\$25,620.00
TOWMO		\$12,195.52
Endowment		\$8,358.00
Operating Church Balance		\$62,580

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.'" - Matthew 6:21-24

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