

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

December 2024



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December 1 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship; 2pm BCOB Kids
Christmas Parade ; 5pm Youth Bells;
6pm Youth Gathering

December 3 - 6pm CEC Showcase

December 8 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship; 5pm BCOB Youth
Christmas Caroling

December 12 - 11:30am Lunch and
Learn

December 14 - 9am BCOB Kids Parents'
Day Out

December 15 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship; Steeple Sounds; 5pm
Youth Bells; 6pm Youth Christmas Party

December 21 - 6pm The Longest Night

December 22 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship

December 24- 5:30pm Christmas Eve
Service

December 25 - Church Office Closed

December 26 - Church Office Closed

December 29 - 9:15am Sunday School;
10:30am Worship

December 31 - Church Office Closes at
12pm

Advent Worship

The Season of Advent has arrived! Thank you to all who will participate in our Hanging of the Green Service on December 1. What a blessing it is for our church family to prepare for the coming of our Savior! On December 8, the celebration Choir and Youth Voices will perform a cantata *This Is Christmas: Celebrating the Heart of Christmas*. It will be a morning you do not want to miss! On December 15, Steeple Sounds will be ringing the sounds of Christmas and leading us in worship. Also remember the special services of the season. The Longest Night at 6pm on December 21 is a time set aside to acknowledge and grieve the losses of the past year and remind ourselves of the hope that Christmas brings. On December 22, the Youth will lead in worship through the Youth Bells and Youth Voices. There will be one Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this year at 5:30pm.

Advent Worship Opportunities :

- December 1 - 10:30am Hanging of the Green
- December 8 - 10:30am Christmas Cantata
- December 15 - 10:30am Steeple Sounds
- December 21 - 6pm Longest Night Service
- December 22 - 10:30am BCOB Youth Bells and Voices
- December 24 - 5:30pm Christmas Eve - Candlelight Service



Christmas Missions Offering

During this time of year, we have the privilege to give to the Global Missions Offering. When we give to Global Missions through our denominational partners, we are supporting missionaries worldwide who are pointing people towards Jesus and helping them become like Him. You can find out more about these offerings on our website. You may give online or through the Global Missions Offering envelopes available in worship and at the tent.

Advent Devotionals

As we approach the Advent season, we invite you to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. This season, BCOB is providing each family with an Advent booklet called "A Time For Wonder." This devotional is filled with scripture to help us take a deeper look at the days of Advent through worship. Pick up your devotional at the tent on Sundays or at the church office.

Christmas Cantata

On December 8, the Covenant Choir, Youth Voices, and guest musicians will be presenting *This Is Christmas: Celebrating the Heart of Christmas*. It will be a spectacular morning of musical worship! Mary McDonald writes: "Just hearing the word "Christmas" brings thoughts of joy to mind: family gatherings; exchanging gifts; enjoying meals with relatives, friends, and co-workers; filling the home with lights, trees, candles, and greenery; and listening to seasonal music both at home and at church. Christmas is the season of love coming to earth. Christmas is about a Child - Jesus! THIS is Christmas." The sole intent of this cantata is to draw attention to that Child, that King, sent to earth to redeem the world, for THIS is the heart of Christmas! Make plans to worship with us on December 8 at 10:30am as we celebrate and worship through the cantata *This is Christmas*.

Lunch and Learn

On Thursday, December 12 at 11:30am, Lunch and Learn will be filled with Christmas cheer as BCOB musicians share some of the season's favorites. There will be a sing-along, so everyone will be part of the program! The absolute deadline for sign-up is Wednesday, December 4, and the \$10 lunch fee will be payable at the door on the 12th. Reservations can be made at the tent on Sunday, or you can call the church office (843-524-3197).

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. This year we will have a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30pm. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us as we worship the birth of the Messiah.



December Birthdays

December - 1 Samuel Kirkland, Gayle Morris, Ryan Smith
December 3 - Janet O'Hara
December 4 - Shauna Bishop
December 5 - Lisa Weslake
December 6 - Dan Rich
December 7 - Ed Duryea, Bradley Moody, Joshua Moody
December 8 - Walter Godwin
December 9 - Susan Rodrigue
December 10 - Brenda Rucker
December 11 - Paula Johnson
December 12 - Max Duryea, Henry Manley
December 13 - Jackie Griffing
December 14 - Elly Grubbs, Pam Hagan, Julia Pryor
December 15 - Roger Capps, Janet Hull, Carter Kolb, Les Stokes
December 16 - Linda Fulton
December 17 - Charles Berry, Pat Rodrigue
December 18 - Janet Andrews, Michael Smith
December 19 - Peggy Infinger
December 20 - Cooky DeLoach, Miriam Thames
December 21 - Drema Brantley, Julianna Lane
December 23 - Andrew Deer, Greg Sauls
December 26 - Bella Smith
December 31 - Katelyn Carter, Harrison Moore



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 for and encouraging each other in prayer.



BCOB Youth

On December 1 at 6pm, BCOB Youth will be having an "Advent Palooza" in the Youth Room. Youth will make Advent decorations, receive devotionals, and play games to kick off the Advent season. Plan to join the fun and bring a friend!

On December 8, BCOB Youth will go caroling to various at-home members in the community. Youth will meet at the church at 5pm, then distribute Christmas cheer to those who need it this season. If you know someone who would enjoy extra cheer this year, please call the church office and let Missy know, or email her at msmith@bcob.org.

BCOB Youth will have their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15 at 6pm. The youth will have a Pajama Christmas Party with a surprise movie. Youth are asked to bring a bag of canned food items to donate to Help of Beaufort and a \$5 gift for a game. Youth will play exciting games, have lots of hot cocoa, and enjoy a sweet time of fellowship! Contact Missy if you have any questions.

Support BCOB Youth this year by purchasing a luminary in memory of a loved one to be displayed on the stairs of the Sanctuary for the Longest Night service on December 21. The cost of each luminary is \$10 and will go towards support of BCOB Youth going to Passport Camp this summer. Sign up at the tent on Sundays, or call the church office. Money is due by December 21.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

with love,
bcob youth



BCOB Kids

Calling all candy cane munching BCOB Kids to ride in the Beaufort Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 8. We will meet at our starting point (to be announced) at 2:30pm. Our theme this year is CandyLand, so dress as your best candy self. King Candy will be riding with us. There is room for all the "SWEET" treats on the parade float! Please sign up by Wednesday, December 4.

BCOB Kids will have the opportunity to sign up to receive an Elf Special Delivery! Delivery dates are 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12 with 5 deliveries each night. You will receive a link to sign up. The deadline to sign up is December 3.

Calling all BCOB Parents: Has Christmas snuck up on you? Well, we have the answer: PARENTS' DAY OUT! Saturday, December 14, 3K - 5th grade, 9am until 2pm, and 2 and under, 9am until 12pm. This will give you a few hours to catch up or just to take a bubble bath. Drop your kiddos off for a day filled with FUN! Please sign up by Monday, December 9.

Contact Ms. Kelly to sign up or to ask any questions, 843-991-5355.

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The Longest Night

The Longest Night Service will be on Saturday, December 21, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. This is a time to remember the events of years past, especially losses that have occurred. The service will be a time of reflection for anyone who has experienced life-changing events, whether through death, loss of a relationship, loss of job, separation and divorce, loss of health, or other significant events.

Everyone is invited to place an offering of memories on the communion table before the service begins; these symbols of remembrance may be photos or any other items related to your loss. You can take your memory item with you after the service.

Certainly, the holidays can be a very difficult time when one is experiencing the pain of loss. This time of reflection and worship will offer a meaningful way of remembering your loss and honoring your grief process. Invite your family members and friends to join you for this time of worship. A reception will be held in the Green Room following the service.

Sunday School and Fellowship

Sunday School will meet as usual at 9:15am on Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22. The Advent and Christmas Season is a wonderful time to "connect" with a Sunday School class if you aren't currently involved. On Sunday, December 29, there will be a Sunday School class and church-wide Food & Fellowship gathering at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join us before gathering for Worship at 10:30am.

Financial Generosity

The last day to hand-deliver your END OF YEAR OFFERING to the church office is Tuesday, December 31. Please know our church office will be closed at 12pm on Tuesday, December 31 and all day on Monday, January 1.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

FINANCIAL UPDATES 2024

	PREVIOUS MONTH (OCTOBER) GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET
Budget	\$83,465/ \$89,874/ \$98,838	\$883,762/ \$952,865/ \$1,087,228
Capital Campaign		\$25,620.00
TOWMO		\$12,195.52
Endowment		\$8,358.00
Operating Church Balance		\$55,209

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