

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

January 2025



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January 1 - Church Office Closed

January 5 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship

January 8 - 6pm Steeple Sounds; 7pm Covenant Choir

January 12 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship; 6pm BCOB Youth Ski Trip Meeting

January 15 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), BCOB Youth Faith/Voices, BCOB Kids BLAST/JAM, Town Hall Meeting; 7pm Covenant Choir

January 17 - BCOB Youth Ski Trip

January 18 - BCOB Youth Ski Trip

January 19 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; BCOB Youth Ski Trip

January 20 - BCOB Youth Return from Ski Trip

January 22 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study, BCOB Youth Faith/Voices, BCOB Kids BLAST/JAM; 7pm Covenant Choir

January 24 - 6pm BCOB Kids Pancakes and Pajamas

January 26 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30 Worship; 5pm Youth Bells, 6pm Youth Gathering

January 29 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study, Youth & Kids activities; 7pm Covenant Choir

Coffee with Clergy

One of the joys in ministry is being with people. This year I hope to create more opportunities to do just that. Every Thursday, beginning January 12 I will be at City Java on Carteret Street. from 10am-noon, and I hope you will stop by. This is a chance to talk about faith, life, God, or college football. This is also an opportunity to discuss the life of the church and what is happening in and around our congregation. If you have a need, I would love to pray for you and with you. I would also love for you to pray for me. Your first cup of coffee will be on me.

- Landon Collins



Upcoming Town Hall

To keep our congregation informed about all that is happening, we have scheduled a few Town Hall gatherings in the Spring. These gatherings will provide committee, ministry, and team updates, and they will also provide opportunities for the congregation to ask questions. Our first Town Hall is on Wednesday, January 15 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will spend time talking about some upcoming personnel shifts and potential bylaws updates.

New Year - New Office Hours

Beginning in 2025, the church office will no longer be open on Fridays. Ministerial staff is off on Friday, and most administrative tasks have already been completed. We will check all voicemails on Friday at noon and respond appropriately. We know this is a change, but we believe this allows us to be good stewards of our resources.

Wednesday Nights Resume

Beginning on Wednesday, January 15, we will meet from 5:30pm until 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a shared meal, fellowship, and discipleship. We will eat from 5:30pm until 6:00pm. At 6:00pm preschoolers (infant-4 years of age) will head to Building B for JAM. Children (kindergarten - 5th grades) will meet upstairs in the Children's Suite for Blast. Youth (grades 6-12) will meet in the Youth Room for Youth Faith and Youth Voices. Adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible study by Landon titled "Stories from the Road." Meal reservations are required each week by Monday at 10:00am for dinner. Sign up at the tent on Sunday or contact the church office for meal reservations.

Contemplative Prayer Class

What does 2025 look like for you? Do you long for a more intimate relationship with God? Are you seeking new ways to experience Him and cultivate greater compassion and lovingkindness for others and for yourself? Does your mind feel crowded with thoughts and worries that add stress to your life? Contemplative practices may provide guidance for your walk with Jesus and lead to new depths of love and grace. A class gathering titled "Seeking Tender Hearts" will begin Sunday morning February 2 and continue each Sunday morning in February. This class will meet at 9:15am on the 2nd floor of Building B, Room 207. For four weeks we will explore contemplative practices such as Centering Prayer. There is no cost, but you will need to sign up ahead of time. You can sign up at the tent or call the church office.

TOWMO

Through your generosity, the Missions Committee has been able to use TOWMO (Touching Our World Mission Offering) for some great Kingdom initiatives this past year. TOWMO is the general missions fund here at BCOB that is used for local, national, and global missions. It's where we draw funds for mission work like Rise Against Hunger, YoungLife, disaster relief, HELP of Beaufort, and missionary support. See detailed TOWMO report at www.bcob.org. Thank you for giving!



January Birthdays

- January 1 - William Flowers, Tillman Kolb
- January 2 - Dianne Cooper
- January 3 - William Youmans
- January 4 - Doug Moss, Sidaley Reinhardt
- January 5 - Karol Johnson, Nikki Newman
- January 6 - Royce Chavis
- January 7 - Brenda Bursch, Martie Collins
- January 8 - Matthew Weslake
- January 9 - Woodrow Crosby, Paul Hamilton
- January 11 - Mackenzie Goodrich
- January 12 - Lucinda Brookins, Jeff O'Hara
- January 13 - Genie Brainerd, Rachel Squires
- January 14 - Gretchen Bretsch
- January 15 - Carmella Yahres
- January 16 - Susan Krumm
- January 18 - Bobby Reames
- January 20 - Scarlett Brainerd, Mason Carter
- January 22 - Barbara Frazier
- January 23 - Gabriel Squires
- January 24 - Dana Christensen, John Johnson, Tency Lynn, Linda Myrick
- January 25 - Karl Davis, Austin Smith
- January 26 - Jennifer Christensen, Cathy Kirkland
- January 27 - James Moore
- January 30 - Wil Squires



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.

Thank You from Allison

This Advent season, we have been blessed to have so many of YOU leading us in worship. Covenant Choir, Steeple Sounds, Youth Voices and Youth Bells spent weeks, in some cases months, preparing to bring their musical offerings. Several of you led us through readings - Lighting Advent candles, Longest Night, and Lessons and Carols. Each of these contributions has enriched our worship, and we have celebrated the first coming of our Savior well. Praise God and thank you!



BCOB Youth

Please remember to pray for BCOB Youth as they travel to Winter Place Ski Resort in West Virginia for their ski trip on January 17-20.

Winter Kick-Off Event will be Sunday, January 26, at 6pm! We will begin our new year with a fun night of games with parents against youth. Bring your parents and receive our 2025 Spring Calendar so that we can be prepared for all that God has in store for us in the new year!

BCOB Kids

As 2024 ends I am thankful for all the memories we made this year. As we move into 2025, I look ahead to new memories and fun times as we learn and share the message of Jesus together and to our community. BCOB Kids, be on the lookout for our new calendar of events this month.

January 1: Sign up for Passport Kids Camp (July 7-10, 2025)

January 24: Last day to sign up for Passport Kids Camp and \$200 full deposit or \$100 first half due (\$100 second half due 5/1/24)

January 24 - 25: BCOB Kids 2025 Kick-Off Event: "Pancakes and Pajamas" Lock-In

February 9: SOUPER Bowl Sunday Fundraiser for Children's Passport Kids Camp

June 4: Wacky Wednesdays Start

July 7-10: Passport Kids Camp

August 1: Family Fun Back-To-School Event

A Message From Stephen Ministry

A message from BCOB Stephen Ministry regarding how to best express our compassion:

Instead of saying, "I know what it feels like," let's say, "I cannot imagine your heartbreak."

Instead of saying, "You're strong, you'll get through this," let's say, "You'll hurt, and I'll be here."

Instead of saying, "You look like you're doing well," let's say, "How are you holding up today?"

Instead of saying, "Healing takes time," let's say "Healing has no timeline."

Instead of saying, "Everything happens for a reason," let's say, "This must feel so terribly senseless right now."

And when there are no words to say at all, you don't need to try and find some. Love speaks in silences, too.

~ 'Words' by Ullie-Kaye

Senior Adult VBS

For many Senior Adults, Vacation Bible School was a part of the annual rhythm of the church when we were young. Off we'd go, dropped off by our parents (sometimes at different churches for multiple weeks!) for what we later learned was not a vacation for us. It was a vacation for them! But it was always a fun and memorable way to be introduced to the stories of the Bible.

Building on that fun, Ed Kilbourne has taken his nationally recognized gifts of music, storytelling and humor, combined them with the wisdom and knowledge of his years as a folk-theologian, and put them in a 3-day Vacation Bible School program for the senior saints and sages of the church. Ed will lead during worship on Sunday, March 16, at 10:30am. VBS will be Monday, March 17 thru Wednesday, March 19, 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, March 2. 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!

New Members



Marilyn Thomas

FINANCIAL UPDATE 2024

	PREVIOUS MONTH (NOVEMBER) GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE GIVING / EXPENSES / BUDGET
Budget	\$74,071/ \$83,944/ \$92,994	\$940,464/ \$1,017,319 / \$1, 087,228
Capital Campaign Balance		\$67,100
Operating Church Balance		\$45,000

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