

THE WINDOW

The Baptist Church of Beaufort Monthly Newsletter

March 2025



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March 2 - 9:15am Sunday School, BCOB 101; 10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6pm Youth Gathering

March 4 - 5:30pm - BCOB Youth Fat Tuesday - Pancake Meal

March 5 - 5:30pm Supper; 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service; 7pm Covenant Choir

March 7 - 6pm BCOB Kids Parents' Night Out, BCOB Youth Mission Night

March 9 - 9:15am Sunday School, BCOB 101; 10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6pm Youth Gathering

March 12 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study, Kids BLAST, JAM and Youth Faith; 7pm Covenant Choir

March 14 - 5:30pm Men's Bible Study

March 16 - 9:15am Sunday School, BCOB 101; 10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6pm Youth Gathering

March 17- 19 9:30am Senior Adult VBS

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March 19 - 9:30am Senior Adult VBS; 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study, Kids BLAST, JAM and Youth Faith; 7pm Covenant Choir

March 22 - BCOB Kids Service Day

March 23 - 15am Sunday School, BCOB 101; 10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6pm Rise Against Hunger Packing Event

Lenten Season

As we enter the season of Lent, we embark on a 40-day journey that prepares us for the celebration of Easter. Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, invites us to reflect on our relationship with God, renew our commitment to Him, and grow in our faith as we draw closer to the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time set apart in the Christian calendar to focus on spiritual growth, self-discipline, and deepening our relationship with Christ. The 40 days of Lent symbolize the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness where He endured temptation and drew closer to God (Matthew 4:1-11).

Lent calls us to examine our hearts and lives. Through practices like prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we intentionally draw near to God and seek forgiveness for the times we have fallen short of His glory. Repentance is a key theme during Lent, reminding us that through Christ's sacrifice, we are offered forgiveness and the grace to be made new.

Although Lent is a season of self-examination, repentance, and sacrifice, it is also a season of hope. Through the disciplines of Lent, we are drawn closer to the heart of God and reminded that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was the ultimate act of love and redemption. As we journey through Lent, we are invited to walk with Christ and prepare our hearts to celebrate the glorious resurrection that awaits us on Easter Sunday.

Let this Lenten season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us—a time to return to the love and grace of God and to grow in our faith as we eagerly anticipate the joy of the resurrection.

May God bless you during this sacred season of Lent, and may it draw you ever closer to His love and mercy.



Calendar Continued...

March 26 - 5:30pm Supper; 6pm Steeple Sounds (Adult Bells), Adult Bible Study, Kids activities and Youth activities; 7pm Covenant Choir

March 30 - 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship; 5pm Youth Bells; 6pm Youth Gathering; "Spring into Youth" Fundraiser

Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. The church family will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm for a meaningful time of worship as we begin the Lenten journey. In this service, we will examine our hearts and lives and deal with anything that is crippling our relationship with God. We will have the opportunity to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads or hands as an outward display of our inward commitment. Children and youth are encouraged to attend this service with their families. Child-care is provided for preschool-age children.

There will be a meal served on Ash Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meal reservations are required each week by Monday at 10:00am. Sign up at the tent on Sunday or contact the church office to secure your reservation.

Lenten Devotional

We invite you to journey through the season of Lent with the Emmanuel McCall Lenten Devotional. Centered on the theme of Love, Justice, and Relationships, the 2024 McCall Lenten Devotional series invites readers to go beyond the surface and engage in the deeper work of speaking the truth about love and how love is the foundation for justice for all God's people. You can download the Lenten Devotional and even sign up to have it sent to your email daily by filling out the [link HERE](#), on our website or by calling the church office. We will have limited copies available in print upon request.

Seder Meal

You're invited to join us for a meaningful Passover Seder meal on Wednesday, March 26th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Seder meal is a tradition rooted in the Exodus story—the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt—and it has deep spiritual meaning for us as followers of Christ. As we gather around the table, we will explore the symbolism of the Seder's elements and how they point to God's deliverance, foreshadowing the ultimate freedom and salvation found in Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb. Come share in this cherished tradition as we recount the story of liberation, enjoy festive foods, and gather in community. Whether you're familiar with the Seder or experiencing it for the first time, we look forward to celebrating together in a spirit of hope and renewal.



March Birthdays

March 2 - Neil Baxley, Bill Harris

March 3 - Glenn Ragsdale, Bob Sellars, Reid Woods

March 4 - Clara Kolb, Marshall Rhodes

March 7 - Preston Bradley, Patti Culbertson, Dawn Howard

March 8 - Terri Stokes

March 10 - John Spatig

March 11 - Pat Patterson, Brandy Yates

March 12 - Sloan Manley, Kathy Perry

March 13 - McKenzie Wilson

March 15 - Donna Moore, Carl Stanley

March 16 - Judy Copeland, Mary Rich, Kayla Sox

March 17 - Tim Cieplowski

March 19 - Sam Bates, Delton Cunningham

March 23 - Wes Priester

March 24 - Barbara Foy

March 27 - Bailey Smith

March 28 - Betty Barton, Seabrook Duryea, Julia Smoak



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.

BCOB 101

On Sundays in March, we are hosting BCOB 101 from 9:15-10:15am. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the history of our church and who we are as a church. Whether you're new or have been with us for years, we invite you to be part of this BCOB 101. If you are interested, please contact Landon (collins@bcob.org)

Rise Against Hunger

"They may look like simple bags of rice and soy, but Rise Against Hunger meals represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide." Join us on Sunday, March 23rd at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for our Meal Packing Event. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We will need a few volunteers to help unload and set up at 4:30pm. Please email Shauna Bishop (Shaunaleebishop@gmail.com) if you can assist with set up. To sign up for this event. Please register by scanning the QR code on the right or [click the link here](#). Childcare will be provided for children birth - kindergarten please call Kelly if needed.

Volunteer Release & Waiver



BCOB Youth

March is a busy month for BCOB Youth! The youth have the opportunity to serve the children for their Parents' Night Out on Friday, March 7 at 6pm. BCOB Youth will entertain the children with St. Patrick's Day activities. Youth must attend the planning session on Sunday, March 2 at 6pm to serve.

Before we enter the season of Lent, BCOB Youth will gather for one last indulgence to celebrate and enjoy each other's company. Join us for a Fat Tuesday Pancake Party—the perfect way to kick off the Lenten season with a sweet, savory, and joyful evening!

We'll be flipping pancakes, piling on toppings, and enjoying one last hurrah before the journey of Lent begins. Let's share in fellowship and feast together as we prepare for the season of reflection, prayer, and renewal. Meet at BCOB at 5:30pm on Tuesday, March 4.

Students 6th-12th Grade are invited to join BCOB Youth as they travel to Passport Camp at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC, from June 22-27. Passport Camp is a week-long experience empowering students to encounter Christ, embrace community, and extend grace to the world. The deposit for Passport Camp is \$100 and is due by March 30. Sign up today to reserve your student's spot.

On Sundays, March 23 and March 30, we will be having a "Spring into Youth" Donation Board set up on the patio area across from the sanctuary. This board is set up to support the youth as they travel to Passport Camp this summer. Anyone can choose a number off the board, then give that number of dollars toward Youth Passport Camp. Everyone who donates will be given a handmade flower by BCOB Youth to remind them to pray for the Youth while they are at Passport Camp.

BCOB Kids

The preschoolers and children had a great start to 2025. They "LOCKED-IN", made Valentines for our big church friends and had a "Soup-er" Bowl Fundraiser for Passport Kids Camp. We greatly appreciate all who attended to support our fundraiser! Thank You!

Parents' Night Out: Green Day Edition will take place on Friday, March 7 from 6-9pm. Please sign up by March 5. Acolyte training and a meeting will be held for current and new Acolytes on Sunday, March 9 at 3-5pm in the Sanctuary. All current or new members must attend to continue to Acolyte. Please sign up by March 8. Parents, an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in is Mission/Service Day, which will be held on March 22 from 2-4pm. We will be serving our community in various ways. Please sign up by March 19. We will continue BLAST and JAM on Wednesday Nights through April. BLAST and JAM will sing in worship on Sunday, April 13.

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



Tillman and Melissa
Kyzer

Finances

FINANCIAL UPDATES 2025	
	2025 YEAR TO DATE - JANUARY 2025 BUDGET / GIVING / EXPENSES
Budget	\$99,838/ \$72,010/ \$82,892
Capital Campaign Balance	\$43,000
Operating Church Balance	\$36,945

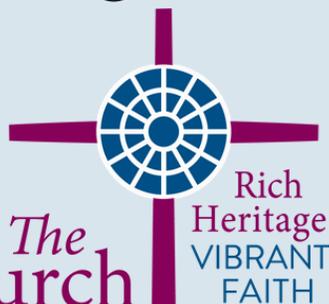
"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce."
Proverbs 3:9

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