



# Boones Creek Christian Church

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## A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

### What is one thing you would do for God if fear was not a factor?

That was the opening question in our small group discussion this week. Responses included share my testimony, proclaim the gospel to others, invite my neighbor to church, lead a small group. Next, we read these words from Paul, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7) This Scripture reminds us that the Holy Spirit does not produce fear. Instead, He brings power, love, and a sound mind. Whenever fear controls us, we are no longer functioning from the power of the Spirit, but from the weakness of our own strength.

However, what if the problem is not our response to fear, but instead the question in general? "What is one thing you would do for God?" The focus is on what I would do for Him. Here is the truth we need to receive. God does not need us to do anything for Him. Some of you may be thinking, "Hold up, I thought we are supposed to serve God?" Absolutely. But Acts 17:25 says, "God is not served by human hands, as though He needed anything."

Jesus said it this way in John 15:5, "Apart from me you can do nothing." God does not need me to accomplish something for Him. God simply wants me to be with Him. As I abide in Him and walk with Him, He begins to work through me. What I do for Him becomes the overflow of being with Him. So maybe the better question is, "What is one thing God would do through me if I would completely submit to His will?" The answers are endless.

Someone asked me the other day, "Ben, do you still get nervous when you preach?" Absolutely! I get nervous when I put pressure on myself to deliver the message as though the sermon is dependent on me. But it helps when I remember it is not my message, it is His. When I have spent the week abiding in Him and staying connected to Him, He reminds me that He is the One speaking through me. Most of us struggle with the fear of inadequacy, discomfort, or rejection. But if God is working through you, you have already admitted you are inadequate. That is why you need Him. If people reject the message, they are ultimately rejecting Him, not you.

When Jesus sent out the disciples in Luke 10 he said, "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me." Then, when they returned, they said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your Name." Did you catch that? In Your Name. Jesus reminded them that their greatest joy was not what they had accomplished for Him, but that they belonged to Him. What if we lived every day that way? Not trying to do great things for Jesus but trusting Jesus do great things through us. Then everything we do would truly be done in the Name of Jesus.

*Ben*

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## Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on August 9th. The class will be held 8:30 and 11:00 AM in room 103. If you are new to Boones Creek, we would love to see you in this class to help you get connected and be part of our growing family. Please visit the Events tab on either the website or the Boones Creek App to register.



Beginning Sunday, August 2nd through October 4th, we will offer a **GriefShare** class on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM, in Room 106. **GriefShare** is open to anyone who has experienced loss. Grief can often feel lonely, and it may seem like few people truly understand the depth of that pain-but you don't have to walk through it alone. We invite you to join us as we explore topics such as sadness, loneliness, fear, anxiety, anger,

and regret, while also discovering HOPE and building resilience.

Workbooks will be available for \$20 during the August 2nd meeting. You can pay for the book in advance when registering or the day of the class. The class will be led by Lori Drain and Tammie Payne. If you have any questions, please reach out. Please register on the BCCC App or Website under Events tab.



## Senior Game Night

Seniors, join us August 11th at  
6:30 PM for Game Night. We will meet in the Koinonia  
Kafe. Please bring a snack to share and use Entry B  
when you arrive.

## REFRESH- A Night of Worship for Women

Date: Wednesday August 19th

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM (sanctuary)

with dessert fellowship following worship time (gym)

Childcare. Birth- 5th grade available

\*please call 423 282-0248 to reserve spot for Childcare.

## Senior Adults

The Seniors will be taking a trip to Pigeon Forge for the Hatfield and McCoy dinner show on August 20th. We will attend the 5:00 PM show and will be carpooling down and back. Please plan to leave from the church parking lot at 2:45 PM. The cost is \$50.00 per person, but please be prepared to leave a tip for your server as well. You may register on the BCCC App or Website under the events tab.

ANNOUNCING start dates and topic of Women's Weekly Fall Study!

Start the week of September 14th

Study Topic: Gospel of Luke

Meeting Options: Monday evenings on site or online and

Tuesday mornings

Watch for details on book availability and registration link in the Digital Bulletin starting mid August. Can't wait to be in God's Word with YOU!



# BCKids GRADUATION "SUNDAE"



**2025-2026  
Kindergarten and 5th Grade  
graduation!**

**Sunday, August 2nd  
During the 9:45am service in the gym.  
Parents of these two groups are invited  
to attend!**



**PROMOTION →  
SUNDay**

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**

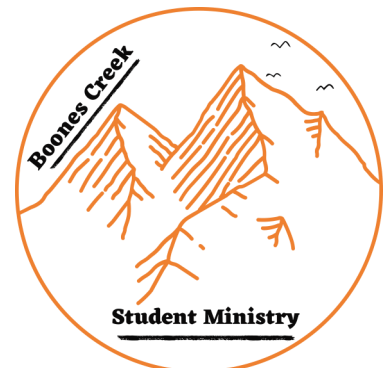
**ALL KIDS PRE-K TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
MOVE TO THEIR NEW AGE  
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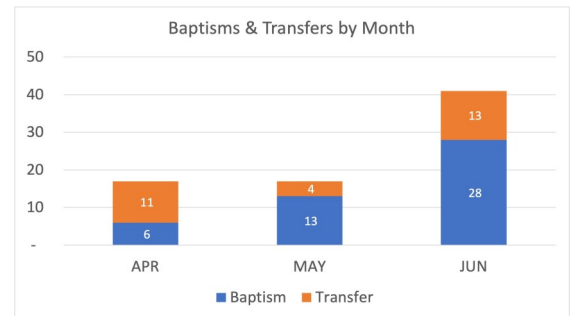
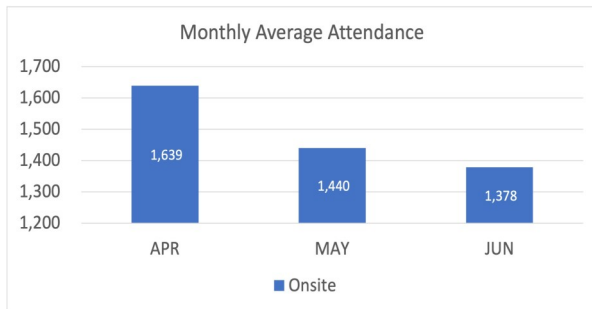
**BE SURE TO SELECT THEIR NEW GRADE DURING CHECK-IN!**



## STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

Go to our website or app and head over to the Students Page to see all of our events and to learn about all things Student Ministry! If you have any questions or would like to contact Ryan Kelley, please email him at [ryankelley@boonescreekcc.org](mailto:ryankelley@boonescreekcc.org).





To the women of Boones Creek – Mark your calendars to join us for the **Rooted Women's Retreat!** We will be spending our time growing in our relationships with God, growing in our knowledge of his word, and growing in our relationships with each other while staying at Grand Forge Lodge (Hearthside Cabins) in Pigeon Forge September 11-13, 2026. Together, we pray to be a group that is deeply rooted in our faith. There are openings for 30 ladies (18yr +) to attend. Cost to attend is \$250, which includes all food, housing, and materials. We are so excited and cannot wait to see you there! You may register on the BCCC App or Website. If you have any questions, please see Margaret Bixler at the Connection Corner on Sunday, June 28th.



## Tips for a positive start to the school year! (Part 1)

Here are some tips to help children under 12 kick off the school year feeling emotionally ready.

### **TIP #1 DAILY ROUTINES HELP KIDS FEEL SAFE AND CONFIDENT**

⚽ Plan regular times for healthy meals, play, and homework every day.

⚽ Kids need 9-12 hours of sleep every night to help them learn.

⚽ Get clothes and backpacks ready for school the night before.

⚽ Set aside regular one-on-one time, without screens, to do something relaxing and fun with your child.

Put away electronics one hour before bedtime to relax together and get ready for a good night's sleep.

### **TIP #2 BUILDING CONNECTION BOOSTS CONFIDENCE**

⚽ Visit the school together to meet teachers and see where your child will be spending their day.

⚽ Talk to your child about what they can expect before the school year starts. If they are nervous, let them know it's normal.

⚽ Have a buddy for bus rides or carpools to make going to school easier.

⚽ Reduce bullying by forming positive connections in after-school and mentoring programs.

**Praise your child.**

"Thank you for helping set out your school clothes for tomorrow!" or "Great job packing your backpack!"

**Practice positive self-talk.**

Say "I can try this" instead of "I can't do this."

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## **Widow2Widow**

Ladies, Widow2Widow will be joining the Seniors on a road trip to Pigeon Forge on Thursday, August 20th to see the Hatfield and McCoys Dinner Feud.

Don't forget to reserve your spot today. Please

register on the BCCC APP under Events or call church office at 423-282-0248.



## Journey to Hope

Journey to Hope is a positive monthly group supporting those with Cancer, remission, survivors, and caregivers. Join us as we look at “Walking as Jesus Did” and serving others. We will be filling Operation Christmas Shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse. Some supplies will be provided but you may purchase some washcloths, school supplies, hairbrushes, small water bottles, or toys. We will have a light dinner in the Koinonia Kafe at 6:00 PM on August 6th. Please register on the BCCC App under events or call the church office at 423-282-0248.



Join us to discuss  
**“Walking as Jesus did”**

Thursday August 6th  
6:00 PM  
In the Koinonia Kafe

Cancer support group!  
Go to EVENTS on the app/website to register

## Welcome New Members

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Wayne McKechnie  | Cynthia McKechnie  |
| Daniel McKechnie | Shelly Hyatt       |
| Lonnie Hyatt     | Elizabeth Kolarick |
| Don Kolarick     | Melissa Bailey     |
| Edward Bailey    | Sawyer Bailey      |
| Paula Radcliff   | Logan Ladue        |
| Amy Ladue        |                    |



LOVE IS BREWING

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring

*Morgan Barkley & T Johnson*

SATURDAY | AUGUST 29 | 2-4PM

Boones Creek Christian Church  
Entrance B  
2684 Boones Creek Rd.  
Johnson City, TN 37615

Registered at Amazon



Hannah Lambert  
David Thompson  
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Zoey Ownes  
Evan Tomlison



With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*  
Thelma Crumley



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**Kevin McCloud, Worship Minister**  
**Lori Drain, Director of Women & Recovery**  
**Ryan Kelley, Youth Minister**  
**Joey Norris, Children's Minister**  
**Mandy Armstrong, Pre-School Director**  
**Tammie Payne, Faith Community Nurse**  
**Joseph Vargas, Creative Communications Dir.**

**Justin Davis, Union Campus Minister Union**  
**Dustin Clawson, Union Campus Youth Minister**

**Lizz Bellamy, Administrative Assistant**  
**Gabriell Speed, Church Secretary**

**Bruce Holley, Facility Manager**  
**Mark Palscey, Maintenance Specialist**

## **Walk As Jesus Did**

**August 2nd - 1 John 3:1-10**

**August 9th - 1 John 3:11-24**

**August 16th - 1 John 4:1-6**

**August 23rd - 1 John 4:7-21**

**August 30th - 1 John 5:1-12**

