



Boones Creek Christian Church

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A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

"Ben, immerse yourself in God's Word to know Jesus better."

A powerful truth that someone spoke into my life recently that stopped me in my tracks and left me asking, when do I do that?

I mean, I love God's Word. I love to study His Word. I remember years ago I loved to argue with other believers about His Word. I love to preach and teach His Word. However, when do I open my Bible with the thought or prayer, "God, I am about to dive into Your Word for one reason and one reason alone, to know You better"?

As you have heard me say, I spend my Thursdays with my phone on silent, headphones in, my bedroom door shut, computer open, and working on my sermon I will preach the following Sunday. Now, did you hear the language that I used there, "working on" my sermon? I am going to be honest, it seems like every Thursday, as far back as I can remember, when the sermon is complete, I feel like I have wrestled with God all day. By the time my wife, Joy, gets home, I am tired, weary, and worn down.

"My dear brothers and sisters, this should not be" (James 3:10, completely out of context, but it is what came to mind).

Spending hours alone with God in prayer, in worship through the songs coming through my headphones, and in His Word should not leave one spiritually drained but instead spiritually filled, ready to spill out to those God puts in their path.

So, what was I doing? Was I spending time alone with God "working on" a sermon to preach on Sunday, or was I spending time alone with God to know Him better? I believe the above paragraph answers that question very plainly. Now, I know how much you all love me. I know many may be reading to this point and think, "Come on, Ben, you are being too hard on yourself." From my heart, I love you all and always appreciate your concern. But I also understand that my life, as is yours, is in the Creator's Hands and that He continues to shape me and mold me. I have not arrived but instead I am a work in progress, His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works for the Kingdom.

Last week I learned that when I am doing His work, functioning out of a place where I know Him better, I tend to do more out of love rather than obligation.

Oh, what a difference that makes.

But just what if everything we did, every time we serve, every time we pray, every time we worship, every time we open His Word, we did so to know Him better? We would, three words...

CHANGE THE WORLD!

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better." (Ephesians 1:17)

Ben Cole

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Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on July 5th. 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 July 14th 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.

AVOID SCAMS

IF YOU RECEIVED A TEXT, EMAIL, OR OTHER MESSAGES
FROM SENIOR MINISTER BEN COLE
ASKING FOR MONEY IT IS A SCAM

ONLY TWO REAL EMAIL ADDRESSES FROM BEN ARE:

- BENCOLE@BOONESCREEKCC.ORG
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IF THERE IS AN URGENT NEED, YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT
IT THROUGH THE CHURCH'S REGULAR
MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICE

PROVIDE MEALS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF WORKERS

- PREPARE THE MEAL
- DELIVER TO YOUTH CENTER
- HELP SERVE AND CLEANUP

Sign up today on app or website



Thanks so much to everyone that has prepared a meal or sandwiches for our IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) volunteers.

You have put a smile on their faces each night when they come in to a hot meal after a long day's work.

Remember to go to the BCCC app under Events and sign up to prepare a hot and ready meal for the volunteers.

- Pick your date.

- **Deliver it to the youth center at 5:45pm.**
- **Park in front of the white shower trailer and come down the steps.**
- Help serve and clean up.
- Utensils, paper supplies, and drinks provided.

The number of workers will vary from 5 to 25 people each night. You will be notified in advance of how many to prepare for and if there are any dietary restrictions.



**SUMMER
OF
FUN**

**MOVIE NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH
6-8PM
4YR-5TH GRADE**

PLEASE REGISTER ON THE APP/WEBSITE



**FAMILY
EVENT!**

PAINT NIGHT

**SUMMER
OF
FUN**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH
6-8PM**

NO DROP-OFF

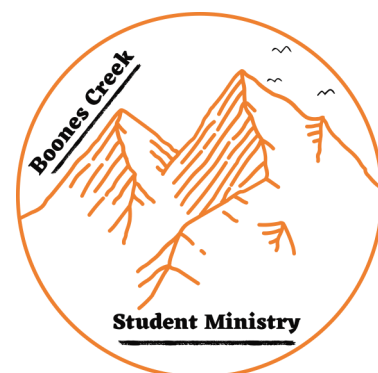
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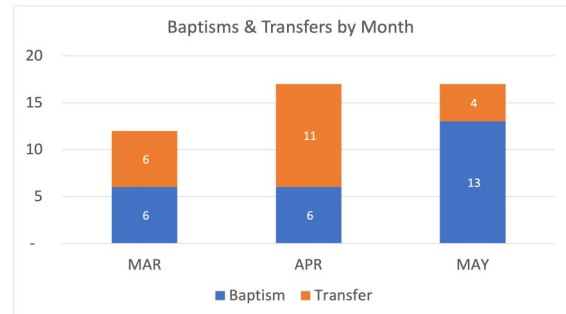
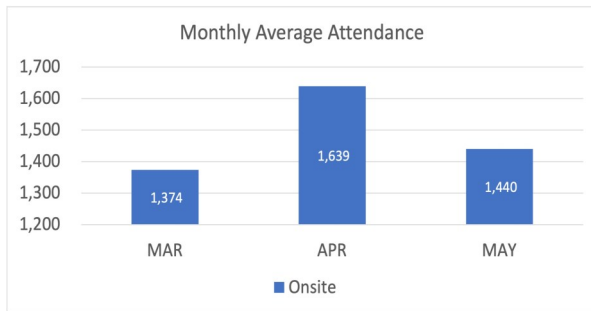
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STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

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.





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.



Remember all those healthy benefits of vegetables from the last newsletter. Now it's time to enjoy those fresh vegetables.

Stir fry vegetables

Ingredients

- 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoons canola oil
- 1 head broccoli (chopped)
- 1 head cauliflower (chopped)
- 2 celery (stalks, sliced)
- 2 carrots (sliced)
- 1 bell pepper (sliced)
- 12 tablespoons pineapple juice
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ teaspoons soy sauce (less-sodium)
- 2 cups brown rice (cooked)

Steps

1. Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add broccoli, cauliflower, celery, and carrots. Cook for 2 minutes. Add bell pepper and cook for 2 more minutes.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine pineapple juice, sugar, lemon juice, cornstarch, and soy sauce. Next, add the sauce to the skillet. Bring to a boil and cook for 1 minute or until the sauce thickens. Pour sauce over vegetables.

Serve over brown rice.

(Nutrition.gov)



Widow2Widow

Ladies, join us on July 16th at 11:30 AM in the Koinonia Kafe for lunch and some fun trivia. Wear your red, white, and blue. Lunch will be provided. Please register on the BCCC APP under Events by July 14th 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 on Thursday, July 2ND for an evening of "Freedom to Fellowship". We will meet at John and Tammie Payne's house at 6:00 PM for a picnic and fellowship. The meal will be provided. Please register on the BCCC App under events or call the church office at 423-282-0248.



Join us to discuss
"Freedom to Fellowship"

Thursday July 2nd
6:00 PM
Tammie and John Payne's House

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

Welcome New Members

Sherry Hawkins	Wayne Hawkins
Norm Labonte	Sandi Labonte



NEW TO THE CLUB

Baby Younts

Please Join us in Honoring Sydney and Chase with a Baby Shower

AUGUST
SATURDAY 1 2.00-4.00PM

Boones Creek Christian Church
2684 Boones Creek Road
Johnson City, TN
Registered Online at Babylist
RSVP to Leslie
423-895-0450



Hannah Bezeredi
Claire Carman
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Walk As Jesus Did

July 5th - 1 John 2:7-11

July 12th - 1 John 2:12-14

July 19th - 1 John 2:15-17

July 26th - 1 John 2:18-29

