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A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

The last few _____ have been an exciting time for our church. When I first typed that sentence, I put in the word days, backspace, weeks, backspace, months, backspace, years. Finally, I said forget it and just left it blank. Honestly, has there ever been a time when something exciting was not going on at Boones Creek Christian Church? You could probably look across the entire 200-year history of our church and find that every month brought something exciting.

My original plan was to tell you about the record attendance we saw on Easter, but that already feels like a long time ago. I thought about updating you on how excited I am for Ryan Kelley to step into the role of Discipleship Minister. Ryan has a heart for discipleship and for helping people take their next step of obedience to Christ. But by the time you read this, that may already feel like old news.

I could also talk about our Move Capital Campaign. You continue to give faithfully above and beyond your tithes and offerings, allowing us to expand our building to make room for one more. Every time we share an update, the amount pledged and given continues to rise. That is such a blessing.

I suppose what will not change on the larger scale is the building or building plan I mentioned. Just in case you were not here on Sunday, April 19th, the leadership of the church updated the congregation on a sort of flip flop in our original design. Instead of gutting our current gym and kitchen and turning that space into a sanctuary while building a new gym and kitchen in the grassy area, we will keep the current gym and kitchen and build our new sanctuary in the grassy area. You can find all the information on our website.

I can tell you there were many exciting meetings and times of prayer that led to this decision, and I firmly believe God has called us to it.

Before I look ahead to our future, I want to look back for a moment. In the fall of 1999, BCCC was growing and running out of room. Exciting times. The people gave generously and sacrificially to build the sanctuary we worship in today. Then on Sunday September 12, 1999, they all walked across the street.

Today someone sent me this video:

<https://youtu.be/cvS9ETI6ChM>

You have no idea how much this blessed my heart. There were so many familiar faces. (No jokes about how everyone has aged.) But goodness, what an exciting time that must have been.

For our future I can already envision a new video one day where we will all walk down the hallway together into a new sanctuary that God will fill once again. My prayer is that years from now another minister will be writing about the exciting things happening at BCCC, and he will look back on the day the church walked down the hallway together.

The past was exciting. The present is exciting. The future is exciting at BCCC because our church was, is, and always will be about Jesus. If you cannot get excited about Jesus, then your wood is wet. How far back do you have to go to remember that phrase? Let me know when you see me Sunday.

Love you all,

BC

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follow us
on the
website,
Facebook
and
YouTube.**



Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on May 3rd. 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.



Men, join us on Saturday, May 30th at 8:30 AM for fellowship and breakfast. Ryan Kelley, BCCC Student Minister will be our guest speaker.

Reminder

Occasionally we hear of members receiving texts, emails, or other messages supposedly from Ben requesting 'urgent' assistance or help with an important task. This may be accompanied by a sad story and always has an appeal for money in some form – gift cards, money orders, or something. **Please do not fall for these traps!** These are scams, people only after money and misrepresenting Ben in the process. Ben will not contact you in this way for such a request. If there is an urgent need, you will hear about it through the church's regular means of communication.



Senior Game Night

Seniors, join us May 12th at 6:30 PM for Game Night. We will meet in the Koinonia Kafe. Please use Entry B when you arrive.



Summer Small Groups will start on the week of June 22nd. The six-week study called “Love in Action” will follow the I John sermon series over the summer and will invite us to serve as small groups. Signups will begin later in May.

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 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

FAMILY EVENT!

Family Summer Kickoff at Wetlands Waterpark
 Cost: FREE! Cafe will be open for purchases.
 Wednesday, June 3rd | 6-8pm
 Register on the Events tab on the website or app!



KINGDOM QUEST
 AN EPIC JOURNEY TO DISCOVER GOD'S KINGDOM

4yr-5th Grade VBS
June 7th-11th
 Register on the app or website Now!



CAMP ACC

Middler 1 Camp
 Rising 3rd-5th Grade
 Sunday May 31st-
 Wednesday June 3rd

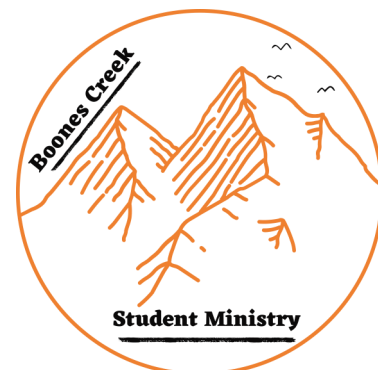
Joey will be Program Director for Middler 1!
 BCCC discount available!
 Let Joey know if you'd like to be a camp counselor!

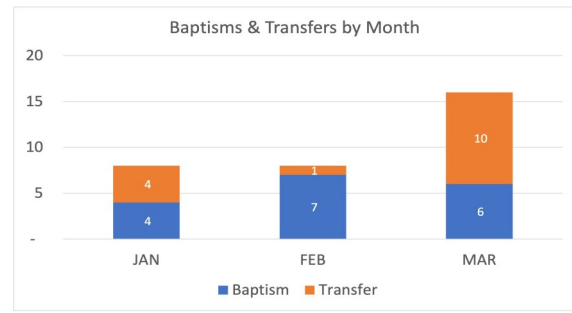
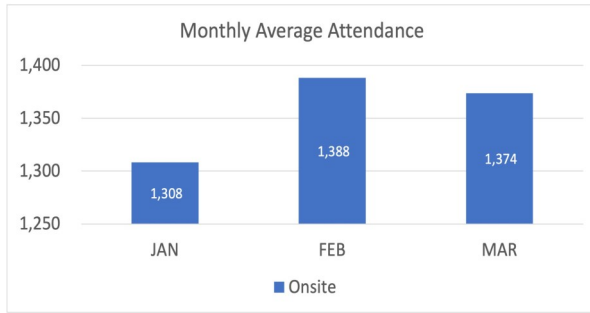
Register and find more information at www.campacc.com



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.





WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Come be a part of our midweek Bible study each Wednesday. We begin each week at 5:30 PM, with the Wednesday Night Meal. Donations to cover the cost are accepted. Bible Study for Adults and Kids' classes follow at 6:30 PM.

May 6th: Hamburger, Macaroni Casserole, salad, bread and dessert.

New Administrative Staff

When you call or come into the office you will likely hear or see a new face. In late April we welcomed Gabriell Speed to our Administrative Staff. Gabriell will be learning many tasks over the next few weeks and will become responsible for much of what happens in the office; keeping the members' records current, preparing reports of those visiting on Sundays, scheduling volunteers, and assisting in communicating with everyone through phone, text, and email. It is a big job and she will be working Monday through Friday, while the office is open from 9 AM to 4 PM each day. Please join us in welcoming Gabriell (or Gabe – she gave us permission to shorten her name)! You can reach Gabriell via email at gabriellspeed@boonescreekcc.org.



Also, just so you are aware, Lizz Bellamy continues in her work with us but her responsibilities have shifted a little. She is now focusing a little more on assisting with financial matters while still helping with scheduling some volunteers and other assorted tasks. Carrie Gunning is also preparing to leave us after many years of service to BCCC as she and her husband, Dave, look forward to full-time service in Guatemala sometime later this year.



Vegetables and their health benefits:

Spring and summer are one of my favorite times because of the fresh vegetables. I love the fresh lettuce, broccoli, zucchini, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc. I love to put a little olive oil in the skillet with garlic and add the vegetables to make a great stir-fry. A little dash of soy sauce tops it off.

Vegetables are low in calories but high in nutrients, such as vitamins, minerals, and fiber. They're also high in natural chemical compounds called antioxidants that can help protect your cells from damage.

Health experts recommend that you eat several servings of vegetables each day.

Research shows that eating a balanced diet rich in plant foods is one of the best ways to boost your health.



Health Benefits

Improved digestive health

Vegetables are a good source of dietary fiber, a type of carbohydrate that helps food pass through your digestive system. Eating plenty of vegetables can keep your bowel movements regular and help prevent constipation.

Lower blood pressure

Many green leafy vegetables such as kale, spinach, and chard contain potassium. Potassium helps your kidneys filter sodium out of your body more efficiently, which can reduce your blood pressure.

Lower risk of heart disease

Green leafy vegetables also contain vitamin K, which is believed to prevent calcium from building up in your arteries. This can lower your risk of artery damage and help prevent many heart health complications in the future.

Watch for more health benefits in June's newsletter. (Webmd.com)



Widow2Widow

Ladies, we will not be meeting in May. Join us on June 17th at John and Tammie Payne's house for lunch. Watch the June Newsletter for more details.



Journey to Hope

Journey to Hope is a positive monthly group supporting those with cancer, in remission, survivors, and caregivers. Join us on May 7th and learn about Dancing in the Rain and what that means during a struggle. We will have a lite dinner at 6:00 PM in the Koinonia Kafe. Please register on the BCCC App under events or call the church office at 423-282-0248. Please use Entry B when you arrive.



Welcome New

Members

- Shirley Dale Steve Dale Angie Hunt
- David Loyd Mary Loyd Brooke Phillippe
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- Danny Birchfield Raymond Ferguson
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Restoration

May 3rd - Nehemiah 6:16-19

May 10th - Nehemiah 7

May 17th - Nehemiah 8

May 24th - Nehemiah 9

May 31st - 1 John 1:1-4

