



Boones Creek Christian Church

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A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

As we journey through the book of Philippians together, I pray and hope that we can all be encouraged by this letter. Regardless of who you are, what you do for a living, or where you are from, we rest on the truth that God has brought us all together to be ONE in Christ. As I have been reading the book of Acts in my alone time with God, one thing He continues to show me is the churches that are established are made up of people who, if not for Christ, probably would not be hanging out with one another.

Take the book of Philippians, for example. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, Paul arrives in Philippi after receiving a vision of a man pleading for help. Remember, God had closed the door to a few other places before this. I wanted to hit every verse of Acts 16, but I did not have time. I suppose this is what you would have received if I could preach two hours every Sunday.

The first person Paul encounters is a woman by the name of Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. Scholars paint Lydia as a wealthy woman, and I can see where they are coming from. Purple fabric was a status symbol almost exclusively worn by royalty and the elite. Lydia was a supplier. More than likely, she was the head of her household, probably a large house because she invites Paul and his companions to stay with her. I do not think I am stretching the text by saying Lydia was wealthy. If you think I am, blame the scholars. I do not claim to be one.

Next is a female slave who is making her owners a whole bunch of money because she had a spirit that could predict the future. Paul said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her. Sadly, this is the last we ever hear of the female slave.

Finally, the Philippian jailer and I am running out of space, so I will not go into detail about his account. Check out the sermon from September 20th. For sure, we know that he and his household became followers of Christ.

Before this there was no church at Philippi. This is what Paul did. He went around and planted churches. I believe that Luke is intentional in his writing. He wants to show us that more than likely, some of the first people we know of who became part of the church at Philippi were a wealthy woman who sold purple cloth, a slave woman who was set free, and a prison guard.

Question: In what other context would this group of people be together? For the body of Christ at Boones Creek Christian Church, in what other context would we all be together?

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you."
Philippians 1:3-4

The book of Philippians was written roughly ten years after Acts 16. Who was Paul remembering? Lydia? The slave woman? The jailer?

It is so important for us to grab hold of the truth that God has brought us all together. We all have one thing in common, sinners in need of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Regardless of our background, our status, or our position, we are ONE in Him! May we remember one another in our prayers.

Ben

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Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on October 4th. 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 October 10th at 8:30 AM in the Gym. Please register on the BCCC App, bulletin or website under the Events Tab.



Senior Game Night

Seniors, join us October 13th at 6:30 PM for Bunco Night. We will meet in the Koinonia Kafe. Please bring a snack to share and use Entry B when you arrive.



Guatemala mission trip information meeting
November 1st at 3:00 PM

If you are interested in joining a team in the future or just curious about what teams do when in Guatemala then join us for this informational meeting. Everything will be covered from logistics to cost to what we do in country.



In the meantime if you have questions please contact Carrie Gunning at:
423-557-8727 or dailygraceguat@gmail.com

Newsletter Publication Ending

As we continue to look for the best ways to communicate and serve our church family, we have made the decision this October edition will be the final monthly BCCC newsletter.

We have given this change careful thought. Our goal is to communicate clearly and effectively while also making the best use of the time, resources, and people God has entrusted to us.

Moving forward, you can continue to find timely church news, upcoming events, and important information through our weekly Digital Bulletin, church website, and app.

We are grateful for everyone who has helped make the monthly newsletter a meaningful part of our church communication over the years. As we move into this next season, we are excited about the opportunities ahead and about finding even better ways to keep our church family connected.

Thank you for being part of what God is doing at Boones Creek Christian Church. We look forward to all that is still to come.



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TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct. 25th | 5-7pm

WE NEED CANDY!

Please drop candy off at the bins located at Entry A, B, or the Warehouse

Thank you!

Christmas PERFORMANCE

WHAT THE HERD HEARD

1ST - 5TH GRADE

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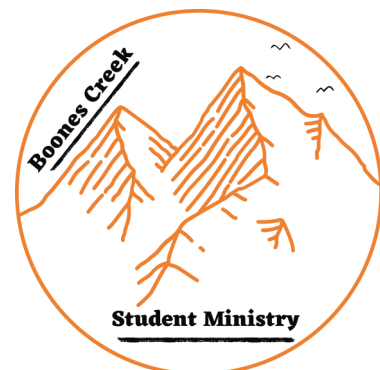
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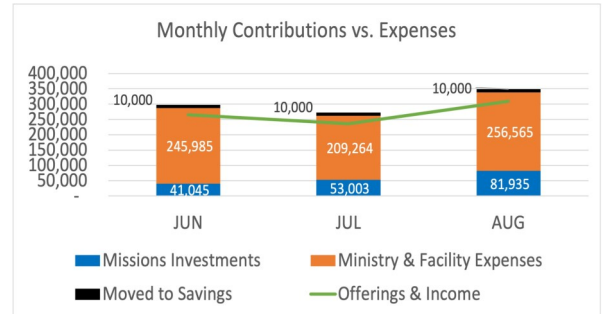
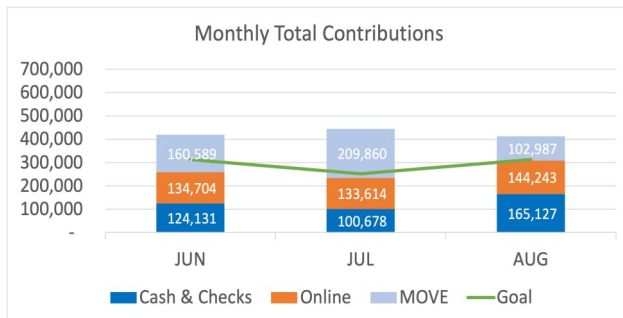
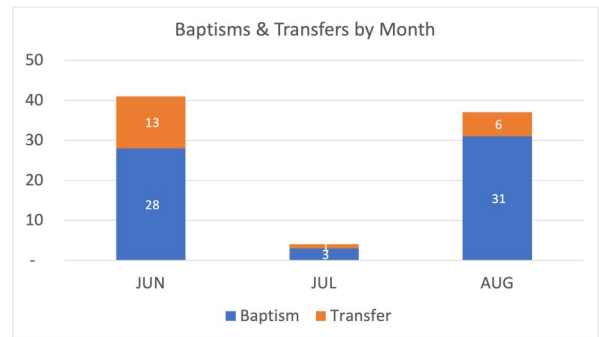
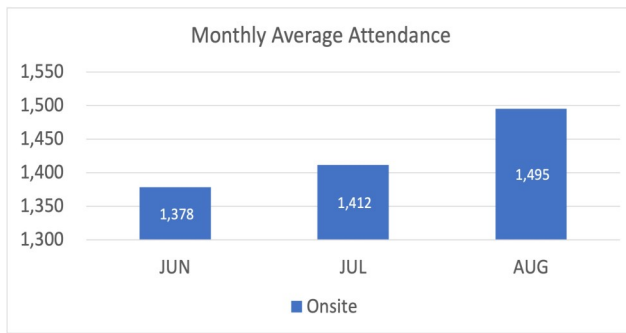
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STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

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.





Wednesday Night Bible Study

Our Wednesday Night meals and Bible Study with the meal at 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM will start the Adult and Kid classes. In order to prepare enough food, please do not forget to register by Sunday prior to our Wednesday night study.

Please visit the website or Boones Creek App to register.

October 7th - Chicken Parmesan, green beans, Caesar salad, dessert

October 14th - Hamburgers, tater tots, dessert

October 21st - Santa Fe Soup, baked potato, chocolate cake

October 28th - Chicken Stir fry, rice, carrots, and ice cream



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Reba Mottern

**OCTOBER- BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States besides skin cancers. It accounts for about 1 in 3 new cancers in women each year.

The American Cancer Society's estimates for breast cancer in the United States for 2026 are:

About 321,910 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women.

About 60,730 new cases of ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) will be diagnosed.

About 42,140 women will die from breast cancer.

Finding breast cancer early and getting state-of-the-art cancer treatment are two of the most important ways to prevent deaths from breast cancer. If breast cancer is found early, when it's small and has not spread, treatment is more likely to be successful. Getting regular screening tests is the most reliable way to find breast cancer early. (cancer.org)

Ladies, make sure you talk with your doctor about when you should begin your mammogram screening for breast cancer.



We will be hosting a reception for Valsa Abraham of the Christian Evangelical Fellowship to celebrate her ministry and upcoming retirement! Boones Creek has supported this important mission for over 25 years.

Please come by to visit with Valsa on this very special occasion.

Drop-In Reception for Valsa Abraham

Date- Saturday, October 10th

Time- 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Place:

Boones Creek Christian Church

2684 Boones Creek Road

Johnson City, TN 37615

Entry 'B' - the Church 'Kafe'

**Welcome New Members**

Ken Angel Lindsey Franks
Taylor Franks Tina Grewell
Tom Grewell Kevin Jimenez



Natale Bendetto

Piper Harrington

Peyton Long

Abby Mooney

Rune Sheffey

Otto Thompson

Paisley Bentley

Emily Humphrey

Adison Minor

Amber Murdock

Rylee Temm

Torben Vandenberg



Journey to Hope

Journey to Hope is a positive monthly group supporting those with Cancer, remission, survivors, and caregivers. Join us on Thursday, October 1st in the Kafe for a night of humor and laughter. You know what they say, "Laughter is good for the soul". You won't want to miss this special night. We will have a light dinner in the Koinonia Kafe at 6:00 PM. Please register on the BCCC App under events or call the church office at 423-282-0248 by September 29th.



Widow2Widow

Ladies, mark your calendar for October 15th for an afternoon at Bays Mountain. We will enjoy the Planetarium and take a pontoon boat ride to enjoy the beauty of the Bays Mountain reservoir and animals. Cost is \$14.00 for both plus your meal. We will leave the church at 12:15 PM and go to Giovanni's for lunch then to Bays

Mountain. Please RSVP by October 12th on the BCCC App under events, through the Digital Bulletin, or call the church office at 423-282-0248. Let us know if you will need a ride or if you can drive when you register.



New Administrative Staff

When you call or come into the office you will likely hear or see a new face. In mid-September we welcomed Hannah Martin to our Administrative Staff. Hannah has been learning many tasks over her first few weeks and will be responsible being the first contact with most people calling or coming into the office on the days she works. She will be working Monday through Wednesday, each week. Please join us in welcoming Hannah! You can reach Hannah via email at hannahmartin@boonescreekcc.org.

Also, Lizz Bellamy has now completed her work with us, retiring after serving BCCC for the last six years. We are very appreciative of Lizz for her dedication to the church and for serving so effectively and with excellence for these years. Her

smile and always positive demeanor will be greatly missed, even though we will still see her regularly at church! Please join us in expressing appreciation to Lizz!



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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, Administrative Assistant
Hannah Martin, Administrative Assistant

Bruce Holley, Facility Manager
Mark Palscey, Maintenance Specialist

To LIVE is CHRIST

October 4th - Philippians 1:12-26

October 11th - Philippians 1:27-30

October 18th - Philippians 2:1-11

October 25th – Philippians 2:12-18

PHILIPPIANS
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