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Advent: The Arrival of Grace, Truth, and Jesus

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, a season that marks the coming of something—or someone—that will change everything. Webster's dictionary defines Advent as "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." But the arrival we celebrate at Christmas is far more than the coming of a remarkable figure. It is the arrival of our Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. As the Scriptures tell us: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

Jesus is not just another notable person in history. He is the eternal Son of God—He who was, who is, and who is to come. His birth does not mark the beginning of His existence but instead the moment when God became one of us. It is the arrival of grace. The arrival of truth. The arrival of Jesus.

This sets the stage for our three-week Christmas sermon series: *The Arrival of Grace* (Dec. 8th), *The Arrival of Truth* (Dec. 15th), and *The Arrival of Jesus* (Dec. 22nd). But here's the question: did the birth of Christ bring the arrival of grace and truth? I would argue not in the way we might initially think. Grace has been present since the fall of humanity—Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8), and God's truth has been revealed through His Word, His law, and His actions throughout history. However, as John 1:17 tells us, "The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17)

In Jesus, grace and truth are revealed in their fullness. While grace and truth were present before His birth, it is through His coming—God putting on flesh and dwelling among us—that we encounter them in their complete, personal, and transformative form.

My prayer this Christmas season is that we would each come to know Jesus more deeply and we have the opportunities available to do so. Whether through our sermon series, the children's Christmas play, the adult Christmas play, our candlelight services, etc. You'll find all the details inside this newsletter.

It is an incredible honor to serve as your Senior Minister, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside each of you in faith. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas!

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Christmas Sunday

Sunday, December 22nd services will be 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 AM.

There will be no Adult Sunday School.

There will be No Student Ministry classes

BC Kid's schedule will remain the same.



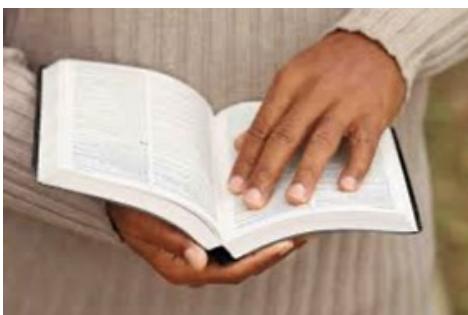
Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on December 1st. The class will be held 8:30 and 11:00 AM in room 101. 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.

Senior Adults



Join us Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30 PM in room 106 and Kafe. Please bring a wrapped white-elephant gift to share. Meal will be provided, and we will begin serving at 5:30 PM. There are a limited number of seats, so please visit the BCCC App or Website to register. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend, please have them register as well.



Looking for a Bible 101 class that will help you see the big picture of Scripture? We are offering one on Wednesday nights from 7:30 - 8:30 PM that will do just that. We will spend 13 weeks on the Old Testament and 13 weeks on the New Testament. If you are interested or have questions, contact Heath Schnelle at schnelle3@charter.net or 423-895-4090. If you are a learner, this class is for you!

Cookies for Adult Christmas Program

We know you can bake! We know you LOVE cookies. Why not share? We will be serving refreshments following the performances of *I Still Believe in Christmas* on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 19th, 20th and 21st. Please sign up to bring cookies one, two or all of those nights. You can sign up on our website or on the BCCC app. We hope you will bring homemade cookies, but, a cookie is a cookie! You are the best, BCCC!



I Still Believe in Christmas

A Musical Drama

By BCCC Choir and Drama team

December 19, 20, and 21 @ 7:30pm

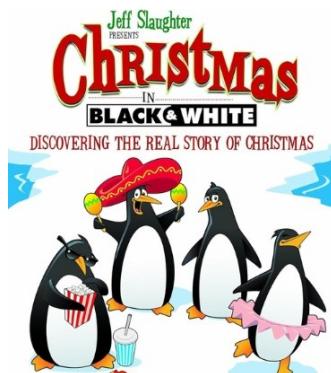
Tickets available now



This Christmas season, come celebrate the birth of Jesus with this Musical Drama performed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December, 19, 20, and 21 at 7:30 PM in the gymnasium. We will be continuing the theme of "Inviting Your One" as we ask everyone to get a ticket for yourself and a ticket for a guest. Our goal is the audience will contain more people we have invited than people from BCCC.

Tickets are available now at no cost. However, tickets are very limited, so we ask you only to take the number of tickets you will use. If it looks as if you will not use all the tickets you take, please return them so others can attend. This is a great way to put what we have learned over the last several months into practice and invite people who need to know Jesus.

Following the performance, there will be refreshments. Tickets will be available starting Sunday, November 24th after each service or by calling the office @ 423-282-0248.



KIDS' CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, December 4th | Cookies and Hot Chocolate
6:30pm in the gym



after the show!



4yr-5th Grade

Check-in at D&K
Dropoff and pickup at the gym

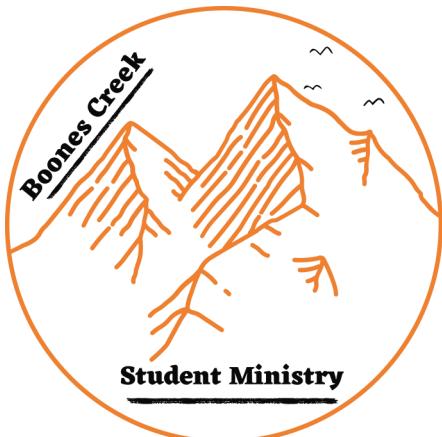
For meal prep and to make sure we have enough volunteers, you must pre-register for this event by Wed, December 4th.

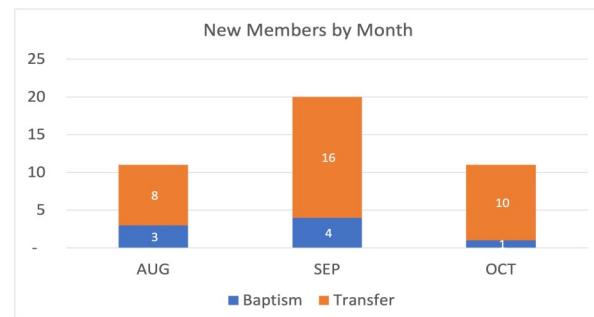
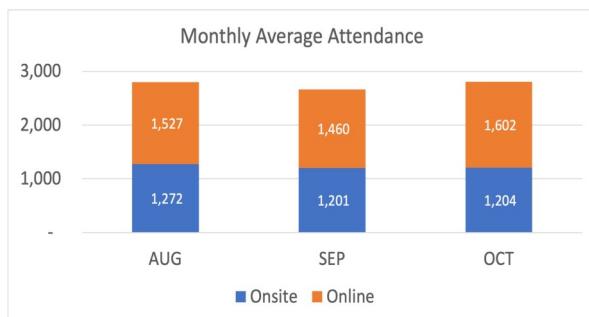
Register on the app or website!



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.





Gifts at the End of the Year

Just a quick note to try to clarify the IRS rules regarding end of the year gifts and determining the year to which they belong. The general rule is the gift belongs to the year in which the giver fully surrenders control of the gift.

If you desire to make a gift that belongs to 2024:

Online: the date and time you make the gift is recorded and the gift will belong to 2024 as long as it is completed before midnight on December 31, 2024.

In Person, Check or Cash: the date and time the gift is surrendered to the church will determine the year. This year, if you give on Sunday, December 29th, at a service, or put a gift in the drop box at the office before midnight on Tuesday, December 31st (yes, we will check), that gift will belong to 2024. (The date on the check is not a factor.)

If you desire to make a gift that belongs to 2025:

Online: the date and time you make the gift is recorded and the gift will belong to 2025 as long as it is completed after midnight on January 1, 2025.

In Person, Check or Cash: the date and time the gift is surrendered to the church will determine the year. If you give on or after January 1st, at a service, or put a gift in the drop box at the office, that gift will belong to 2025. (The date on the check is not a factor.)

Welcome New Members



Dakota Keasley

Sharon Absher
Brandon Archer
Lowell Nice
Sandra Price

Stephen Absher
Carol Busch
Tricia Nice

Kathy Adams
Shelia Kincaid
Gary Price



Stop by the Tree of Remembrance

Christmas time can be a tough time if you have lost a loved one. Everyone around you is getting ready for Christmas. Some may want you to keep the traditions you have done from year to year and others may encourage you to do something different. There is no right or wrong way to get through this holiday season. It is ok to say 'No' to some invitations and to say 'Yes' to others. Do what is comfortable for you. Making a point to remember your loved one in a special way is also helpful in getting through the Christmas season. A Tree of Remembrance is located at the Connection Corner. Come by and write your loved one's name on the Christmas tag and hang it on the tree. Care Notes on getting through the Holidays are also available.



As you approach the New Year, write down your goal(s). If you do, you have a 42.1 percent chance of being successful.

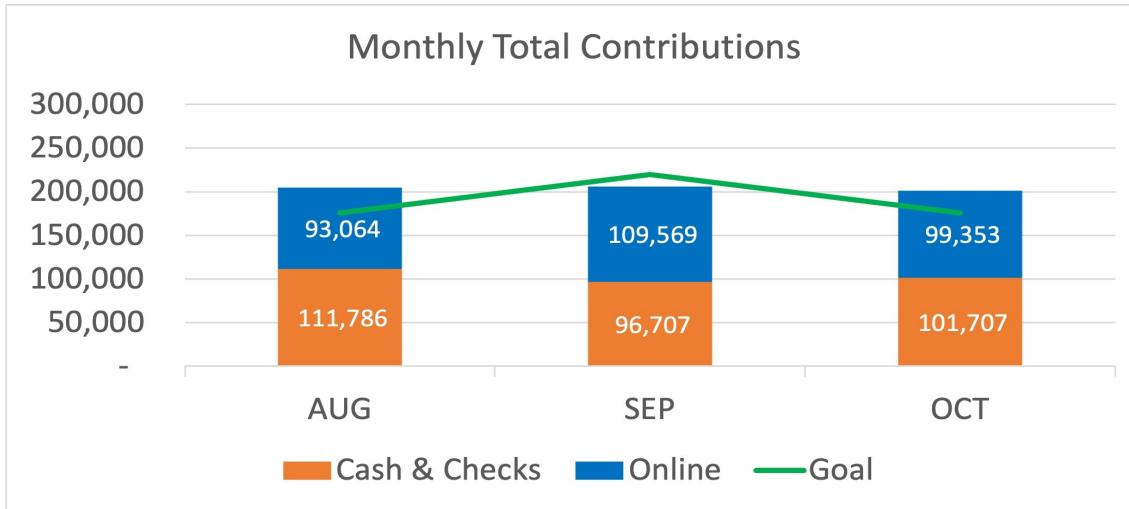
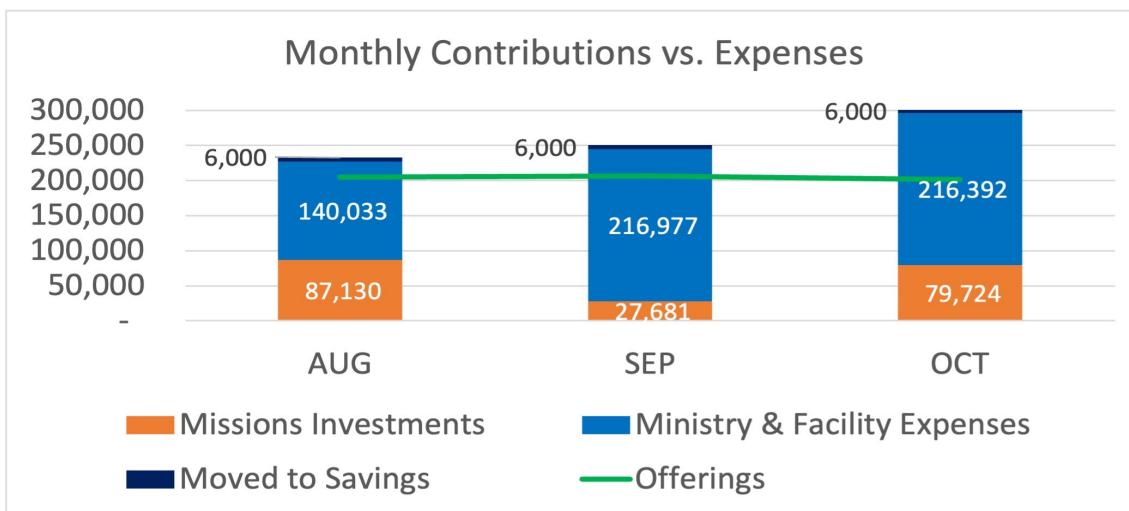
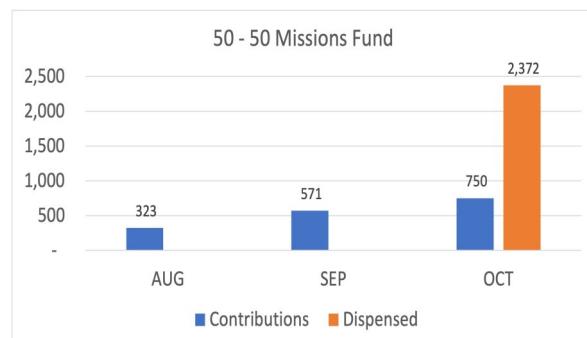
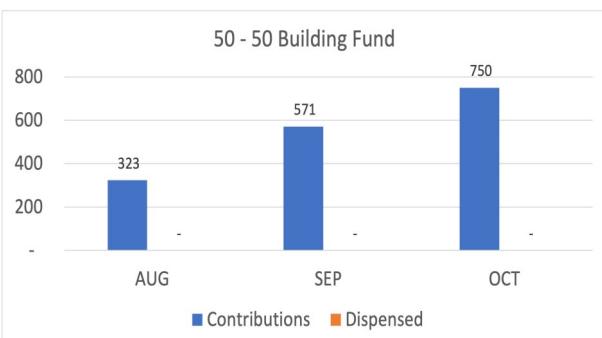
However, if you have a life coach, you have a 77.6 percent chance of being successful. Let Heath Schnelle, a certified life coach, help you achieve your goal(s). Contact him at schnelle3@charter.net or 423-895-4090 to setup a time to meet.



Widow2Widow

Ladies, put your Christmas red on and meet us at The Kitchen at Grace Meadows, 170 John France Rd, Jonesborough, TN for breakfast on Saturday, December 14th. We will meet at 9:30 AM for fellowship and food!

Register on the BCCC app events tab or call the church office at 423-282-0248 by December 9th.



50-50 Missions Fund Balance
October 31st - \$8,647

50-50 Building Fund Balance
October 31st - \$16,111



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The Arrival of...

December 1st - Luke 23:26-46

December 8th - Ephesians 2:1-10

December 15th - John 14:6

December 22nd - Luke 2:10-12

