



# Boones Creek Christian Church

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## A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord...” (Psalm 150:6). I believe you know what the periods mean—this is not the end of the verse. I like to call it a cliffhanger. You will need to read this whole article to find out how the verse ends.

As we close out 2024, let us all praise the Lord for His faithfulness this past year. When I reflect on what God did throughout the year, I am in awe. The year started with a sermon series entitled *Just Jesus* (Matthew 3–7). As you know, we camped out in Matthew 5–7, the Sermon on the Mount, for nearly 6 months. I do not have enough words or space on this page to describe how God worked through these teachings.

A brand-new discipleship curriculum called *Living in the Kingdom* was launched, based on this series (be on the lookout for a breakout class coming in February). Oh, that’s right—breakout classes... (this is me switching to bullet points so I can cover a lot that took place in 2024):

- Breakout classes: Parenting, Marriage, Finance
- Every "ONE" Matters sermon series,
- We all have a “one” that we are Investing and Inviting into the Kingdom
- Go Sunday
- 3 new 11 AM Sunday School classes
- Over 350 people attended summer small groups
- Continued growth at our Union Campus, including the launch of a youth program
- 195 kids at Start the Party Vacation Bible School
- Over 250 attended ladies' Bible study
- 134 people went through our Starting Point class
- 169 new members thus far
- 56 baptisms (writing this in December—praying for more!)
- 11% increase in worship attendance
- 654,117 meals packed for Kids Against Hunger, 1,929 volunteers
- 1,444 shoeboxes collected for Operation Christmas Child
- A huge turnout for Trunk or Treat
- Four packed-out Christmas plays (1 children’s, 3 adults)
- 30% growth in students who attended the CIY summer conference

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- Close to \$600k given to missions
- 4.5% increase in giving, 10 years in a row that giving has increased
- Flood relief efforts
- Additional parking added
- Refresh of the children's area
- Huge increase in volunteers (but we still need more!)
- (Empty spot for what I may have left out—please don't take offense! My daughter is wide open 24/7 and wakes up every morning at 5 AM!)

PRAISE THE LORD! That is how Psalm 150:6 ends. So here is the full verse: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."

Let's carry that *praise the Lord* into the New Year of 2025. I believe it will be a huge year for our church and our community. This is where our focus will begin as we dive into a brand-new sermon series, *Unity in Community: Impacting Your Jerusalem* (Acts 1–7). The first seven chapters of the book of Acts center on Jerusalem, or the community in which the early church was found itself. We will do the same.

If we stop and take the time to remember that God Almighty, the Creator of the Universe, placed this church in this community 200 years ago, and here we are—a vital part of His plan—let us remain united in His love as we use His light to push back darkness and watch His Kingdom expand.

Love to you all,

Ben Cole

One final thing, starting in 2025 all newsletters will be sent out digitally through email. If you would like to have a printed copy, they will be available at the Connection Corner.

**Join us this year in  
reading the entire Bible!**

You can do it!

Just follow along in the Bible section of our app.  
Or download from our resource area.  
The plan starts on January 5th!

Download our app here



## Women's Bible Study

Winter Women's Study- Starting week of January 13th, we invite you to join us for a study in the Book of Amos! A prophet little known to many who calls us to live a "God-life" which in reality is an invitation to the "Good Life". Join us as we see what this Old Testament book has in store for our journey in God's Word!



Study Group Times—Monday evening 6:30 PM On Site or Online. Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM. Please register on the BCCC App or Website.

Study Books available at first session January 13th. Cost will be \$20.00

## Starting Point

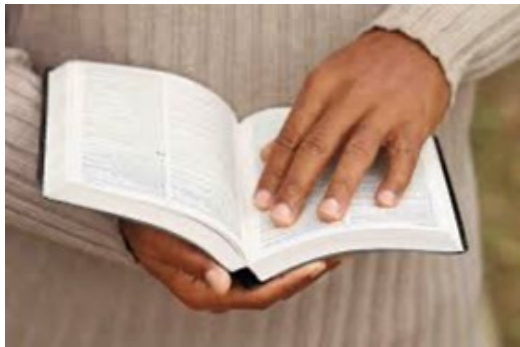


Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on January 5th. The class will be held 8:30 and 11:00 AM in room 101. If you are new to Boones Creek, we would love to see you in this class to help you get connected and be part of our growing family. Please visit the events tab on either the website or the Boones Creek App to register.



Volunteers needed for our new car repair ministry. Looking for people that have a little experience (basic knowledge) or a lot (professionals). Contact Scott Burger for more information or to jump on the team. Scott has several requests for oil changes, brake pad replacements to more complicated repairs for those in need. If you can help from time to time, please let Scott know.






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 or Thursday mornings 10:00 - 11:00 AM that will do just that. We will spend 16 weeks in the Spring and 10 weeks in the Fall. If you have questions, contact Heath Schnelle at [schnelle3@charter.net](mailto:schnelle3@charter.net). Sign up at the events tab of the Website or BCCC App. If you are a learner, this class is for you! Location to be determined.



**Family Cookie Decorating & Lunch**  
**Sunday, January 26th**

**-12:00pm-**  
Lunch will be in the gym.  
Register by January 22nd!  
Go to **EVENTS** on the app or website!



**4th & 5th Grade Kids' Retreat**

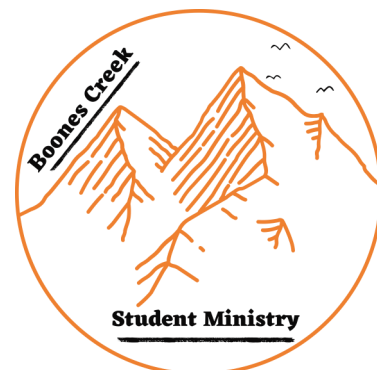
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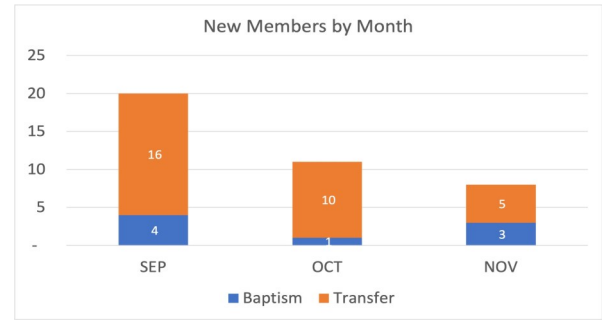
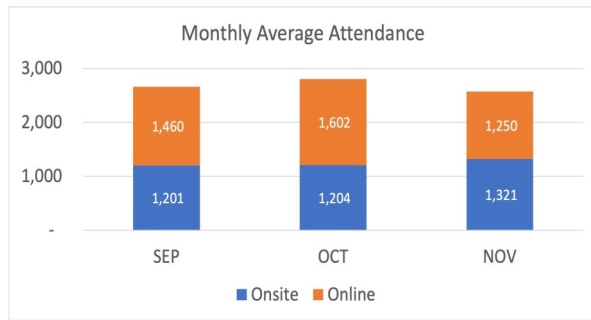
**February 7th–9th, 2025 | Pigeon Forge | Cost: \$150**



**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).





## Wednesday Night Bible Study

The meal will be at 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM will start the Adult and Kid classes. In order to prepare enough food do not forget to register by Sunday prior to our Wednesday night study. Please visit the website or Boones Creek App to register.

January 15th - Biscuits, eggs, gravy, sausage and dessert

January 22nd - Pasta Bake and Caesar salad and dessert

January 29th - Fried fish, baked potatoes, slaw and dessert

## Inclement Weather

Cancellation of Wednesday services will be determined according to the Johnson City Schools schedule. If the Johnson City Schools are closed or close early on Wednesday there will be no Wednesday Night Programs. Sunday worship will meet at regular service times regardless of weather conditions.

## Senior Game Night

Senior Game Night in January will be card night. Snyders will not be there, but you are welcome to come, bring a snack to share and play various card games. Bring a deck for Euchre, play some Pinochle, Phase 10, or any other card game you know. We will kick off with Bingo in February. If you would like to come and play games in January, it will be on January 14th at 6:30 PM.



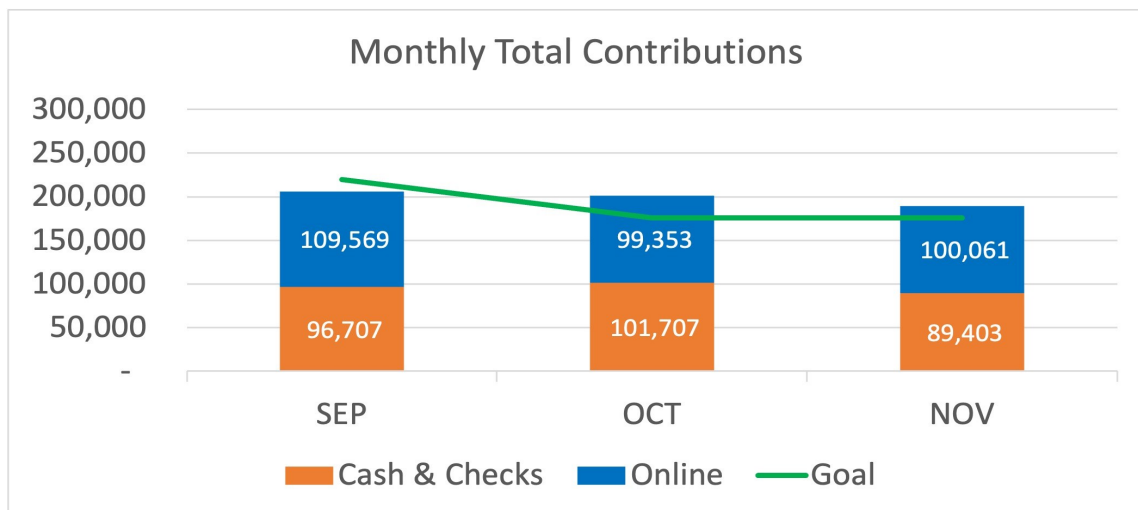
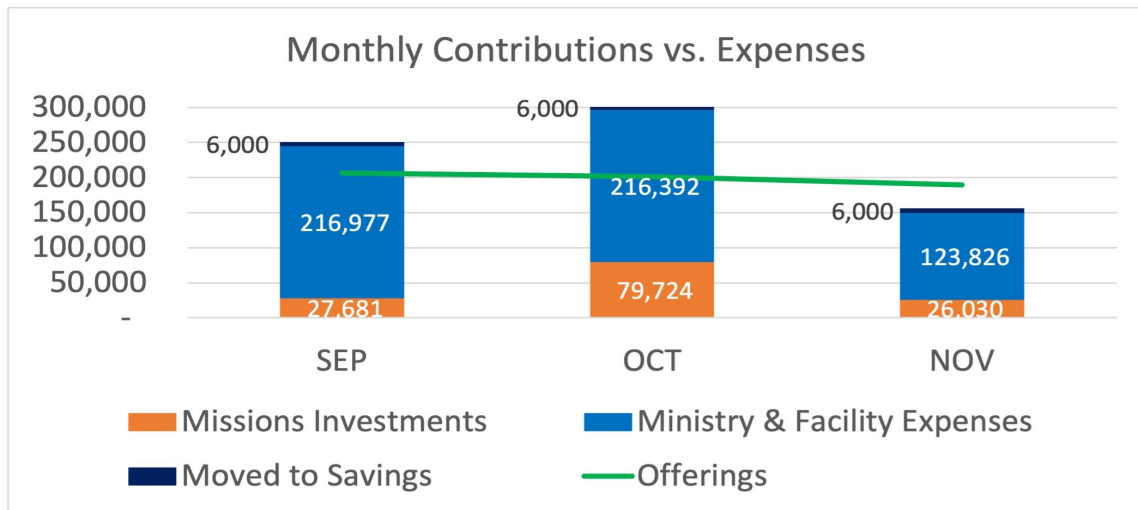
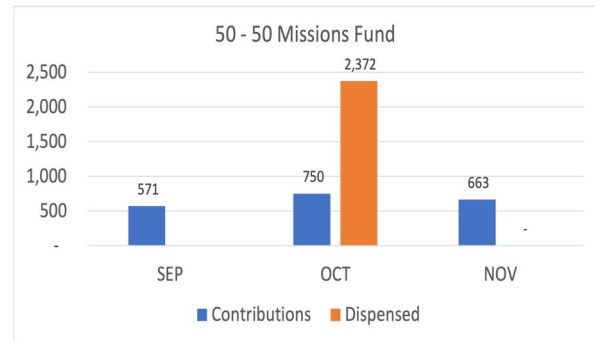
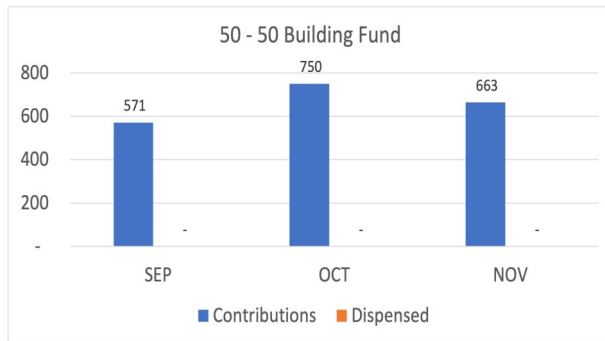
Raymond Bene  
Ashton Chessor  
Eli Jenkins

Pam Sawyer  
Elizabeth Swanson

## Welcome New Members

Chad Spence  
Hannah Warren  
Sara Spence





50-50 Missions Fund Balance  
November 30th - \$9,310

50-50 Building Fund Balance  
November 30th - \$16,774





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## Acts

January 5th - Acts 1:1-11

January 12th - Acts 1:12-26

January 19th - Acts 2:1-13

January 26th - Acts 2:14-21

COMMUNITY  
ACTS 1-7

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