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A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

There are two reasons why this is not a letter to encourage you to start a New Year's resolution. First, no one ever keeps a New Year's resolution. Second, the definition for a New Year's resolution is a personal promise or goal that you set at the start of a new year to improve yourself.

I am going to focus on the second reason because the first is a given, while the second is the one you might push back on a little.

The problem with a resolution is that it centers on self-improvement instead of spiritual transformation. The whole idea that if I try harder, I will achieve my goal and I will become a better version of myself. Right away you can hear the issue. There are too many I's in that statement. Growing in Christ is not about trying harder. It is about trusting Him. Scripture says, "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. (Galatians 2:20)

A resolution also puts too much pressure on the person and neither possible outcome is good for you spiritually. If you make a resolution and you crush it your thoughts quickly become look how disciplined I am, look how strong I am. That leads to pride. On the other hand, most resolutions made on January 1st are gone by early February. When that happens it often leads to guilt and shame. The feeling like you are not good enough. Here is the word, condemnation. Condemnation is easy to spot in guilt and shame. It is harder to see in pride because you think you are killing it. But it is still condemnation. And Scripture is clear. "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)

I could say more but I have made a resolution to not be long winded this year (wink). So, let me close with maybe the most important point. A resolution focuses on outcomes not communion with God. Following Christ is not about hitting goals. It is about relationship. When Christ Himself is the goal, change comes as fruit. It is something He produces in us for His glory and for His Kingdom. Jesus said, "Abide in me and I will abide in you, and you will bear much fruit. (John 15:4)

So, as the new year begins, do not get overwhelmed with trying really hard for change. Do not think, new year, time for a new start. As Christians, we are called to die daily. Jesus said, "**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.**" (Luke 9:23)

That is not a resolution. That is the requirement of following the King of kings. Did you hear it, FOLLOWING, it is not just that we die daily, Praise God we live!

Today, and if He gives us tomorrow, may we all live in Him!

Love to you all,

Ben

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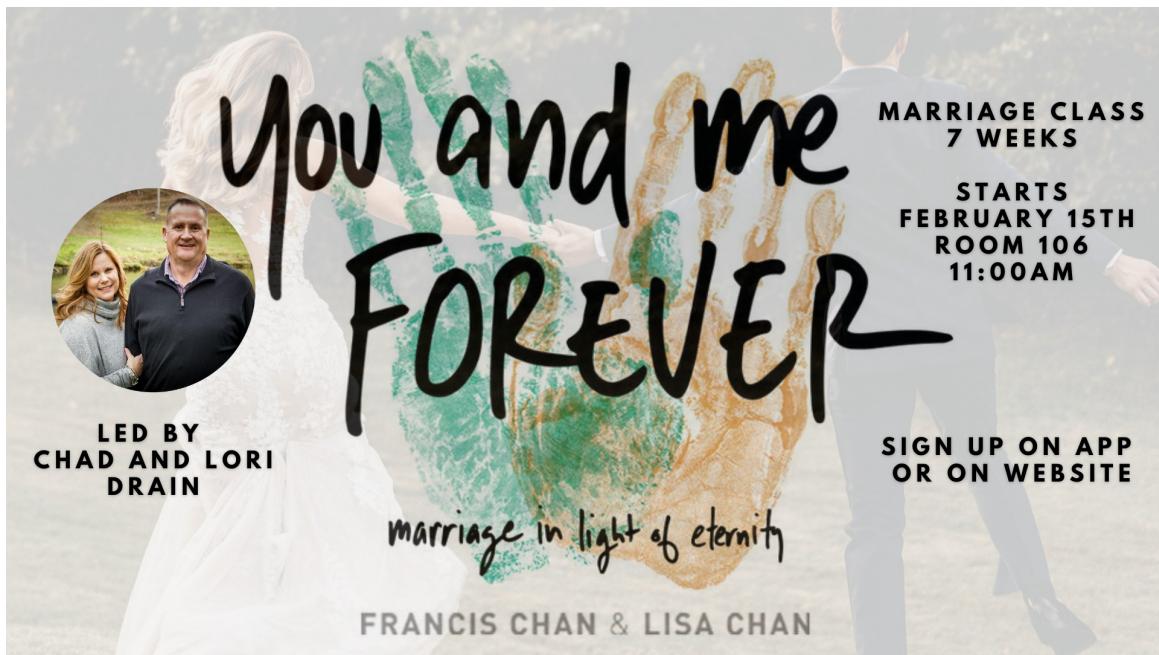
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Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on January 4th. 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.



Men's Breakfast

January 31st at 8:30 AM in the Gym. Please register on the BCCC App or Website Events tab so we can plan accordingly.



Senior Game Night

Now run by Ted and Teresa Boggs—yes they are having it and it remains the same. January 13th at 6:30 PM.



Boones Creek Christian Church shoeBOXED our way through National Collection Week for OCC as follows:

- 2,052 shoeboxes were collected @ BCCC during the week, prayed over, then taken to Central Drop-off on November 24th
 - 455 of these shoeboxes were donated by BCCC (including 69 Online)
 - ♦ Our amazing youth packed 95 of these shoeboxes on Wednesday, November 12th
 - ♦ 35 volunteers (161 total hours served) made NCW donors feel welcome, loved and appreciated

65 jump ropes were made from cutting/braiding old t-shirts and 30 craft baggies were put together.

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Ladies! You are invited to our first annual Women's Conference, Replenish. We are looking forward to a time of spiritual fulfillment as women on February 6th and 7th right here at church! Early registration will be until January 4th at \$40 per person, with registration continuing from January 5th up until the conference at \$50 per person.

Shirts are available to purchase through the registration link until January 4th. A limited amount of shirts will also be available at the conference to purchase. Any and

all women 18 + are welcome to attend. We encourage you to bring your friends and family, maybe even your ONE! Friday night dinner, a light breakfast, and lunch on Saturday will be provided. There will be NO childcare provided at this event. We hope you will come to fill your cup and enjoy this time as sisters in Christ as we Surrender and Immerse ourselves in worship and the Word through speakers and small groups, leaving the conference Saturday "Replenished" and proclaiming the goodness of God. We covet your prayers for this event to reach even just "ONE" woman, but hopefully many more!



4th & 5th Grade Kids' Retreat

February 6th-8th, 2026 | Pigeon Forge | Cost: \$125

\$50 non-refundable deposit due at sign-up

Register on the app/website by going to 'EVENTS'

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!



Family Oreo House Contest & Lunch



Sunday, January 18th
-12:00pm-



Register by January 14th!

Go to EVENTS on the app or website!



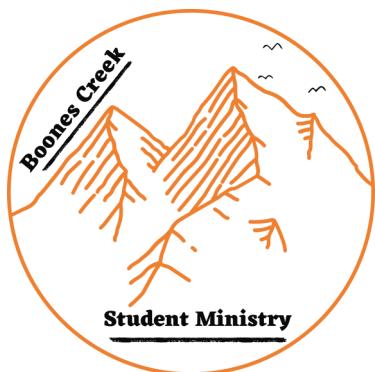
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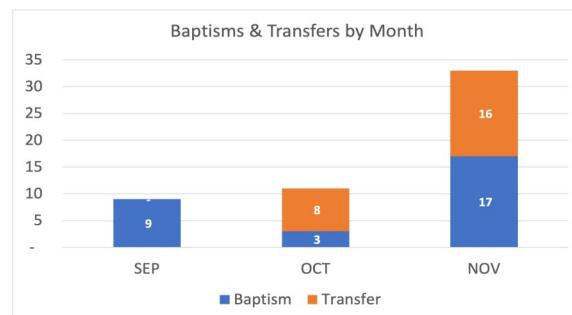
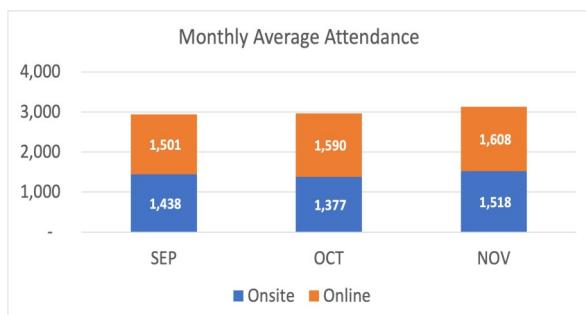
HELP US SERVE YOUR FAMILY BETTER BY
UPDATING US ON CURRENT INFO FOR YOUR KIDS!
YOU CAN FIND THE SURVEY ON THE APP,
WEBSITE, OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE HERE:



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 Nights are starting back January 21st. Come be a part of our midweek Bible study each Wednesday. We will begin each week at 5:30 PM, with the Wednesday Night Meal served at 5:30 PM. Donations to cover the cost will be accepted. Bible Study for Adults and Kids classes follow at 6:30 PM.

January 21st: Baked potatoes, chili, and dessert

January 28th: Pepperoni pasta bake, Caesar salad, bread, and dessert

2025 Giving Statements

As we close 2025, we are extremely grateful to God for His faithfulness in providing for BCCC! We have seen God MOVE and you have proven yourselves faithful by moving with Him. We are grateful to you and for you! The financial gifts to BCCC in 2025 continued to set records. It is simply overwhelming to see God's blessing on BCCC!

We recognize fewer and fewer people actually itemize deductions on their taxes nowadays, but we still provide annual giving statements and plan to have those in your email boxes before the end of January. *The statements will also have an update for you on your progress toward your MOVE pledge.* If you prefer to receive a paper statement mailed to you, please text 'PAPER' to 423-251-1200 and we will be happy to provide this to you. You may also call the Church Office at 423-282-0248 to request a paper statement.

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.

**Agape Women's Services—Live Well. Serve Well. Please the Lord**

Agape Women's Services of Johnson City is staffed by state licensed medical professionals that are available to provide accurate information, free services, and practical support with a holistic and compassionate approach. Agape is devoted to loving and serving all their clients before, during and after an unplanned pregnancy. They do not profit from the decisions clients make. They can freely share the love of Christ with their clients. In 2025, Agape served over 1700 client visits. This includes 484 Pregnancy tests, 384 Ultrasounds, 276 STI tests, and 540 class attendances. These are all FREE services. BCCC has supported Agape through missions and the Baby Bottle fundraiser. The Baby Bottle fundraiser is a way you can support Agape and in turn help those that have an unplanned pregnancy. Baby bottles will be available at the kiosk at the Connection Corner, Entrance B, D, and K starting January 18th. Pick up a bottle and fill it with your change or a check. Return your bottle by February 8th to the Connection Corner. Agape offers tours on the last Wednesday of each month starting January 28th, 2026, through October at 3:30-4:30 PM at 515 West Walnut Street, Johnson City. If you have any questions about Agape or you would like to take a tour, feel free to call Agape at 423-928-2273.



CPR- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation is an emergency treatment that is done when someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. CPR can double or triple chances of survival after cardiac arrest. It's important to know what to do and to start CPR as soon as possible. A CPR class including the AED will be held at BCCC on January 17, 2026. The class will start at 9:30 AM in room 106. Please use Entry B when you arrive. Cost is \$20.00, and you can pay with cash or check to Brandon Archer on the 17th. Please register on the BCCC app under Events by January 14th.

**Widow2Widow**

The Widow2Widow ministry offers encouragement, comfort, support, and guidance to ladies who are dealing with the loss of their husband. It does not matter if it has been years or only a few days. All are welcome. The W2W ministry at BCCC meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The group will

meet on January 15th at 11:30 AM in the Kafe for soup and fellowship. Please register on the church app under Events or call the church office at 423-282-0248 by January 12th. Please use Entry B when you arrive.



Journey to Hope

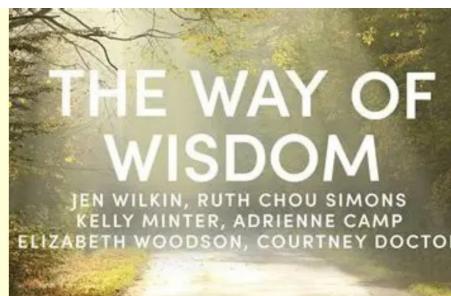
Journey to Hope is a positive monthly group support for those with cancer, in remission, survivors, and caregivers. The group will meet on January 8th at 6:00 PM in the Koinonia Kafe for a light supper and look at renewal. What can we renew in our lives? Psalm 51:10. "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Please register on the church app under Events by January 5th. Please use Entry B when you arrive.



Cancer support group!

Join us January 8th at 6:00 PM in the Kafe

Go to EVENTS on the app/website to register



Ladies Winter Bible Study

Starting January 12th Onsite and Online at 6:30 PM

January 13th at 9:30 AM Onsite will be held in Room 106

Please use Entry B when you arrive. Register on the BCCC App or Website under Events tab.

Welcome New

Members

Jolene Campos

Steve Dean

Chad McKinney

Brandon Taylor

Keith Yelen

Rylee Carr

Bert Gore

Tammy McKinney

Heather Taylor

Robert York

Chaleena Dean

Adam Hensley

Isaac Owusu

Audrey Yelen

Robin York

With Heartfelt
Sympathy



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