



Boones Creek Christian Church

Just Jesus - Grace and Truth

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A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pretty sure I have never started a newsletter with those words. But as we have been walking through the book of James on Sunday mornings, I was struck by how James uses that exact phrase three times in the first chapter alone (verses 2, 16, and 19).

When something like that stands out to me in Scripture, I like to dig a little deeper, so I did a quick word search. The phrase *brothers and sisters* appears 107 times in the epistles alone. (Feel free to double check me. I only counted once, but it is certainly over 100.)

What is my takeaway? What is the point I am making? Simply this: the early Christians did not just talk about the church as family, they truly saw it that way.

Someone came up to Jesus one day and told Him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” His reply was classic Jesus. He answered a question with another question. “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Then, without missing a beat, He answered His own question: “Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother” (Matthew 12:47–50).

That leads me to a question I have been pondering myself: **Do I really see the church as my family?**

My first response was, “Of course I do.” I mean, I have said it plenty of times, “my brother in Christ,” “my sister in Christ,” and I know in my head that the church is meant to be a family. But then came conviction. Deep conviction. Are those just words? Or am I actually living that out? (Insert last Sunday’s sermon here: Be doers of the Word, not hearers only.)

Who is your brother? Who is your sister? According to the words of Jesus, it is whoever is doing the will of our Father in heaven. So, maybe the better question is this: To whom am I being a brother? To whom am I being a sister? What would Boones Creek Christian Church look like if everyone who came was doing the will of the Father?

Four words: The Body of Christ.
Who we are called to be.

Love to you all (not just words),

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Senior Game Night

Join us Tuesday, July 8th at 6:30 PM in room 106. Please bring a snack to share and use Entry B when you arrive.



Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on July 6th. 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.

BCCC Bicentennial Minute

As part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration, here is this month's 'Look Back'.

Boones Creek Christian Church has a rich history dating back to its beginning in 1825. We pickup our story in 1842 when the congregation received pledges for donations to complete the 'Meeting House'. By 1844, membership had grown to 250 and in 1846 the church ordained 4 Elders and 2 Deacons.

In 1850, the "Brick Church" was constructed with two front doors, separating men and women. It served the congregation for 102 years. By 1865, membership dropped, possibly due to political divisions from the Civil War and black member loss due to new congregations. In 1866, Bethel Christian Church was planted in Jonesborough with Hezekiah Hankal as minister.

In 1867, W.C. Maupin was ordained, earning the nickname "The Old War Horse." In 1870, the church purchased 1-3/8 acres for \$103 to create a "Hitching Ground" and a house for changing baptismal clothes. Baptisms took place across the road in the waters of Boones Creek until 1952. An additional 5/16 acre was purchased in 1905 for \$15.00, and in 1936 a committee was formed to explore digging a basement below the church building for Sunday School classrooms.



Young Adults
18 - 40

Join Us for a Cookout!



Saturday, July 12th from 2:30 - 6pm
at Boones Creek Christian Church

BBQ, fellowship, board games, sports, water balloon toss, inflatables, and crafts! Kids welcome!

If you're within the age range of 18-40, you're a young adult! Scan the QR code above to RSVP!

Questions? Contact Noah or Candace Smith at 423-631-2988

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.

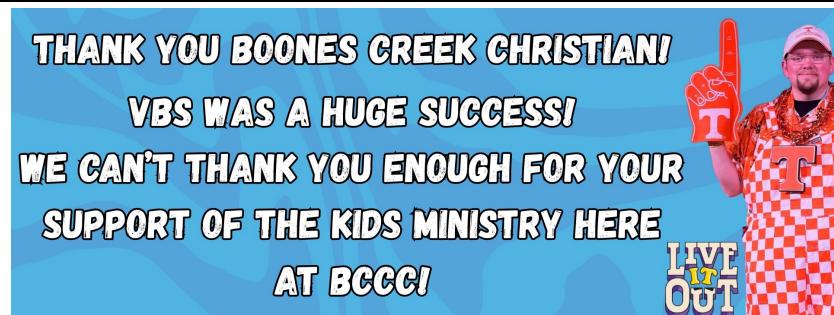
You have put a smile on their faces each night when

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.



Hey church!

“Wow!” That’s how I have to start off- by simply just saying, “Wow!”

We recently held VBS and it was a huge success! We are so thankful to everyone who made it possible and gave many hours of their lives to serve the kids.

We had 200 different kids here throughout the week that learned to LIVE IT OUT and love like Jesus, averaging over 160 each night. They crafted, served, learned, sang, performed, and had a blast all week long. It was also some of the loudest we’ve ever heard the kids before!

Our missions offering was outstanding! We gave you a hard goal - \$7,500 to go to New Hope Christian Mission in Zimbabwe and you showed up in a BIG WAY! Over \$8,700 later saw me have to don some hideous Tennessee Volunteer orange gear for both VBS and the following Sunday at church. It was horrible, but well worth it!

New Hope Christian Mission in Zimbabwe will be holding Holiday Bible School in August. They are estimating at least 1,000 kids to attend- possibly even upwards of 1,500! They house and feed the kids across the event, need supplies and curriculum, and more, so the costs add up quickly. This money you’ve given will be going to cover those costs and give all those kids a better opportunity to learn about the love of Jesus. Thank you so much for your generosity and help spreading the Gospel!

We are already looking forward to next year! Until then, we are excited about the hundreds of kids we have come through our doors every single week. If you are looking to be a part of something special, Mandy and I would love to chat with you about joining our teams of volunteers!

Boones Creek- you are simply amazing. I’m blessed to be a part of what God is doing here and am so excited to see what’s coming next!

Here for Him,

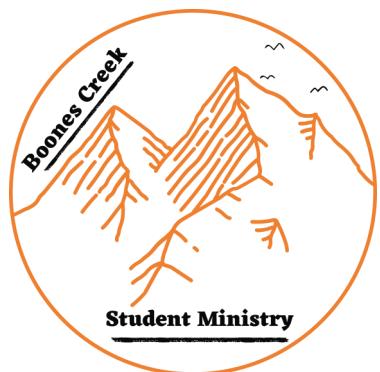
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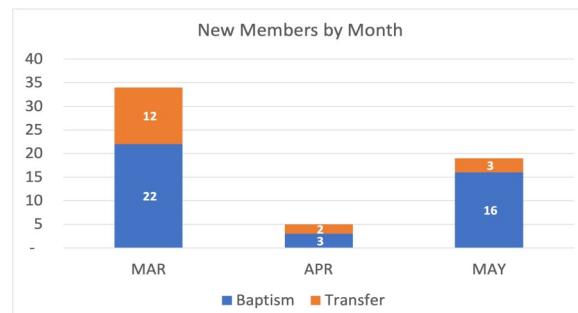
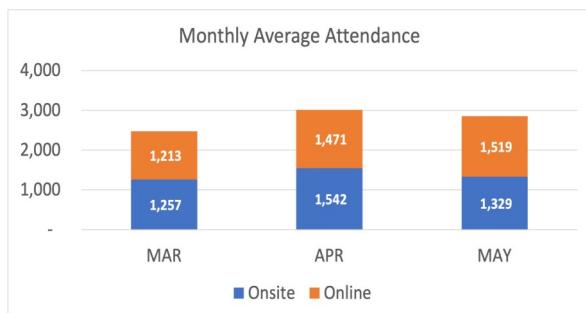


STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

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.





PLAN FOR A FUN SUMMER!



JUNE 8-12TH

LIVE IT OUT VBS!
REGISTRATION OPEN!

MAY 7TH
FINAL REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

JULY 16TH

MOVIE NIGHT

JUNE 4TH
FAMILY SUMMER KICKOFF AT WETLANDS

JULY 23RD

BCKIDS FIELD DAY

JUNE 25TH
COLOR WARS- WEAR OLD CLOTHES

JULY 30TH

FAMILY SUMMER CELEBRATION AT WETLANDS

JULY 9TH
FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

AUGUST 10TH

PROMOTION SUNDAY

SUMMER OF FUN
EVENTS WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAYS FROM
6:00-8:00PM

PRE-REGISTER TO HELP
US WITH HEADCOUNTS

ALL EVENTS ARE FOR
4YR OLD-5TH GRADE
EXCEPT "FAMILY"
EVENTS



Music Life Group –Vocalist and instrumentalists are welcome and encouraged to attend. We really want anyone who loves music to be a part of this life group. This is not part of the worship team, but just a place to play, sing and enjoy music together. We will have a meet and greet on Monday, July 7th at 6:00 PM in rooms 509/510 above the gym. Please RSVP on the BCCC App (under the music life group) to let us know if you are coming.

50-50 Building Fund Balance
May 31st - \$2,113

50-50 Missions Fund Balance
May 31st - \$8,104



Men's Health

Some of the cancers that most often affect men are prostate, colorectal, lung, and skin cancers. Knowing about these cancers and what you can do to help prevent them or find them early (when they are small, haven't spread, and might be easier to treat) may help save your life.

Prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men in the US, other than skin cancer. It's also the second-leading cause of cancer death (after lung cancer). About 1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime.

It can happen at any age, but the chances go up as a man gets older. Most prostate cancers are found in men over the age of 65. Prostate cancer happens more often in Black men than in men of other races and ethnicities. And when Black men get it, they are often younger. Having one or more close relatives with prostate cancer also increases a man's risk of having prostate cancer.

What you can do

Talk to a health care provider about screening.

The American Cancer Society recommends that men have a chance to make an informed decision with their health care provider about whether to be screened for prostate cancer. The decision should be made after getting information about the risks and potential benefits of prostate cancer screening. The discussion about screening should take place at:

- **Age 50 for men at average risk** of prostate cancer who are expected to live at least 10 more years
- **Age 45 for men at high risk** of prostate cancer, including all Black men and any man with a father or brother diagnosed with prostate cancer before age 65
- **Age 40 for men at even higher risk**, including any men with more than one brother or both a father and brother who had prostate cancer, and men who carry any *BRCA* gene mutations

If you decide to get screened for prostate cancer

Men who decide to get screened should be tested with the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test. A digital rectal exam (DRE) may also be done as a part of screening. How often you are tested will depend on your PSA level, health, family history, and preferences. (For more information on Men's health go to <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/risk-prevention/understanding-cancer-risk/cancer-facts/cancer-facts-for-men.html>)



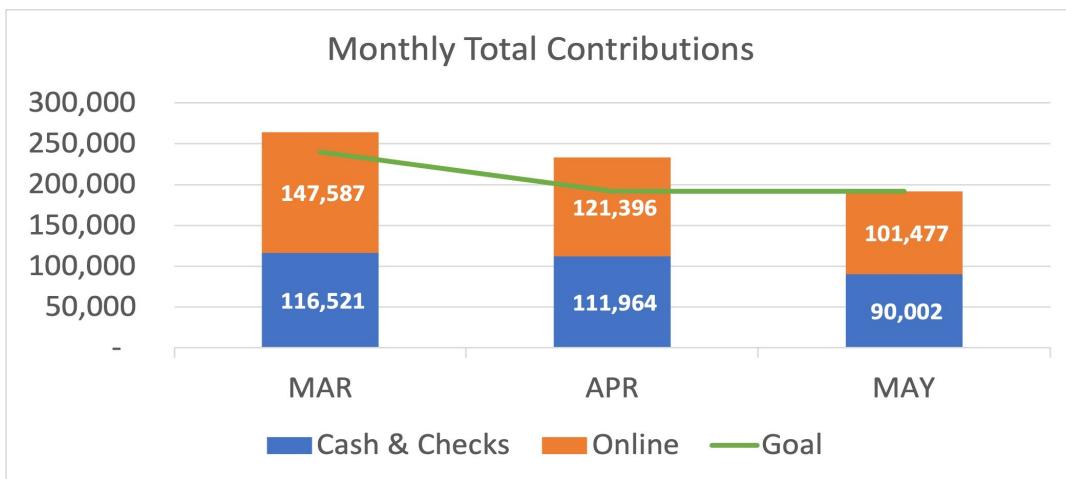
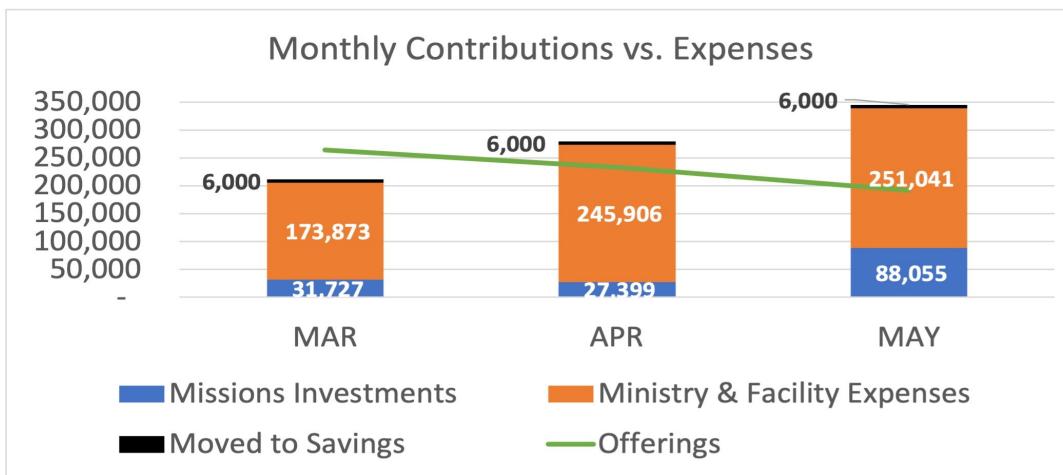
Widow2Widow

Ladies, join us for Storytelling with Rebecca Alexander on July 17th at 11:30 AM in the Koinonia Kafe. Rebecca will start at 11:30 AM with storytelling and lunch will be provided afterwards. You won't want to miss this special time. Rebecca received her Master's in Storytelling from ETSU. She is part of the Jonesborough Storytelling Guild and the International Storytelling board. Rebecca is committed to her husband

Howie and two daughters, Madison and Whitley. Rebecca is also honored to serve her community as District 7 State Representative.

Whether you have been a widow for a month or years, please join us. You may register on the BCCC App Events tab or call the church office at 423-282-0248. Please use Entry B when you arrive.





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Ryan Turpin
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County Jail

**Welcome New
Members**
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Tom Krag
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James

July 6th - James 2: 1-13

July 13th - James 3: 14-26

July 20th - James 3: 1-12

July 27th - James 3: 13-18

