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A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

It's hard to believe that June is already here, and even harder to believe that we just spent four weeks studying one sermon (Stephen's) in Acts chapter 7. Which means we are wrapping up our sermon series, Unity in Community: Impacting Your Jerusalem. As you've heard me say countless times, impacting the community in which God has placed you.

As we've seen through Scripture, the early church was not only committed to unity but also to living out their faith in real, tangible ways. With that in mind, I want to take a moment to thank God for placing **I.D.E.S. (International Disaster Emergency Service)** in our community.

As you know, many people were devastated by Hurricane Helene back in September, losing everything. I attended a meeting in December about the work I.D.E.S. was doing in our area. What impressed me the most was their focus: not only rebuilding people's physical homes but encouraging the local church to come alongside them and pour into families' spiritual needs. (Special shoutout to Justin Davis, Union Campus Minister, who has been leading that charge, along with many in our congregation who have poured countless hours into restoring lives.)

It truly blessed my heart to poke my head into a Bible study at the church the other day with some men involved in this work. Their conversations were not about sheetrock, flooring, windows, or doors, the things they had been working on but instead about people's souls. Their salvation. They were praying that those they are helping would open their hearts to the saving power of Christ, and that those who already know Him would be strengthened and comforted through this season of rebuilding. I could not help but think, *Wow! You are truly impacting your Jerusalem, your community, just like the first Church did.*

Currently, I.D.E.S. is working on eleven houses! That means eleven families are seeing the hands and feet of Christ at work, both physically and spiritually. For the past month, all the volunteers have been living in the youth building at our main campus. And when I say *all volunteers*, I mean both I.D.E.S. workers and church groups from different parts of the country. I've met people from Knoxville, Kentucky, Indiana, and Florida. People who have come to give a week of their life to help build and rebuild these homes. Each group, ranging from 15 to 25 people, has had one thing in common, they have all sung the praises of our church for the generous hospitality shown during their stay.

So many of you have already provided meals, and many more are signed up to serve in the weeks ahead as new groups continue to come.

I've said a lot to get to this one word as to what I have seen take place: **UNITY**.

I'm reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 3: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." Maybe you've driven a nail. Maybe you've provided a meal. Maybe you've poured into the spiritual needs of these families. Wherever your role falls, find peace, rest, and comfort in the fact that God will make it grow.

There's so much happening around the church this summer, and everything is listed inside this newsletter. We will be kicking off a brand-new sermon series on June 13th, going through the book of James and exploring what it looks like when faith and life intersect.

God bless you all,

Ben

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Summer Small Groups

This summer we will be taking a 6-week journey into the prayers of the Apostle Paul. We will not pray in a way that is familiar to us in that the focus will be on what God has done through Jesus Christ for us and for others.

At the end of our 6-sessions there will be a meal pack, August 1st-2nd, at BCCC in the gym. This is for your small group to come together and help “feed the least of these.” (Also, it is open to anyone who wants to participate.)

Signing-up for a group and materials will be on Sundays, June 1, 8, 15.

This journey begins the week of June 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Heath Schnelle at schnelle3@charter.net or 423-895-4090



Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on June 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.

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 the early 19th century. The “Great Meeting on Boones Creek” led by James Miller and Jeriel Dodge was held in the summer of 1825, marking the start of BCCC. Earliest records list a membership of 134.

On August 17, 1829, Boones Creek hosted the first recorded conference of Christian churches in East Tennessee. This gathering included elders Jeriel Dodge, Robert M. Shankland, John Wallace, William Slaughter, and others, who collectively reported 472 members across East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

In 1834, church records show 7 Elders and 3 Deacons were chosen as BCCC church leaders. In 1841, an evangelistic revival meeting added 56 members, bringing total membership at that time to 156.



MEN'S MINISTRY

Cookout & Worship

Thursday, June 5 - 6:30pm
Entrance D (outside)
Bring a Chair

Men's Cookout – Calling all men to come to a cookout on June 5th at the church. We will meet outside entrance D in the grassy area. Bring a chair and some snacks to share! We will have a time of worship, eat some burgers and be in the Word. We will also introduce some men's Bible study options to get you plugged in. Looking forward to getting the men's ministry moving forward! Thursday, June 5th at 6:30 PM.

The Chosen Watch Party – The Chosen (season 5) is coming out in June. We are going to have a showing of The Chosen season 5 one episode at a time with some discussion afterwards beginning June 16th. Come join us for our Monday night church service at 6:30 PM and then stay for The Chosen at 7:30 PM. You can simply come to The Chosen if you want as well. We will start the episode right after Monday night worship service ends. Go ahead and binge watch the previous seasons if you need to at:

<https://watch.thechosen.tv>



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.



4yr-5th Grade VBS
June 8th-12th | 5:45pm
Register on the app or website Now!

DISCOVER HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

PLAN FOR A FUN SUMMER!

LIVE IT OUT
DISCOVER HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

DATE	EVENT
MAY 7TH	FINAL REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE
JUNE 4TH	FAMILY SUMMER KICKOFF AT WETLANDS
JUNE 25TH	COLOR WARS- WEAR OLD CLOTHES
JULY 9TH	FAMILY PAINT NIGHT
JULY 16TH	MOVIE NIGHT
JULY 23RD	BCKIDS FIELD DAY
JULY 30TH	FAMILY SUMMER CELEBRATION AT WETLANDS
AUGUST 10TH	PROMOTION SUNDAY

JUNE 8-12TH
LIVE IT OUT VBS! REGISTRATION OPEN!

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



SUMMER OF FUN

FAMILY EVENT!

Summer Kickoff at Wetlands Waterpark
Cost: FREE!

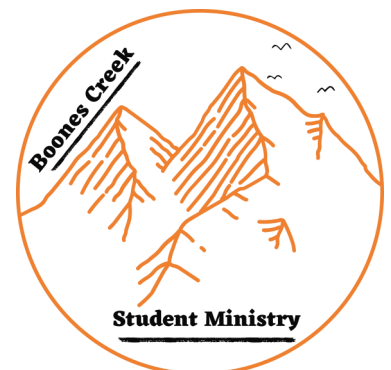
Wednesday, June 4th | 6-8pm

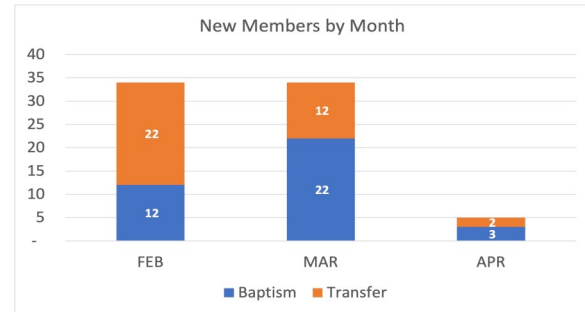
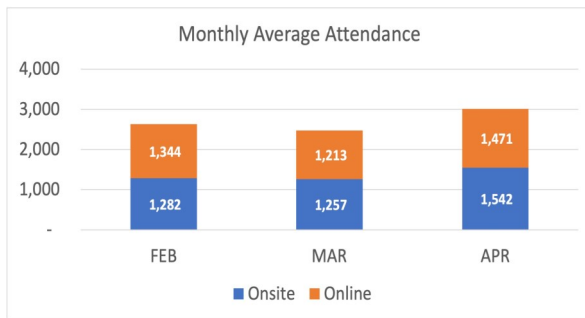
Register on the EVENTS tab on the app or website!



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.





Boones Creek Christian Church is blessed to support **Back2Basics**, a private Christian outdoor retreat and event center located in Jonesborough. We invite our congregation members, families, friends, colleagues, and clients to experience this incredible 50-acre retreat facility.

Back2Basics offers:

1. Comfortable lodging for up to 14 guests in the main lodge
2. A mountain cabin with 3 queen beds, a loft, and a treehouse that sleeps 4
3. A scenic observation deck with long-range mountain views
4. A covered event pavilion and nearby activity area featuring axe throwing, pistol, rifle, and clay shooting ranges
5. Beautiful wooded sites for weddings and ceremonies

Miles of hiking trails, peaceful ponds, and access to 6,000 acres of serene national forest

When you book your event or retreat, your group will have exclusive access to the entire property—no other guests will be present.

Back2Basics is ideal for:

1. Church groups
2. Men's, women's, couples, or family retreats
3. Corporate executives and leadership teams
4. Clergy retreats
5. Destination weddings and special celebrations

To learn more, please visit: back2basicsadventures.org

Ready to book or have questions? Call us at **(423) 373-2111** — we're here to help make your ideal retreat a reality.

If you feel inspired to support projects like our First Responders Retreats, we gratefully welcome financial donations to our scholarship fund or volunteers willing to share their time and talents.

God Bless!

50-50 Building Fund Balance

April 30th - \$1,029

50-50 Missions Fund Balance

April 30th - \$7,019



Looking for ways to make your kids' summer healthy and fun?

Summer and Health

- You can help your children prepare mentally, physically, and emotionally for the upcoming school year with healthy and fun summer activities.
- Children and adolescents need to be physically active for at least an hour everyday.
- Children and adolescents need to eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat or non-dairy items, and proteins.



WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

- Learning new ways to be healthy helps children:
- Handle stress well—through physical activity and taking steps to change upsetting thoughts.
- Relate to others—by encouraging positive social interactions and emotional awareness.
- Make healthy choices—about how they eat and play.

Recommendations:

Summer goals for your child

- Get 60 minutes of physical activity each day.
- Get outside when possible.
- Try new activities.
- Eat fruits and vegetables with each meal.
- Eat less sugar.
- Practice making healthy food choices as a family.
- Get plenty of sleep each day.
- Practice positive thinking.

Reduce screen time. (cdc.gov)

Check out all the summer activities for Preschool-High School under Kids/Students tab on the BCCC App!



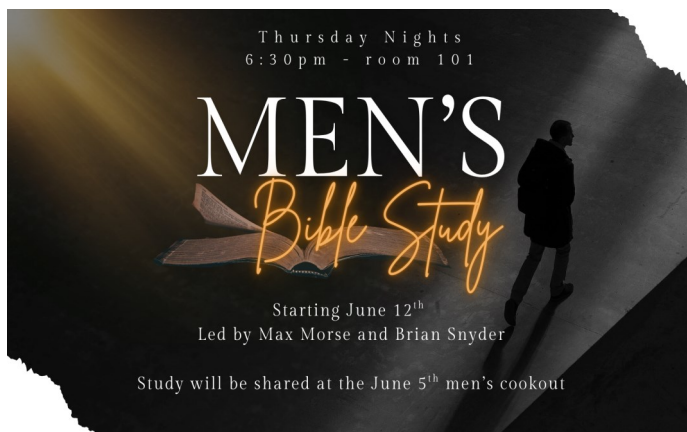
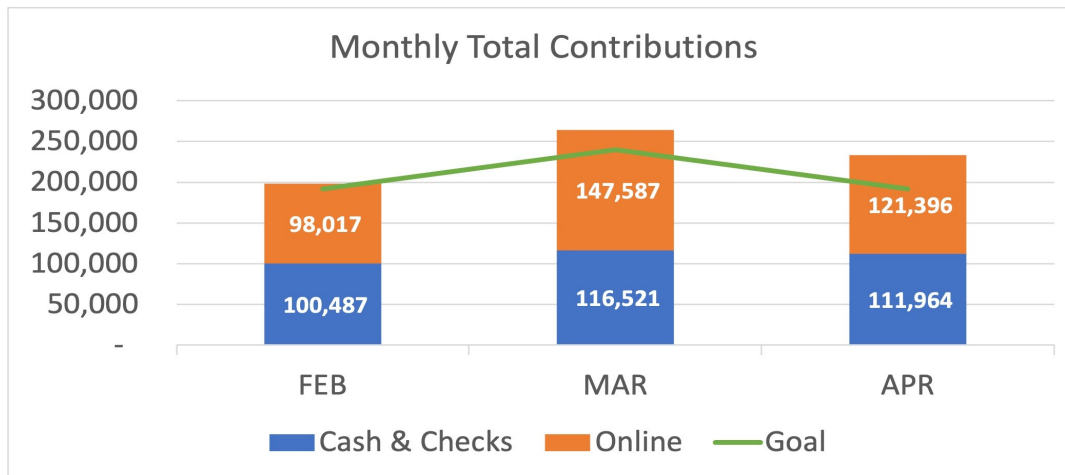
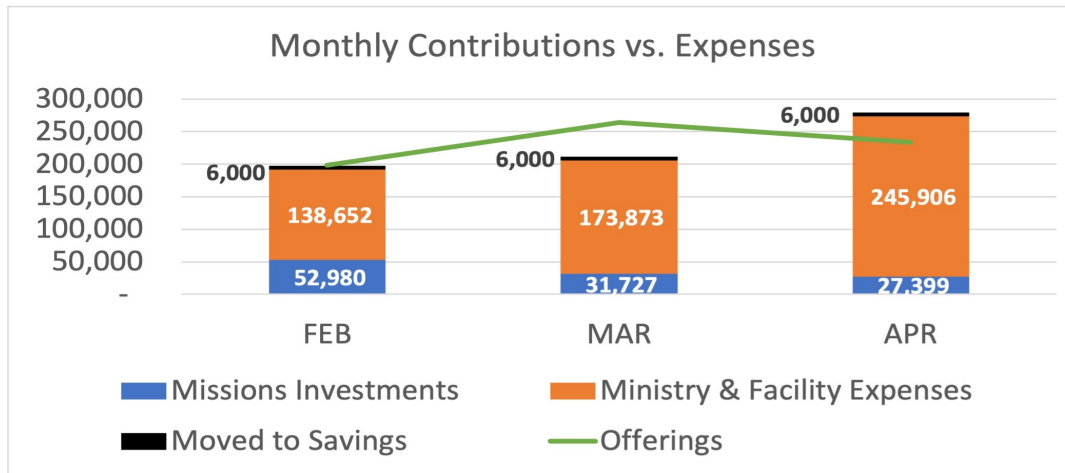
Widow2Widow

Ladies, join us on June 19th in the Koinonia Kafe at 12:00 PM. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. We will play a fun game of BINGO after we eat.

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.

Where do you want to be by Christmas? Have you ever thought, "I would like to achieve or go there someday," but someday continues to pass you by? Do you really want your someday to become your new reality? Life coaching is what you need to make this come true. Through listening, questions and action steps, together we can get you moving in the direction you want to go. Contact Life Coach, Heath Schnelle, at schnelle3@charter.net or call him at 423-895-4090 to set-up an appointment.





Men's Bible Study: we will be starting a new men's Bible study on Thursday evenings starting on June 12th. We will begin at 6:30 PM in room 101. Max Morse and Brian Snyder will be co-leading this study. The topic will be given at the men's cookout on June 5th.



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Welcome New Members

Jay Wise Libby Wise



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James

June 1st - Acts 7:54 - 8:1

June 8th - James 1: 1-12

June 15th - James 1:13-18

June 22nd - James 1:19-27

June 29th - James 2:1-13

