



Boones Creek Christian Church

Just Jesus - Grace and Truth

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A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

It is Monday, April 21st, just one day removed from Easter Sunday. As I sit in my office writing this newsletter, I am in awe of God and humbled to be part of the Body of Christ. I cannot fully express the gratitude I feel for what took place over the weekend. It began with our Good Friday worship service and by Sunday at noon it was all over. In those three days nearly 3,000 people came together to worship our risen Savior.

Now a different emotion sets in. Or maybe it is better described as a burden. The burden is this. The weekend ended, and I did not want it to. I wanted to stay in that same spirit of worship. What stood out to me most was that there were no complaints, even with so many different things going on. No one seemed bothered by the challenges or the little things that maybe did not go as planned. Instead, there was encouragement, unity, and a deep focus on Jesus.

Paul writes in Ephesians about the armor of God. One of the pieces is the helmet. A helmet protects a soldier's head in battle. Then in 2 Corinthians he writes,

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

The helmet we wear is the helmet of salvation. It guards our minds and when our focus is on the salvation we have in Christ, atmospheres like what we experienced last weekend are produced.

Here is the point. We do not take off the helmet just because Easter is over. In fact, we cannot. Because Easter is not over. Jesus has risen and He has not returned yet. So, we keep the helmet on. We stay focused on Him and when we do, everything changes. Our perspective shifts. Peace replaces anxiety. Joy overcomes frustration. Hope silences fear. When our minds are set on Christ, we see the world and our circumstances through the lens of His grace, power, and love.

Easter is not just a weekend. It is a reality we get to live in every day. So let us keep our eyes on Jesus and let the spirit of worship that filled the weekend continue to guide our hearts in the days to come.

Love to you all,

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BOONES CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
200 YEARS

Save the Date!

Boones Creek Christian Church celebrates our 200th Anniversary this year!

Please mark your calendar for the weekend of September 19th-21st to celebrate this milestone.

Stay tuned for additional information in the coming weeks about this special event.

As part of our 200th Anniversary celebration, you will notice some changes around the Worship Center, with special emphasis on the history of our church.

Also, check the 'Bicentennial Minute' in upcoming newsletters for some interesting details and stories from our past.

BCCC Bicentennial Minute

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

When looking at the origin of Boones Creek Christian Church, one story stands out.

In the Spring of 1825, there was a certain elder of the Christian Church, a disciple of Barton Stone, who had purchased land in the Boones Creek area and was preaching and baptizing those who came to know Christ under his ministry. This elder was Jeriel T. Dodge, who had moved into the area in the early 1820's.

Jeriel Dodge and those who had been baptized under his teaching approached the Sinking Creek Baptist Church asking for membership. When they were refused membership, church member James Miller was upset and asked for his dismissal from the Sinking Creek Church. On April 16, 1825, James Miller received a letter of dismissal from the Sinking Creek Baptist Church.

This incident was the catalyst for the revival meeting in the summer of 1825 known as the 'Great Meeting on Boones Creek'. From this 'Great Meeting', Boones Creek Church of Christ was born.



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 May 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.



Join Us in Serving Our Community: Provide a Meal for Hurricane Relief Workers

We are excited to announce that BCCC will be hosting IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) as they come from across the United States to help with hurricane relief efforts in our area. These dedicated workers will be staying in our youth center and will be serving tirelessly to bring aid and hope to those affected.

As part of our support, we need volunteers to provide meals each evening. This includes:

- Preparing the meal
- Delivering it to the youth center
- Helping serve and clean up

The number of workers will vary from 3 to 20 people each night. You will be notified in advance of how many to prepare for and if there are any dietary restrictions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, showing love and care to those who are serving our community in its time of need.

If you are willing to provide a meal, please register today on the BCCC App or Website. For questions or more information, contact Tammie Payne.



CIY MIX (Middle School)

June 16-20 @ Lee University, Cleveland, TN

MIX is specifically designed for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students. At MIX, your students will experience high-energy worship, age-intentional Bible teaching, community with their friends and adult leaders, and a practical call to Kingdom Work, all centered around the fun and chaos that is middle school ministry. Registration on the BCCC App.

CIY MOVE (High School)

June 30 - July 5 @ Lee University,
Cleveland, TN

MOVE is a 5-day event for high school students that helps them know Jesus better, deepens their relationships, and sends them home ready to do Kingdom Work. Moments at MOVE change lives and could be the most important five days of our student ministry calendar.





Middler 1 Camp

Rising 3rd-5th Grade
Sunday June 1st-
Wednesday June 4th

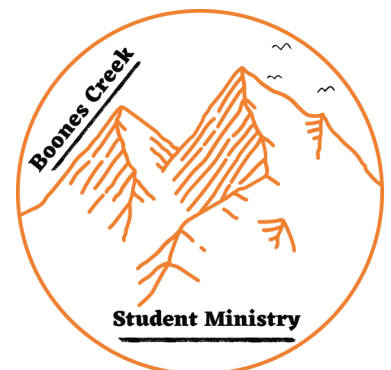
Joey will be Program Director for Middler 1!
NEED CAMP COUNSELORS!
CONTACT JOEY ASAP TO JOIN THE TEAM!

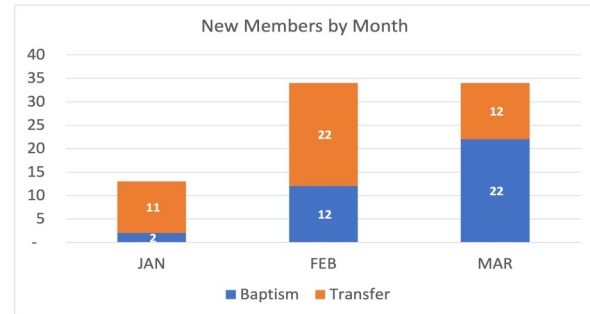
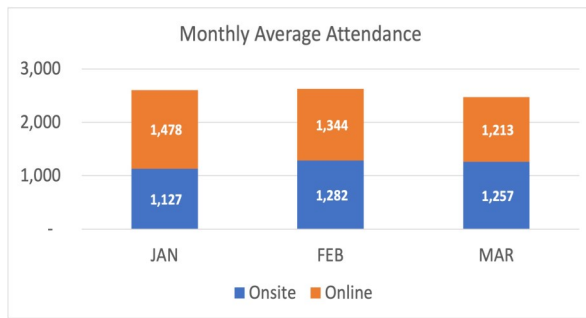
Register and find more information at www.campacc.com



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

This will be our last Wednesday Night meal until the Fall. 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.

May 7th - Caesar chicken and rice, Caesar salad, rolls, and dessert.



LIVE IT OUT DISCOVER HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

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

50-50 Building Fund Balance
 March 31st - \$21,312

50-50 Missions Fund Balance
 March 31st - \$9,847



Stress Awareness

God actually designed our human bodies to handle a certain amount of stress, and He equipped us with what's called the "Fight or Flight" response. When this is activated, the brain sends messages to different parts of the body to be ready for quick action, whether that means standing up against a threat or retreating from it. This function was very effective in keeping mankind alert and alive back in ancient times. Our stressors are of a different variety now compared to the ancient times. We seem to live with a more constant undercurrent of anxiety either within us or around us, and because our bodies still function like those of our ancestors', that fight or flight response is constantly activated. Therefore, many of us live with a higher level of stress most of the time.

Being stuck in this fight or flight mode can cause our body to flood with cortisol continuously which causes inflammation, and the inflammation is what makes us vulnerable to chronic disease.



5 Ideas for Immediate Stress Relief

Through God's strength, we can break the hold stress has on us when it hits. And sometimes the simplest things are the most effective.

Reading God's word

This gives us His perspective on how to handle life.

"Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands are my delight (Psalms 119:143).

Sharing your burden with a friend

This reminds us that He provides the support we need to release stress.

"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up" (Proverbs 12:25).

Spending some time in nature

This reminds us of His goodness and His ability to make a way through troubles.

"How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures...May the glory of the Lord endure forever: may the Lord rejoice in his works..." (Psalms 104:24, 31).

Lifting up in prayer

This connects us to our Heavenly Father and all His grace to go through stresses.

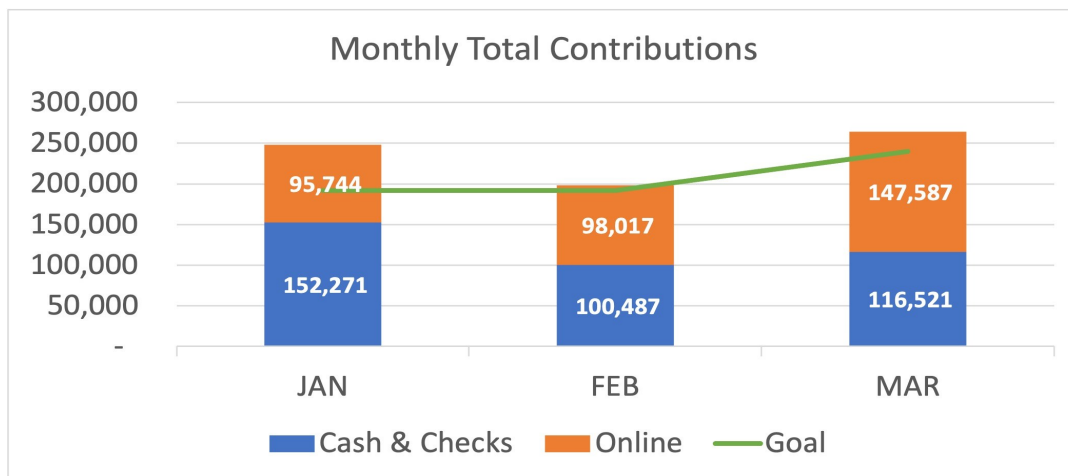
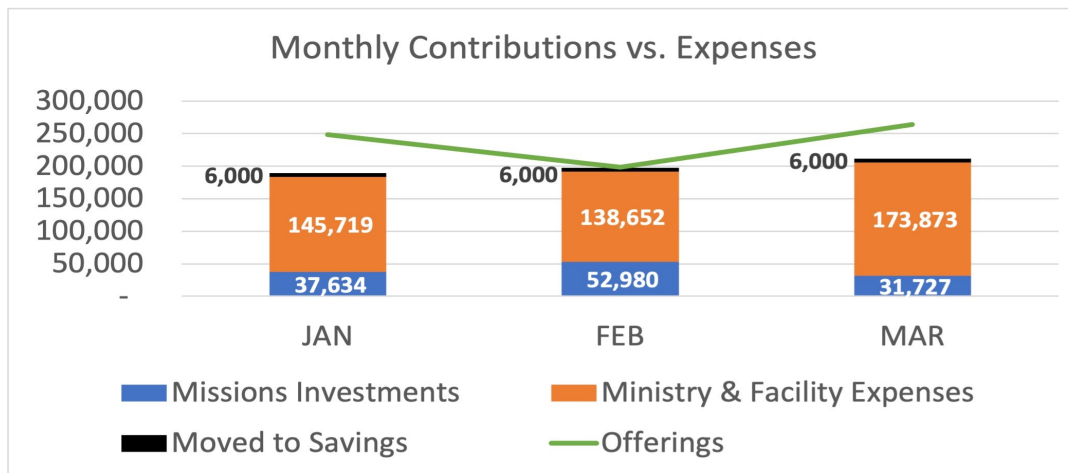
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6).

Helping someone else

This helps us to see His bigger plan and to reach beyond ourself.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

[12 Ways Christians Can Relieve Stress - Topical Studies](#)



Widow2Widow

Ladies, join us on May 15th at 11:30 AM at The Olive Garden for lunch. Whether you have been a widow for a month or years, please join us. Please register by May 12th on the BCCC app Events tab or call the church office at 423-282-0248.



Lacie Broyles
Kiki Malone
Isaac Price

19 - Women
and Men
from the
Washington
County Jail

Cathy Bailey Malone
Kurt Carty
Megan De Roo
Timothy Lucas

Welcome New Members

Meredith Brent
Sandy Carty
Maggie Fair
Amy Pleasant

Aida Canadas
Greg De Roo
Gina Lenzi
Marvin Pleasant



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Acts

May 4th - Acts 6:8-15

May 11th - Acts 7:1-19

May 19th - Acts 7:20-38

May 25th - Acts 7:39-53

