



Boones Creek Christian Church

Just Jesus - Grace and Truth

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A message from Ben Cole, Senior Minister

James packs a punch. He does not hold back. He lays into the people, calls them out, tells them like it is. These are just a few of the comments people have shared with me as we have worked through the book of James this summer. I usually reply, “Yes, he does. James keeps it real.”

Take the very first verse of the letter after the greeting: “*Consider it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds.*” I reminded you at the start of this series that James is writing to believers who have been scattered from their homes, livelihoods, everything they knew, because of persecution. So, it makes sense that he opens this way.

What blows my mind is that, aside from verse 1:12 and a short word on suffering in chapter 5, James does not mention their persecution again. Instead, he confronts them. Could you imagine coming to church after losing a loved one to persecution and knowing you could be next and I hardly acknowledge it? Instead, I get up and say: “Get rid of all moral filth” (1:21), “You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?” (2:20), “You praise God and curse your brother with the same tongue” (3:9), “You adulterous people” (4:4), “You have lived on earth in luxury and self indulgence” (5:5). Yes, that is one from every chapter and as you know there are more. Everybody said, “Wow!”

As someone who tries to discern whether people are receiving the message, I admit this would have been a hard one to deliver for me. But it should not be. James was writing to people who believed Jesus is God, who knew He was their Savior, and who would have clung to every word He spoke. Words like: “They will deliver you up to persecution and kill you” (Matthew 24:9), “Everyone will hate you because of me” (Mark 13:13), “They will seize you and persecute you” (Luke 21:12), “In this world you will have trouble” (John 16:33). Every gospel records it.

James did not need to address the suffering because they expected it. I could show you places in Acts where they even rejoiced in it. The deeper issue James speaks to is that some were no longer living out Jesus’ teachings. Some were even going against them. Jesus never promised that following Him would make life easy on the outside. He promised love, peace, and joy that starts on the inside and produces as He helps us be obedient to Him.

I am excited to continue through James, and I pray the Holy Spirit helps me speak with the same honesty and boldness He used through James. As we continue, where is the Spirit challenging you to “keep it real” in your own walk with Christ?

Love to you all,

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Boones Creek Christian Church 200th Anniversary

Worship Service

We are excited to invite you to a milestone event in the life of our church as we celebrate **200 years of faith and ministry!**

 **Date: Sunday, September 21st**

 **Times: 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 AM Worship Services**

We are honored to welcome **David Clark** as our **special guest speaker** for this memorable occasion. David served as our minister from 2001-2023 and will help us reflect on God's goodness over two centuries and look ahead with hope.

This will be a time of worship, reflection, and thanksgiving. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate our heritage, rejoice in what God is doing today, and anticipate what He will do in the years to come!



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 pick up our story in 1952 when a new sanctuary and classroom building was constructed to replace the '2-Door Brick Church'. The Annex building was added in 1958 and included a parsonage, fellowship hall, kitchen, and office. This building is now the church's 'Office Complex.'

The sanctuary was expanded adding 100 seats, additional classrooms, and air conditioning in 1973 for a cost of \$85,000. The year 1988 saw the dedication of a Fellowship Hall and classrooms across the street, now used for children's worship. The church purchased an additional 10 acres for \$25,000 per acre in 1992, to be used for future expansion. In 2001 our current sanctuary and educational building was built for a cost of \$2.2 million, and in 2007 the current gymnasium, classrooms, and kitchen were added costing \$3.4 million.

In 2012 the church launched the 50-50 Capital Stewardship Campaign. This was a unique fundraising campaign in that 50% of the contributions would go to paying the building debt and 50% would be used for missions-locally, regionally, and around the world. The effort was blessed by the Lord and extremely successful, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars. The debt was paid off, and scores of missions received needed funds to spread the gospel locally and around the world.



Join us for a Night of Celebration!

Join us for the 200th year Anniversary of Boones Creek Christian Church on Friday, September 19th OR Saturday, September 20th at 6:30 PM in the gym. This is a catered event by “The Kitchen” at Grace Meadows. Therefore, please register for which date you plan on attending and how many will be with you. There is no cost, but reservations are required by August 31st. Please register on the BCCC App under Events, sign up at the Connection Corner, or call the church office at 423-282-0248. Please use Entry D or K when you arrive.

BCCC 200th year Anniversary T-shirts

Go by the “Connection Corner” to see a sample of the BCCC 200th Anniversary T-shirt. Preorders with payment can be made on the Digital Bulletin or at the Connection Corner with cash or check. Deadline for preordering is August 31st.

Cost:

Long sleeve - \$30.00 for Small-XLarge; \$32.00 for 2XL and 3XL

Short sleeve- \$24.00 for Small- XLarge; \$26.00 for 2XL and 3XL



Trail Life and American Heritage Girls (AHG) both meet at the church on the first and third Tuesday of each month. If your boy is interested in Trail Life or your girl is interested in AHG, please contact Brian Snyder to get them connected. We are also in need of volunteers (men and women) to pour Christian values and life skills into these children. Both groups will be represented on August 3rd at the church. It would be a great time to talk to the troop leaders and other students participating.



Starting Point

Get to know Boones Creek Christian Church through our Starting Point class on August 3rd. 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 Bible Study Opportunities:

- Tuesday Morning at 8:30 AM in the Warehouse
- Thursday Evening at 6:30 PM in room 101.
- Men's Early Morning Prayer. Men if you are interested in praying before you head off to work, or if you are an early riser, we will meet from 5:30 - 6:30 AM for prayer on Tuesday mornings starting on August 5th. Please come in Entry A and we'll meet in the sanctuary for prayer. We will start with the reading of a Psalm and then begin to pray. Please arrive in silence. Contact Brian Snyder if you have questions.



Women's Night of Worship

Wednesday, August 27th
at 6:30 PM

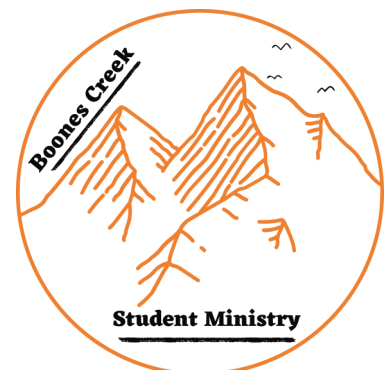
Fall Ladies Bible Study

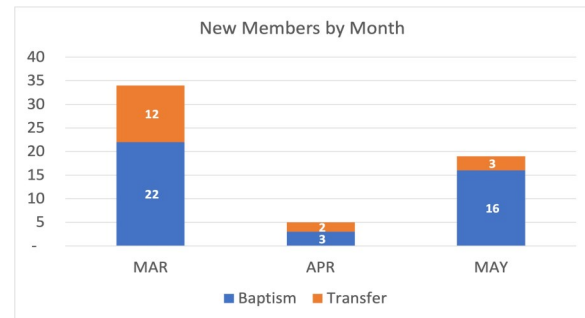
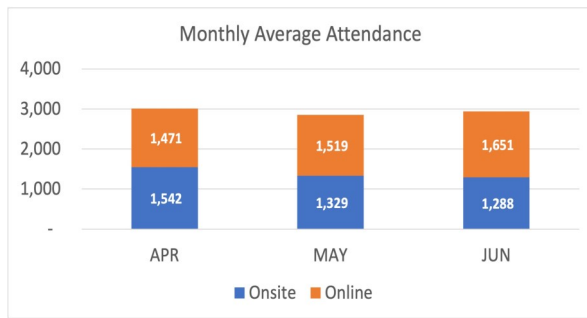
Ladies join us beginning the week of September 8th for our fall study. Our study will be: The Gospel of John by Melissa Spoelstra. There will be meetings onsite and online Monday evenings, and onsite Tuesday mornings. The books will be \$20.00 and available the first night of the study. Please register on the BCCC app or online.



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@boonescreekccc.org.





50-50 Building Fund Balance
 June 30th - \$1,778 (Fund Closed)
 Transferred to Facility Maintenance
 Account

50-50 Missions Fund Balance
 June 30th - \$6,604 (Fund Closed)
 Transferred to Unbudgeted Missions



Senior Game Night

Join us Tuesday, August 12th at 6:30 PM in room 106.
 Please bring a snack to share and use Entry B when you
 arrive.

**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.



Medical Volunteer Opportunities

Did you know there is a medical person available for each service on Sundays? The Medical person is located back at the Connection corner during each service and is ready to assist with any medical issue. The church also has 2 AEDs- one located at the Connection Corner and one in the hallway as you enter the gym from the Gathering room. If you are in the medical field and would like to volunteer for one hour a couple of times a year, please let Tammie Payne, Faith Community Nurse, know. You may call the church office, 423-282-0248, or email Tammie at Tammiepayne@boonescreekcc.org.



Wednesday Night Serving Opportunities

During the Fall and Winter/Spring Wednesday night Bible studies at the church, a meal is prepared, served, and cleaned up each week by volunteers. Meal preps start between 1:00-2:00 PM; Serving 5:15-6:15 PM and clean up 6:00-7:00 PM. This is a fun time to meet new people and join in the fellowship. Would you be willing to serve a couple of hours on a Wednesday? Contact Tammie Payne at the church office, 423-282-0248 or email – Tammiepayne@boonescreekcc.org.

Back to School Clothing Swap

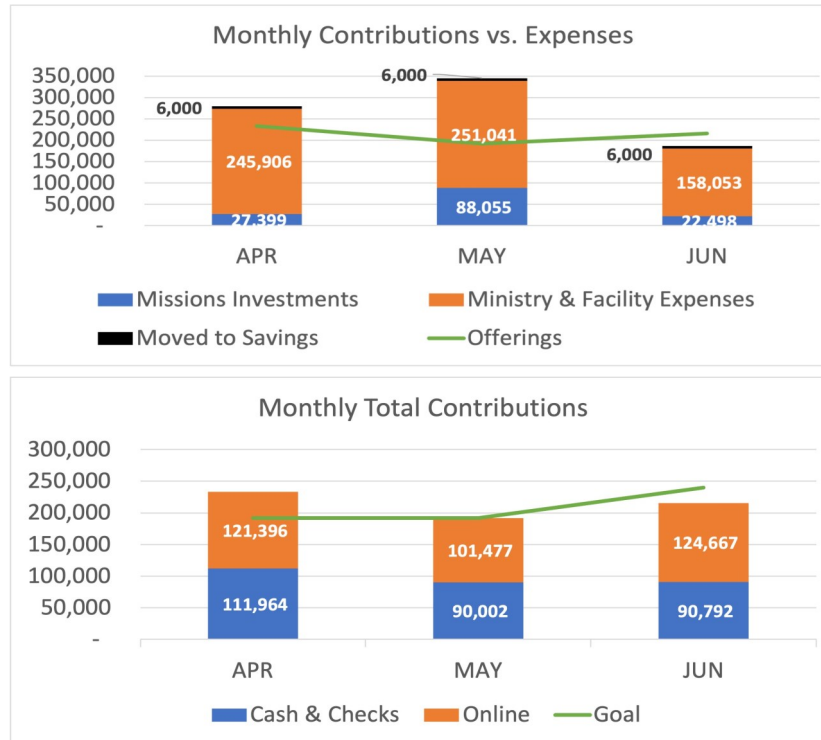
Are you wondering what to do with those clothes that your child has outgrown? Gather them up (**infant and children's clothes and shoes through 8th grade in good condition**) and trade them in for varied sizes. BCCC will be having a clothes swap on Sunday, August 24th from 12:00-1:30 PM in the gym. You may bring your bagged clothes and drop them off in the bins located at Entrance A and D&K on August 3rd, 10th, and 17th. They will be sorted and set up by size on the day of the swap. Feel free to take what you need. Anything leftover will be donated. All are welcome, you can participate on behalf of your own children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or friends. You can exchange boy clothes for girl clothes or vice versa, whatever is needed. Enjoy coffee and socialize with fellow moms and members of the church. Children are welcome. They can play in the playground area while you swap.

Widow2Widow



Ladies, mark your calendar for August 21st at 11:30 AM. We will have lunch and then a time of Music and Memories by Heather Cash. Bring your favorite salad or dessert. Heather is a Geriatric Care Manager in the Tri-Cities area. She helps individuals in the process of coordinating and planning the care of elderly individuals with intricate health needs, aiming to improve their quality of life,

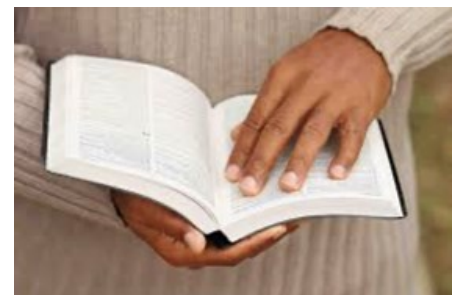
maintain independence, and address both medical and social aspects of their care by working with them and their families to identify needs, access services, and develop a comprehensive care plan; essentially acting as a professional advocate/professional family member to navigate the healthcare system on their behalf. Enter at Entrance B. Register on the BCCC app under events or call the church office at 423-282-0248.



What is the difference between *coaching* and *counseling*? As one who has participated in both, this is my definition. Coaching focuses on the present and moving into a preferred future.

Counseling focuses on what has occurred in the past and untangling it from the present so a person can go forward in the present. Both are extremely helpful. Coaching and counseling are not exclusive to each other, but I am a life coach who helps people where they are at and helps them take steps to move where they want to go in the future. You can contact Heath Schnelle at schnelle3@charter.net or call at 423-895-4090.

Bible 101 starts again September 3rd, 4th, and 7th. We will start with lesson seventeen so have it prepared before you come. We will finish the class before the end of the year. We will start another Bible 101 beginning in February 2026. If you have any questions, contact Heath at schnelle3@charter.net or call at 423-895-4090. Cannot wait to get back together learning God's Word.



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**Welcome New
Members**

Beverly Gibson

Randall Gibson



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James

August 3rd - James 4:1-12

August 10th - James 4:13-17

August 17th - James 5:1-6

August 24th - James 5:7-12

August 31st - James 5:13-20

