

Connection Card

If you are a guest, thank you for being with us! We'd like to connect and answer any questions you may have. Please place this card in the offering or leave it at the guest table as you pick up your gift. Be assured that ***we respect your privacy*** and will not share your information. **Members** may share new information, and any prayer needs as well.

Name

Address

City

State Zip Code

Phone

Email

- ☐ First visit
- ☐ Second visit
- ☐ Member
- ☐ Recently moved to the area

Marital Status:

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Widowed

Age Group:

- ☐ 18-33
- ☐ 34-45
- ☐ 46-58
- ☐ 59-69
- ☐ 70+

How did you hear about BCLR?

- ☐ Website
- ☐ Personal invitation from: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

I am interested in:

- ☐ Learning about a relationship with Christ
- ☐ Being Baptized
- ☐ Joining the Church
- ☐ Talking to a Pastor

Prayer Requests

This Week at a Glance

To learn more about our events and ministries, visit bclr.org.

Today, December 14

- 8:20 am.....Orchestra Rehearsal
- 9:00 am.....Equipping Hour
- 10:30 am.....Corporate Worship Service
- 6:00 pm.....Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 16

- 9:00 am.....Ladies' Prayer Time

Wednesday, December 17

- 6:30 pm.....BCLR Students Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18

- 9:00 am.....Men's Bible Study (Virtual)

Friday, December 19

- 12:00 pm.....Men's Bible Study

Coming Events

- Dec 24.....Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 28.....No Equipping Hour or Evening Gathering
- Jan 4.....Corporate Prayer Breakfast
- Jan 10.....Chili Cook-off & Trivia Night

December General Giving

Actual Weekly	\$	21,084.04
Budgeted Weekly	\$	27,811.80
Deficit/Surplus	\$	-6,727.76

Actual MTD	\$	21,084.04
Budgeted MTD	\$	27,811.80
Deficit/Surplus	\$	-6,727.76

Actual YTD	\$	1,158,796.72
Budgeted YTD	\$	1,098,025.39
Deficit/Surplus	\$	60,771.33

December Missions Giving

Actual Weekly	\$	2,928.50
Budgeted Weekly	\$	2,391.85
Deficit/Surplus	\$	236.65

Actual MTD	\$	2,628.50
Budgeted MTD	\$	2,391.85
Deficit/Surplus	\$	236.65

Actual YTD	\$	123,416.31
Budgeted YTD	\$	110,958.80
Deficit/Surplus	\$	12,457.51

Grow in Truth

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY: Join us this evening at 6pm for our Christmas Concert titled, "Good News of Great Joy." The Christmas Concert will feature Choir, Orchestra, Servants & Singers, and soloists and the goal is to exalt Christ, enjoy beautiful music, and clearly proclaim the gospel. There will be a dessert reception following the concert.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: We will have our annual Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24, at 5pm. Make plans to join us for this special service.

2025 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: Please note that all financial contributions must be received in the church office, online, or postmarked no later than December 31, 2025, to receive tax credit for 2025.

CORPORATE PRAYER BREAKFAST: On Sunday, January 4, we will have a corporate prayer breakfast during a combined equipping hour beginning at 9am. Children's classes (Nursery—6th Grade) will begin at 9:20am. We need volunteers to help cook and clean up. If you'd like to serve in this way, please contact Reuben Staton at 501.590.8743.

CHILI COOK-OFF & TRIVIA NIGHT: Will be on Saturday, January 10 at 5pm in the Activity Center. The church will provide hot dogs, chips, condiments, and drinks. Contact Lee Rosener at 612.269.6581 if you are interested in being a judge. Sign up on Realm.

Connect in Love

2026 RESOURCES: The book "Serving Without Sinking," Prayer Guide, and Bible Reading Plan for 2026 are available for pick up in the foyer.

YOU'RE INVITED: Please join us for a drop in retirement party honoring Michael and Daphne Fuqua on Sunday, December 21 from 5-7pm in the Activity Center.

2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT: The BCLR Women's Retreat will take place April 10-11, 2026 at Ferncliff Camp. Chelle Stire will teach on "Encouraging One Another in Truth and Love." The cost will be \$100, and scholarships will be available, but limited. Registration is open on Realm. Husbands, if you want to gift your wife a certificate to attend the retreat, please see Kim Magnus.

FOOD PANTRY: After careful consideration, the Deacons have decided to close the church Food Pantry on Dec 31 due to infrequent use and expired items. All donations remaining in the pantry after the closing date will be given to the Arkansas Food Bank. In lieu of the food pantry, we encourage donations of grocery store gift cards to the office to better support those in need. Pastors can then distribute cards directly to members facing hardship. If you need help, you may always confidentially speak with a pastor. For needs beyond our congregation, the Arkansas Food Bank remains an excellent resource. Thank you for your continued generosity & care for our church family.

Engage in Mission

CARLOS AND LORI MONTOYA have faithfully served in Honduras since January 9, 2001. Carlos leads a pastoral training center, called MEDA, in the city of Siguatepeque. It is a seminary that trains pastors and lay church leaders through Bible conferences and offers a Master of Divinity degree. He also serves as an elder at Betania Baptist Church, regularly teaching through books of the Bible. Carlos and his wife, Lori, have seven children, and five grandchildren.

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Pray for continued recovery after Carlos's surgery. He recently had surgery to remove the large nodule in this thyroid.
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Pray for Lori's parents as their health continues to decline.
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Pray for the new students that will begin their seminary career in January.
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Pray for Honduras as the presidential elections took place two Sundays ago. The vote counts are so tight that a president has yet to be declared. Pray that the Lord will favor Honduras in putting in a president that will favor His church and His mission.

JOIN REALM: The church staff has provided a resource called Realm to grow the church by improving our communication within the body. The Realm website and app will include all event information and registrations, small group chats, and the church directory. Scan to sign up!



MORNING CORPORATE ASSEMBLY

10:30 AM

Welcome, Scripture Reading & Invocation Call to Worship: Revelation 1:4-18	Greg Scheideman
Worship Through Responsive Reading & Singing <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (#218) <i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i> (#227) <i>Behold the Lamb of God</i>	Daniel Severs
Worship Through Corporate Supplication & Giving <i>In Bethlehem</i>	Mark Etherington Choir
Worship Through the Ministry of God’s Word “Israel’s Future Restoration” – Romans 11:25-27	Tim Senn
Song of Response and Commitment <i>His Mercy Is More</i>	Daniel Severs
Benediction: 1 Peter 2:9-10	
Closing Remarks	Greg Scheideman

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

6:00 PM

See inside bulletin for more details.

BCLR LEADERSHIP

Douglas Allison, Pastor to Students	Ryan Jones, Deacon
Darrell Baker, Deacon	Jason Lapp, Elder
Gary Bass, Deacon Vice-Chairman	Taylor Marsh, Deacon
Howard Bennett, Elder	Mike Meadors, Elder
Charles Dunlap, Deacon Finance Chairman	Josh Newton, Deacon
Mark Etherington, Elder	Benny Riley, Elder
Richard FitzRandolph, Deacon	Greg Scheideman, Elder Vice-Chairman
Michael Fuqua, Deacon	Tim Senn, Pastor-Teacher
Danny Games, Elder	Daniel Severs, Director of Music Ministry
Clint Goode, Family Pastor/Administrator	Kevin Sontag, Deacon
Paul Hamline, Equipping/Missions Pastor	Reuben Staton, Deacon
James Henrich, Elder Chairman	Clayton Vaden, Deacon Chairman
Paul Hurn, Deacon	Daniel Vickers, Deacon