

# The Current



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The saying "Don't waste a good crisis" is often attributed to Winston Churchill, but most likely has its origins elsewhere. As I reflect on our unwanted and unwelcome COVID crisis, I am reminded personally and collectively I/we must not waste this once-in-a-lifetime, or once-in-a-generation opportunity to learn and grow.

I recently participated in a national Zoom webinar led by Dr. Bill Wilson, Director for Center for Healthy Churches, who said the following: "fundamentally rethinking what it means to be the church is a once-in-a-generation opportunity." Bill was challenging pastors and churches not to rush back into business as usual, but to spend time in prayer, thought, and conversation about the true essence of why we are here and doing what we are doing as a church. Regardless of where or how churches are worshiping right now, these conversations are important.

**On Sunday, August 9 and 16, at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom,** I invite you to join me in a roundtable discussion I am titling *New Lessons/New Opportunities: What Is God Saying to You and Us During This Time, and What Lessons Are We Learning?* What new opportunities for ministry might the Spirit be leading us into? This time has no agenda and is not a decision-making group, but I do hope our conversations, combined with the Spirit of God, will lead us down paths that will help us become the best "fruit bearers" in our day and into the future. To help whet our appetite for these conversations, I plan to pass along some helpful links in the Weekly Updates as we move toward these times of discussion.

You are loved!

### A few quick comments and updates as we look ahead:

First, on a personal note, thank you so much for your prayers and concern for my dad. These last few months have not been easy for dad or the family as he has declined in health. Conversations are now different with dad, and his physical ability is very weak. I very much appreciate your continued prayers as my sister and I navigate a new path for dad and his continued care. Dad's current healthcare facility went from no cases of COVID to over 55. I am thankful that he has remained COVID-free and certainly hope and pray this continues.

The COVID Transition Team here at BSBC has been meeting weekly, and remains hard at work establishing new policies and procedures for when we do come back inside for worship. We are also looking at procedures for other meeting opportunities. A summary, and the current status of our work will be presented to the deacons at the August meeting. No date has been set for in-person inside worship, and we continue to monitor the situation.

Drive-In Worship (Sundays at 9:00 a.m.) and Zoom Worship (Sundays at 11:00 a.m.) continue to go well and provide two opportunities for our church family to be together in a worship environment. We are one church offering two avenues for worship with opportunities for participation. Zoom worship has allowed for those to join in who live in different areas of our state and from across the ocean in Scotland! Join us for one or both of these worship services.

The Youth Minister Search Committee, in consultation with the Personnel Committee, has been hard at work and could be announcing a candidate to the deacons in August. This individual met with our youth, parents, and leaders (via Zoom) on Wednesday, July 29.

## FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR MUSIC & ADULTS

### Have You Checked Out Our Zoom Worship?

Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m., several of our congregation members and friends click on the Zoom link and join together in worship in a Zoom Room. It looks more like the Brady Bunch than a room; but, we are able to see one another and participate in worship together.

Only four months ago, I didn't even know what Zoom was. At this point, I cannot even begin to count the number of meetings via Zoom in which I have participated.

These days we're even offering a Zoom worship opportunity! Each worship looks somewhat different from the others: but, the main thing they all have in common is that we are able to see one another, share our prayer concerns, and join together in prayer. Typically we ring a bell and light a candle to begin our worship together. There are other parts in the service led by various church members as well as a musical offering.

We encourage you to check it out. Roger Lowe sends out the Zoom link for worship in an email on Saturdays. If you would like to join us, just click on that link a few minutes before 11:00 am on Sundays. (If you need help with Zoom, check out the tutorials: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>)

We have had different people join in by using a computer, a tablet, or a phone. You may choose any of those ways to join. If you would be interested in participating by leading a portion of the service, please contact me at [candy@boilingspringsbaptist.org](mailto:candy@boilingspringsbaptist.org). If you have any questions about Zoom Worship, don't hesitate to contact me.

Hope to "see" you in Zoom Worship soon!

- Candy

## PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

### Jesus Wants All of Me

"He who believes in Me....out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." John 7:38

"God doesn't care how good I act on the outside. He does not care how many nice things I have. He just wants me to be like Jesus. He does not want me to keep my life closed like a bottle with the top on. He wants me to take the top off and pour myself out. He wants me to share myself."

How often do you share yourself or what you have? We, as a church, do much for others but there is so much more that we could do. How can you share your gifts with others?

In August we will look at the new school year beginning not only for our own children but also for the children in our community. School will be different. We need to remember all the children and their needs. For some the year may be more of a struggle than in the past. We have always worked with Boiling Springs Elementary as prayer partners, and encouragers and will continue to do this. School supplies will be needed as well as wipes and hand sanitizers. If you would like to help with any of these during the next month your donation will be greatly appreciated. Paper, pencils, crayons, markers are just a few of the needed items. We will again hand these out with our food patron families as well as Boiling Springs Elementary School.

Summer Together Bags will turn into fall bags since we are not yet ready to begin Sunday School or our Wednesday night activities. I will continue to place Sunday School lessons and activities in each child's bag. Hopefully, this will give the children something fun to do in addition to their lessons. The bags have been our connection through the summer and as we continue to go into the fall. I welcome suggestions for the children as we continue to go through uncharted waters.

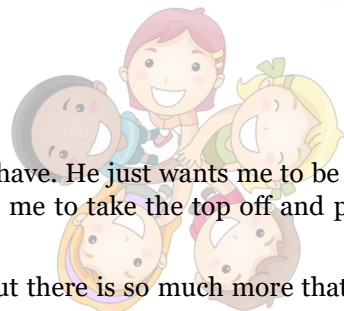
- Miss Ellen



As we all know the world we live in has changed dramatically on many levels. Businesses we used to rely on for necessities and entertainment; venues for social and religious gatherings have been closed or are partially inaccessible. Libraries are no exception. However, for those who love to read books, there is a way to have access to a plethora of reading material, right in your own home, known as eBooks (electronic books.) Simply put, an eBook is a book converted to a digital format to be read on any digital device such as a computer screen, tablet or smartphone. To be able to buy eBooks, to download and store them permanently, one must have a device called an eReader. Three of the most popular are Amazon Kindle, Rakuten's Kobo, and Barnes & Noble's Nook. To purchase and download an eBook on the eReader one must set up an account using a bank credit card which will be charged with each purchase. Many books are free but the average cost of a book is between \$3.00 and \$5.00. Although eBooks are inexpensive, save space, the environment, are portable and have several other advantages over traditional books, hopefully there will always be a calming and thoughtful place called a "Library".

For more information go online: <https://learn.g2.com/what-is-an-ebook>

- Nancy Blalock



## Drive-In Worship



Sundays at 9:00 a.m.  
in the parking lot!  
Tune to  
105.5FM

## Zoom Worship



Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
Links are sent in the  
Weekly Update and again  
on Saturday.

### CHURCH NEWS

Dear friends,

We are so blessed to have a caring church family! Thank you for the birthday mug full of stuff that is so handy. We appreciate all the prayers and cards and calls. Thanks to Pastor McKinney for bringing the mug although you could not get in!

Reginald and I are doing fine and thankful to be in such a safe place with caring people. None here, staff or residents, have been sick.

Pray that before too long you will safely be back in the sanctuary. - Barbara Dawkins

A Drive-by Baby Boy Shower is planned for Brooke and Zeke Houser on Sunday, August 2nd from 2-4 pm at 104 Twin Lakes Drive Shelby, NC 28152. Please come by and join us as we shower Brooke and Zeke with love and best wishes as they prepare for the birth of their son, Zeb Allen Houser, in October. Brooke and Zeke will be under the balloon arch at the end of the driveway to greet you and share this happy time in their lives. The couple is registered at Amazon and Wal-Mart. Zeke is the son of Debbie Bridges and the grandson of Charles and Daphne Bridges.

Ladies of the church are invited to a drive through baby boy shower honoring Tripp and Lizzie Hastings on Sunday, August 23rd from 2-3 pm at the home of Catie and Austin Stitzel (736 Cedar Hill Drive Shelby, NC 28152) Tripp and Lizzie are registered at Babylist.com [www.babylist.com/baby/lizzie/hastings](http://www.babylist.com/baby/lizzie/hastings) Since we can't all celebrate together inside, we look forward to everyone getting to wave and safely celebrate with Tripp and Lizzie as they will be seated under a tent in Catie's driveway).

The children will be collecting back to school supplies for Boiling Springs Elementary and for our Food Pantry. For students: Pencil Top Erasers, Ticonderoga Pencils, Glue Sticks, Crayons (24), and Marble Composition books (no spiral). For the school: Clorox wipes, Individually wrapped candy - (Dum-Dums, Skittles, Tootsie Rolls), Ziplock Bags, qt. or gal. size, bottled water, Little Debbie Snacks, and Lance Crackers. Items may be left at the office door entrance or brought to Drive-In Worship. All donations are welcome!

## coffee with the pastor

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.  
An informal Zoom meeting to catch up with each other, and have devotion and prayer time. Zoom links are emailed with the Weekly Update. Everyone is welcome!

### For the Record

Basic Weekly Budget Needs: \$12,190.47

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

for July 2020

July 5	\$7,489.93
July 12	\$14,070.00
July 19	\$8,121.00
July 26	\$9,470.00

BSBC has a new iPhone for text communications. Send prayer requests at Drive-In Worship to 704-418-8718.

Online  
Giving

[When viewing online  
click here to give!](#)

### Heartfelt Christian Sympathy

to the family and friends of:

**Harry McKee**

**Tom Duncan**  
former member

**Shirley Willis**  
sister-in-law of Lib Jones

**Pam Callahan**  
former teacher at Crest High,  
member of Poplar Springs Baptist

**Geraldine Humphries**

### BSBC EMAIL AND TEXT COMMUNICATION

Stay in touch by receiving The Current, Weekly Update, Prayer List, and important messages in your email by calling the church office, or emailing to [info@boilingspringsbaptist.org](mailto:info@boilingspringsbaptist.org)

To receive important information by text,  
**text BSBC to 95577**

Be sure to like our BSBC Facebook pages:



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### CHURCH SCHEDULE

#### OFFICE HOURS

M-Th 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Fri 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Limited building access.  
Offering drop box in office lobby.

#### FOOD PANTRY

T-W 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Many classes are meeting online with Zoom. Contact your teacher to find online availability. Some groups are beginning to meet at the Picnic Shelter or otherwise outside with proper distancing.

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

We offer a Drive-In Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. Tune your radio to 105.5 FM. An online interactive Zoom Worship Service is held at 11:00 a.m. Links to this service are included in the Weekly Update and in a separate email sent on Saturdays. These are being posted to YouTube and linked to the church Facebook page.  
DVDs available upon request.

#### OTHER MEETINGS

In-person meetings inside the building are not recommended at this time.

Thank You!

**For your donations to the Food Pantry and Backpack Program! Thank you for helping feed hungry families in our community!**

Backpacks are being filled and delivered as part of the school lunch program. To donate, contact Ellen Humphries.

### THE CURRENT Newsletter Information

All information for this newsletter should be submitted by the **20<sup>th</sup> of each month** to meet our publishing deadline.

#### THANK YOU

to all who help get *The Current* ready for mailing each month. Your service is greatly appreciated.

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