

The Current



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FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR MUSIC & ADULTS

Well, all things considered, we had a busy and a nice December at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. The weather was extremely cooperative for our outdoor gatherings and for drive-in worship at the picnic shelter. Thank you to everyone who participated and/or facilitated things during the Advent/Christmas season.

We have several opportunities during the month of January. Rusty Stroupe, Bonnie Doughtie, Bob Lamb, and Matthew Waller will be bringing the messages on Sundays. These sermons will be delivered from the space they choose and will be available to you in real time via Zoom, in the sanctuary, and on your car radio in the church parking lot via FM channel 105.5. As always, videos of these services will be available on Vimeo a day or so afterward. Weather permitting, in a continuing effort to be inclusive of those in the parking lot, we will lead parts of all services from the picnic shelter.

We have an opportunity to participate in a study entitled “Prayer: Understanding What, How, When, and Why God Speaks” led by Alice Cullinan, which will be held via Zoom for four Sundays at 5:00 p.m. beginning January 10. Watch the Weekly Update for more information and how to access the Zoom link. Though purchase of a book is not required to participate in this study, Dr. Cullinan’s most recent book *Is That You, God?: Understanding How God Speaks* would be a helpful resource and/or supplement. You can find information elsewhere in this publication about how to obtain that book.

As a closing thought, I know you are tired of the virus. I am tired of the virus; but, we need to be cautious for a while longer. I encourage you to continue the practices we have learned will help to deter the spread of this disease. Please wash your hands, keep your distance and wear a face covering when you will be around people other than your own household—even when outdoors.

There is a view that those who are taking the virus seriously are living in fear. I am not fearful so much for myself; but, I am fearful that my decisions and our decisions as a congregation will cause more spread of this virus to others, which could result in severe illness and even the deaths of more people. That is why my life looks considerably different today than it did a year ago. As Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Too often we have a deficient view of freedom, thinking freedom means we can do whatever we want, or that freedom is mainly about “me” and “mine.” Paul offers a helpful corrective in Galatians 5:13-14: “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” We have been freed from the bondage of self so that we might actually love others and not just ourselves. Loving our neighbors, especially in a pandemic, means that we make sacrifices for each other. As followers of Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice, we are called to make a few sacrifices. If we collectively make enough sacrifices for a few more months, there will be more of the most vulnerable around when we reach the other side of the pandemic. And when we do get there, we will be grateful to know that we did our part.

Thank you for “staying in the boat”^{***} during these challenging times. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and common faith. Thank you for caring for each other and for keeping each other safe and healthy. Thank you for being the church Christ has called us to be. God is with us. We will get to the other side.

In God’s service with you,

- Candy

^{***}a reference to the sermon I delivered at Zoom Worship on August 30, 2020. If interested, here’s the link:

<https://vimeo.com/464552323>

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

As we begin our process, we'd love to hear from you. Think about how you'd answer this question: "What does our church need now from an interim pastor?" You can pass on your thoughts to any committee member (Lee Bryson, Alice Cullinan, Joel Dobbins, Roger Humphries or Sandy Quattlebaum), write a note and drop it in the offering basket or email us at interim@boilingspringsbaptist.org.
- Thank you!

FROM OUR MINISTER FOR YOUTH

Over the month of December, I really enjoyed being able to celebrate the holiday season with the youth through various Christmas-themed games and activities, and I am looking forward to what the new year will bring for our group. As we enter the new year together, the youth and I have transitioned to meeting inside the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings for our time of fellowship and Bible study. We meet in-person from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., but there is also an option to join via Zoom at 6:45 p.m. for Bible study. We want to be as inclusive as possible, so please contact Matt Waller or check the Weekly Update if you or someone you know is interested in joining. Furthermore, the Youth Committee will be meeting soon to discuss possible plans for future outings and events, including summer camp, so be on the lookout for any updates concerning the youth program!

Please know that you can be a part of the youth group in various ways. You can follow us on Facebook @bsbcyouthgroup and on Instagram @boilingspringsbaptistyouth. If you are interested in interacting directly with the youth or have questions, ideas, or concerns about the program, you may contact Matt Waller at (704) 466-2321 or email to matt@boilingspringsbaptist.org. The youth and I appreciate all your support and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve you! Happy New Year!

FROM OUR MINISTER FOR PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

I will praise You forever for what You have done. . . I will put my hope in Your name, for it is good.

- Psalm 52:9

Have you ever been told to "count your blessings"? Have you ever done it? Do you know what it means? In this year when we have been through so many trials, we need to stop even now and reflect on our blessings.

Counting your blessings is simply remembering, listing, and *counting* all the wonderful things God has done for you. When we do, as Psalm 52:9 tells us, we remember to praise God for those things. We remember why we put our hope in Him.

So, when your hope is weak, when it seems like there is little to hope for, take a look back at all the things He has done in your life. Count your blessings! Say thank you! And remember there's a lot of good reasons why you put your hope in Him.

Reflections of Hope from visitors to our church:

"Thank you for helping me with gas to get home!"

"Thank you for the coat, boots and socks so that my brother and I can walk when we need to buy groceries."

"Thank you for filling shoe boxes for my children."

"Thank you, Boiling Springs Baptist, for hearing my cry for help...not for me but for the grandchildren I am trying to raise. I don't have a tree but because of your love my grandchildren have presents that would not have been there for them on Christmas morning! My granddaughter will have surprises on Christmas where there would not have been any! You gave me joy and hope that there is someone who cares and shares without question! God is good! He is awesome! He heard me and sent you! Thank you."

"Thank you for being there for me when I most needed it. My family is struggling, and you were there with prayer and support! Your door was open, and your hearts were giving! We can begin the new year knowing that you are there if we need help. God is good!"

Our church is a place of hope for so many! A place where they know they are loved, and can see love and care when they need it the most! It is a place where they see hope when there may be little. It is a place where there are hugs, love, and prayer! It is a place that cares for its neighbors!

Thank you, God, for giving us Hope!

- Miss Ellen

Worship in the Sanctuary

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

with livestream/participation via Zoom

There will be distanced seating with masks available if you do not have one.

Families with children may pick up a worship bag at the Children's Table.

Prayer requests may be texted to (704) 418-8718.

Audio broadcast on 105.5 FM.

Zoom link available in the Weekly Update.

Services will be posted to Vimeo and available on DVD.

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy

to the family and friends of:

Nancy Terry Hubbard

Chris Padgett

son of Barry and Diane

Bill Roberson

former member of BSBC

David Houser

father of Zeke Houser

Coleman Wilson

grandfather of Matt Waller

Glynn Bryant

brother of Rhealene Lamb

Larry McEntire

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

Our time of working together in Shelby is soon coming to an end. As I prepare to retire December 31, my heart is full of gratitude for your faithful prayers and support these past 11 years. Together we have given hope in the name of Christ to many of our neighbors and lightened their burdens in countless ways. Many lives were impacted and changed forever.

Ending the ministry in the middle of a pandemic is particularly difficult as the needs are more troublesome than ever. My prayer is that we will all look around and see ways to offer hope wherever we see it is needed. We do not need to look far and as Christ followers it is what we do.

Until our paths cross again, may God bless you as you seek to be the hands and feet and presence of Christ. "Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matt:25:40)

Boiling Springs Baptist Church, thank you for the countless ways you have loved and encouraged our neighbors and me. I am forever thankful for you.

Thank you , thank you, thank you.

- Cecelia Beck

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

Dear Church,

Thank you all for the generous Staff Christmas offering you gave during the holidays! We are so thankful for your support and kindness, especially during these unusual times, and wish to express our appreciation to all who have given. The special gifts we have received in the office have been greatly appreciated, and we value your friendship and love.

- The Staff of Boiling Springs Baptist Church

Be sure to like our BSBC Facebook pages:



Boiling Springs Baptist Church

BSBC Parish Nurse Committee

Boiling Springs Baptist Youth

Boiling Springs Baptist Church Daycare

Boiling Springs Baptist Church Forum

Is That You, God? Alice Cullinan's new book, a practical and easy guide to discerning when God is speaking to us, is available from Amazon and Boiling Springs Florist for \$9.50 (including tax). Alice can also bring the book to your mailbox or other outdoor box.

New baby in our congregation - Kate McArn Washburn

Born December 2nd, 2020 to Jay & Jamie Washburn, big sisters, Ella and Claire, grandparents, Harry & Sherwin Washburn.

For the Record

Basic Weekly Budget Needs: \$12,190.47

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

for December 2020

November 29	\$8,183.00
December 6	\$13,199.00
December 13	\$8,899.50
December 20	\$27,045.00

December Missions giving totals:

CBF Global Missions	\$1,370.00
SBC Lottie Moon Christmas	\$2,810.00
Total	\$4,180.00

Online
Giving

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

Happy Birthday

TO OUR 80s
AND OVER



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Bobbie Frye 8
Pete White18
Pat Kelly 25

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CHURCH SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

M-Th 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Subject to change.
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 meet at the Picnic Shelter or otherwise outside with proper distancing.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. at the Picnic Shelter and in the sanctuary with distancing and masks. Audio is broadcast on 105.5 FM. The service is also available live via Zoom. Links to this service are included in the Weekly Update. Services are posted to Vimeo and linked to the church Facebook page.
DVDs available upon request.

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 **20th 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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***REGULAR SUNDAY
ACTIVITIES**

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible
Study at the Scout Hut

9:45 a.m. Men's Sunday
School at the Scout Hut

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship at
the Picnic Shelter and in
the sanctuary with Zoom
livestream/participation.
Audio broadcast on
105.5 FM.
Zoom links in the Weekly
Update.

JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 *Regular Activities Ingathering for CBF Global Missions Offering Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	28	29 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	30 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry C.A.R.E. 5 No Choir Practice 'till January 13	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Offices Closed	2
3 *Regular Activities	4	5 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	6 *Regular Activities 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry	7 C.A.R.E. – C	8	9
10 *Regular Activities	11 6:30 Deacon's Mtg.	12 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	13 *Regular Activities 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry C.A.R.E. – A 7:00 Zoom Choir	14	15	16
17 * Regular Activities	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY Offices Closed	19 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	20 *Regular Activities Current articles due. 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry C.A.R.E. – R No Choir Practice	21		23
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**REGULAR
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11:00 a.m. Wednesday
Morning Prayer Group on
Zoom

6:00-7:00 p.m. Study in
Psalms with Alice
Cullinan on Zoom

6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth in
the sanctuary and Zoom

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Choir meets on Zoom