

The Current

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Keith's Korner

So, after careful reflection, I have decided not to become a monk!

Recently, my Doctor of Ministry class, on spiritual formation, had the opportunity to spend the day with the monks at Belmont Abbey. Those who attend the 11AM Bible study and prayer time on Wednesday mornings have heard me share about this very special opportunity. Our class learned briefly about the history of Belmont Abbey, the monastery there, and we learned even more about what life is like from one of the of nineteen monks who call the monastery home.

We met with Father Elias (Director of Spiritual Formation at Belmont Abbey), who has his Doctorate in meteorology, and who once worked at the National Weather Service office in Raleigh. Father Elias was working his regular job but felt that something was still missing from his life and pursued the pathway to becoming a Catholic monk and priest. He has now lived at the monastery for several years and teaches at Belmont Abbey College. He was very kind to share his life story with us and entertain our questions.

During our time, Father Elias spoke of three requirements to becoming a monk in a monastery of the Benedictine order. These requirements include an eagerness for three things, **the work of God, obedience, and trials**. This brief article you are reading does not allow me to expand on all three, but I do want to say a word regarding an eagerness for the work of God. With this first requirement he shared that prayer is at the heart of the schedule for all who live in this monastic community. Daily life in the monastery is designed to allow time for prayer, both in community and individually.

Prayer is only one aspect of spiritual formation, but it is THE KEY, whether a monk or not, in allowing the work of God and His will to grow in us. The disciples recognized the importance of prayer in Jesus' life and in Luke 11:1, they asked him, "*Lord teach us to pray.*" In a few weeks we will be remembering our Savior's final days and hours. It was in the Garden of Gethsemane when our savior, "*withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, 'Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me; yet not My will, but Yours be done'*" (Luke 22:41).

If we desire to see God's Kingdom grow in us, we also must enter into a rhythm of prayer. IT IS ONLY THROUGH PRAYER that we can sincerely echo the words of our Savior and say, "*not my will, but Yours be done.*"

This daily rhythm of prayer is something that should be characteristic of all who profess faith in Christ. Let us join together as followers of Jesus and make prayer a regular part of our everyday rhythm!

Again, I have decided not to become a monk, but I feel strongly that they have a lot to teach us about the importance of prayer.

With a nation that seems to have lost its moral compass, let us read the following poem and allow its message to bring about change in us.

When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world.

This poem is attributed to a monk in 1100 A.D. but due to the wording about family, town and nation, I have my doubts.

Keith

Sunday Worship Services during MARCH:

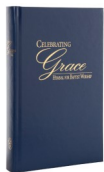
4 – HYMNAL DEDICATION Dr. Paul Richardson, guest
11 – Contracts and Covenants Exodus 20:1-7
18 – Marriage Vows Jeremiah 31: 31-34
25 – PALM SUNDAY Easter Cantata
 presented by the Sanctuary Choir
 "Touched by the Christ" arr. by Lloyd Larson

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15:4-5 New Living Translation

***The Waiting is Over!!
Our Hymnals are Here!!***

**‘Celebrating
Grace’ Hymnal Dedication
Sunday, March 4, 2018**



9:45am in
Sanctuary
**Hymns and
Personal
Devotion**
10:55am
**Morning
Worship**

Paul A. Richardson, DMA,
Professor emeritus of Music in
the School of the Arts at Baptist-
related Samford University in
Birmingham, Alabama will be
leading us during the
Sunday School hour and in
Morning Worship.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25
PALM SUNDAY**

Sanctuary Choir presents
an Easter Cantata

“Touched by the Christ”

arr. by Lloyd Larson

**TIME TO ORDER
EASTER LILIES...**

If you would like to have
an Easter lily placed in
our sanctuary on
Easter morning, April 1,
please contact the church
office. You may purchase
a lily, \$9 each,
in memory of or
in honor of a
special loved one.

**Welcome Home
Vietnam Veterans!
National Vietnam War
Veterans Day March 29**
BUT we will CELEBRATE with
Lunch on March 22
11:00-2:00 Crestview Baptist
All Vietnam Veterans and
Spouses Welcome
more info: 704-484-4803

**A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOU!!!**

**We NEED volunteers!!
We NEED you!!**

**Wednesday Night Pre-K
Pals** are **in NEED** of
volunteers willing to work with
children from 5:45-7:00pm
each Wednesday. *If you can
help, please see Ellen about
times and dates.*

From our Associate Pastor for Music & Adults... Candy Wilson

The Psalmist has challenged us to “sing a new song to the Lord.” Every day, each moment of our lives is a new song waiting to be sung, played, whistled, or hummed. The season of Lent began on Wednesday, February 14th. Lent is a good time to examine our individual “songs,” or lives, and determine how we can best play, sing, whistle, or hum that which God has given us. The Psalmist has also said: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.” When we offer our self, our total being to God in worship, we begin to experience the joy of the abundant life. In our corporate worship services, we can decide to participate more fully, sing the hymns more heartily, pray more fervently, and read the scripture with deep conviction.

It is a joy for me on Sundays when I look around the congregation and see children searching the hymnal for the correct hymn number, adults sharing their hymnals with children, and delight on the faces of everyone while singing those hymns. Eric Routley, 20th century hymnist, composer, and theologian said that a good hymn is one that is “well written, well chosen, and well sung.” A vital element in congregational worship is hymn singing, for it is a time when the people of God unite in voicing their praise to the Creator. As our prayers and hymns ascend to our Maker, do we consider offering anything less than our best?

Sing to the Lord!
Candy

REMINDER: Mark your calendar now for Sunday, March 4 at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. During our 10:55 am worship, we will dedicate our new *Celebrating Grace Hymnals*. Paul A. Richardson, DMA, Professor *emeritus* of Music in the School of the Arts at Baptist-related Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama will be leading our worship that morning. Dr. Richardson taught voice and church music and was the recipient of the university’s John H. Buchanan Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching. We will also welcome guest musicians Jacey Spangler (flute) and Michael Brotherton (trumpet) as well as several BSBC musicians. It will be a very special and joyful day of worship.

Preschool and Children...

Jesus grew. Luke 2:52

“I used to be three:

Look at growing-up me!

Do something you could do as a three-year-old.



You have grown a lot since you were a baby. Who were some of the people who helped you grow? Those people used to be little, too. Everybody started out as a baby.

Even Jesus was a baby, then a one-year-old, then a two-year-old, and He was even as old as you are now!” Little Visits with Jesus

We need to remember that each of us once was a small child. We all grew up! Who helped you grow up into the Christian you are now? Did you not have those special Sunday school teachers and leaders who led you through your growing years, encouraging you to a part of Sunday School, worship and times of fellowship with your friends?

We all need to remember that each of us can be a strong influence for our children. We can help our children know the difference in right and wrong. They look to us as to what we put first in our daily lives. Think how it affects your children when they see you participating in Bible study, taking part in worship, or praying. In their own way they come to understand how much value we place on all aspects of worship.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or just a friend, you are influencing how a child develops. Your attitude and commitment to your faith is understood by the children around you.

Ms. Ellen

A Message from Our Youth Minister...

The annual youth Boston Butt fundraiser is under way! A big thank you to Miles Hamrick and others who are cooking our food. All money raised from this fundraiser goes toward youth trips for the rest of this year. Each Boston Butt is \$40 and comes with the Boston Butt, slaw and barbecue sauce. The last day to place an order is Sunday, March 25. They will be available for pick-up on **Friday, March 30**. If you place an order directly from a youth or are unable to pick up your order, we can deliver the Boston Butts on that Friday. Pick-up will be in the Fellowship Hall of the church from 9 AM-1 PM. We welcome and encourage any students and parents who are able to come help with this process. Each youth has a maximum of 4 Boston Butts they can sell, unless otherwise told towards the end of the fundraiser. You are invited to help our youth and enjoy some great food for Easter Sunday!

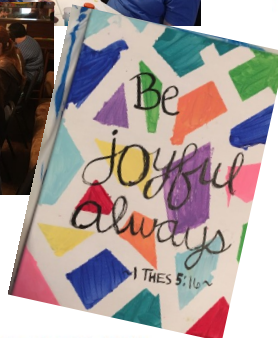
This season in the church calendar is one of the most holy and sacred times of the year. As we prepare for the "Passion Week", ultimately ending in the celebration of Easter, we are first called to reflect on the way we live. The spiritual discipline of fasting is one that can be extremely powerful, if taken seriously. Fasting can be practiced in many different forms; with food, material possessions, bad habits, or even creating and practicing good habits. Our challenge during the Lenten season is for each of us to look introspectively and decide for ourselves what this season will look like. Fasting from anything is certainly not a requirement, but our prayer for every follower of Christ this season is that we would each have an authentic desire and take the appropriate steps to strengthen our relationship with God. Peace and blessings to all during Lent.

Here are some events coming up and some dates to be aware of for our youth:

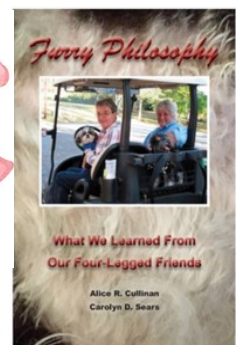
Sunday, March 4 our youth softball team will begin practicing for the 2018 season. Our games will begin towards the end of April and run through the beginning of June. The last two years with softball have been extremely successful; not only because we won a championship, but also because it is a tremendous way to build community within our group. Our practices will be weekly, on Sunday afternoons, beginning at 4 PM and ending roughly around 6 PM. I will provide a schedule for the church and in the next Current for all who would like to come and support our youth during softball season. If any youth who have not played the last two years would be interested in playing, please let us know by April 1 so we can order a t-shirt!

Saturday, March 24 all of our male students and the current 6th graders are invited to a video game, basketball and other sports day at the church. We will have multiple video game options, access to the LEC, and just have fun hanging out that afternoon. The NCAA basketball tournament will be on and we will watch that as well. We will meet at the church at 2 PM and finish up around dinner time, 5 or 6 PM. Students are more than welcome to arrive late or leave early if needed. We had an awesome Scripture Art day at our house with the female students last month and we look forward to an awesome day with the male students this month!

With love,
Mary and Alan Newcomb



Support the Youth Group



BOSTON BUTT FUNDRAISER
Details in
Alan's article

Buy a copy of Dr. Alice Cullinan and Carolyn Sears' Book
Furry Philosophy
What We Learned From Our Four-legged Friends
\$15.00 per book



"HOW THE CHURCH BEGAN"

The Story of How One Religion Became Two

The Boiling Springs Baptist Church's Spring Chatauqua;
a five week Bible Course Taught by

DR. JOSEPH WEBB, Ph.D., D.Min.
Professor and Author,
Gardner-Webb University

March 4: "Before Jesus' Followers Were Christians"
March 11: "The Escape to Pella and Jamnia"
March 18: "The Early Jewish Holocausts"
March 25: "The Battle Over the Hebrew Scriptures"
April 8: "How the Church of Rome Took Root"

5 p.m. March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 8; No class Easter, April 1
Boiling Springs Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Relay for Life is May 18, 2018 at the fairground. We will have a luminary service here at BSBC on May 6...more details later. Remember your loved ones with a luminary, by donating \$10 to American Cancer Society/Relay for Life. Forms for donations will be available. The luminaries will be placed at both of the services. If you are willing to speak as a survivor or caregiver, or if you'd like to be on the BSB Encouragers team, please contact Diane Rabon.

Watch for more information in coming future!



Church News...

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness with fruit gifts, cards, calls and prayers during my illness. We miss the weekly fellowship due to our health problems, but we feel the power of your thoughts and prayers. Relying on intercessory prayers is such a blessing from our Father.

Sara & Larry Anthony

Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, cards, food, and thoughts during Jerry's surgery and the loss of Don. We have received so many kind messages on Facebook also. Thank you, Pastor Keith, Candy and the choir, for your prayers and concern.

Irene, Jerry and Pat Greene

The family of Lou Reese would like to express our gratitude to her church family for the many prayers, cards and expressions of love during her hospitalizations and passing. Your fellowship with Mother strengthened her faith and she loved you all. Please continue to pray for us as we learn to live without her. Thank you again.

Love in Christ, The Family of Lou Reese

I would like to say thanks to my church family for all the cards, calls, visits, and especially the prayers during my recent surgery.

Ted Daves

Thanks so much for all the cards, calls, prayers and food. It means so much to have such a caring church family. So far I am doing fine. I will have my second chemo treatment on February 27. I know God is with me. Please keep praying for me and all the others in our church family who are sick.

Love in Christ, Betty Bridges

Thank you to all my church family for BLESSING me with your phone calls, cards, food, and especially your prayers during the time of my surgery and recovery.

I loved my prayer shawl and will treasure it in years to come!

Love, Cat Jolley

During this month we have the opportunity to give money to support missionaries serving at "home" in the United States and Canada. Through the SBC, you can give to the Annie Armstrong Offering. Annie was an early leader of women and she wrote thousands of letters by hand urging support for missionaries. Those envelopes come in your packets. You may also give to the Global Missions Offering of the CBF. The CBF ministers in at least 20 states with Cecelia Beck and LaCount and Anna Anderson serving in two areas in North Carolina. The envelopes for that offering are in the pew racks.

The goal for this offering is \$4,000 and the Ingathering will be on April 8. Pray fervently for all our missionaries as you learn about their work and give generously to support them.

The Missions Committee

Everyone is invited to attend a

Baby Boy Shower for

Samantha & Kenny Collins on

Sunday, March 4, 2018, from 2:00-3:30pm
in our Fellowship Hall.

They are registered at Babies 'R Us,
Amazon, & Target.

Thank you to Barbara Greene and Joann Lutz for leading the **Pillowcase-Sew-a-Thon** on **February 16**. These ladies graciously volunteered to travel, purchase, collect, mail, and who knows the many more steps involved, in this ministry to help those affected by the devastation of the hurricane in Texas this past fall. **Thank you** to the group of volunteers who came together for an evening of positioning, pinning, ironing, and sewing over 100 pillowcases. There were 209 sent to those in need. **Thank you**, also, to the Men's Sunday School group who cooked and served a soup supper for everyone that helped. **What a ministry!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Patrick Harrison

Joined October, 2017

Mariah Case

Joined February, 2018

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 4.....\$10,306.00
Feb 11.....\$13,674.22
Feb 18.....\$ 9,307.00
Feb 25.....\$12,235.00

**Basic Weekly Budget
Needs : \$11,823.32**

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to

...the families of

Marissa Hamrick

Daughter of Greg & Paula Hamrick

MARCH NURSERY

MARCH 4

Cliff & Gail Hamrick
Ben & Anna McDaniel

MARCH 11

Donny & Catherine Hastings

MARCH 18

Anna Whitaker,
Diane Rabon, June Evans

MARCH 25

Sam & Darlene Hamrick

WELCOME COMMITTEE MARCH

Reginald & Barbara Dawkins

(North side of building)

Tommy & Connie Greene

(South side of building)

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Mar 25-Ed/Sybil Beason

ALL OTHER DATES OPEN

Please contact church office if you would like to place flowers in our sanctuary in 2018.

Happy Birthday

TO OUR MARCH 80's AND OVER

Barbara Dwyer.....03
Larry Anthony.....03
Georgia Cline.....21
Cat Jolley.....23
Kay Bridges.....24
Joe Hamrick.....31

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Attendance in February

Feb 4.....ICE
Feb 11.....176
Feb 18.....172
Feb 25.....187

**WMU HECK-JONES OFFERING
TOTAL GIVEN:
\$2,635.91**

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and/or
reminders through text,
text BSBC to 95577**

Forms are available in
sanctuary vestibule and outside
church office to register to
receive emails and texts from

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Spiritual Growth

Wednesday

11:00 AM Prayer Meeting /
Bible Study
5:00 PM Fellowship Meal
5:15 PM C.A.R.E. Teams
5:30 PM Youth Bible Study
5:30-6:15 Threes & E
5:30 PM Children's Choirs
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting /
Bible Study
6:15 PM Children's Missions
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday

10:30AM Staff Meeting

Remember

***Your March Monthly Food Closet
Donations!! Thank you for helping
feed the hungry!***

***Also, Back-Pack items needed—
BSBC is now filling 12 bags per
week for children in need at
BS Elementary.***

**Continuous Needs: Cereals,
Peanut Butter & Jelly**

THE CURRENT Newsletter Information

All information for this publication needs
to be submitted by the **20th of each
month** so it can be mailed before the 1st of
each month.

THANK YOU to all who help get the
Current Publication ready for mailing
each month. Your service is greatly
appreciated!

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REGULAR SUNDAY
(SPECIAL Activities
listed on Calendar)

8:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Prayer in Prayer Rm
9:15 Coffee & Fellowship
9:30 Men's Bible Study
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Morning Worship
4:00 Youth Softball
Practice
5:00 Spiritual Growth

**REGULAR
WEDNESDAY
ACTIVITIES**
(SPECIAL Activities
listed on Calendar)

11:00 Prayer Meeting
in Kerygma
5:00 Fellowship Meal
5:15 CARE Ministry
5:30 Children's Choirs
5:30-6:15 Threes & E
5:30-7:00 Youth Bible
Study
6:00 Women's Bible Study
6:00-7:00 Prayer Meeting
in Lighthouse
6:15 Children's Missions
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

**REGULAR THURSDAY
ACTIVITIES**
10:30 Staff Meeting

**Fellowship Meal
Leaders:**
3/7 JCannon, LJones,
MGuffey, GWasserman
3/14 MJLutz,
J&AHamrick, BGreene
3/21 R&EHumphries,
BGreene, T&CGreene,
MLutz
3/28 BWalton,
AGreene, DRabon,
BBridges

<div> <div>PLEASE SEE REGULAR SUN & WED</div> <div>MARCH 2018</div> <div>HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS</div> <div>Annie Armstrong and CBF Global Missions</div> </div>						
ACTIVITIES Listed in Sidebar to LEFT						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*SUNDAYS 5:00PM Fell.Hall Spiritual Growth: "How the Church Began" with Dr. Joe Webb				1 6:45am Youth Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Staff Meeting 6-8:00 LEC Rsvd	2 12:00-1:30 Growing Young In Kerygma	3 9:30 Instrumental Rehearsal 10:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal FH Rsvd all day Softball field Rsvd
4 HYMNAL Dedication Regular Activities 9:45 SS / "Hymns and Personal Devotion" in Sanctuary, Dr. Richardson 10:55 Morning Worship Dr. Paul Richardson 12:00 Luncheon for Guatemala 2-3:30 Baby Shower-FH 4:00 Youth Softball *5:00 Spiritual Growth	5 5:15 Handbells 7:00 Cub Scouts-FH	6 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 Regular Activities 11:00 Daytime Prayer Mtg 5:45 Parenting Class 6:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	8 6:45am Youth Prayer Breakfast 9:00-1:00 Sr.Adult Music Day at Fl.Hill 10:30 Staff Meeting 5:15 C Team-CARE 6:00 Transportation Committee 6-8:00 LEC Rsvd	9 12:00-1:30 Growing Young In Kerygma	10 Softball field Rsvd
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25 PALM SUNDAY Regular Activities 10:55 Easter Music Sanctuary Choir Presents "Touched by the Christ" *5:00 Spiritual Growth LAST Day to Order Boston Butts-see Youth	26 5:15 Handbells 5:30-7:45 Homework Help at Aldersgate 7:00 Cub Scouts	27 12:30 Adult Luncheon Vickie Wyatt, program 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 Regular Activities 11:00 Daytime Prayer Mtg. 5:15 E Team - CARE 6:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Prayer Meeting 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:45 Youth Prayer Breakfast 10:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service 6-8:00 LEC Rsvd	30 9:00-1:00 Youth Fundraiser Boston Butt Pick-up or Delivery	