

# The Current



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## FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR MUSIC & ADULTS

December has typically been a very busy time in the community, in our homes, and at our church. Though this year will be somewhat different, we intend to celebrate the meaning of the season in a hopeful and compassionate way. We still have so many opportunities to minister within the community and to share the love of Christ with those in our church, our community, and beyond. See below a listing of the variety of opportunities available. There are opportunities galore to share and celebrate Christ's love!

### ~MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES~

**The Food Pantry** has continued and will continue to operate during the pandemic. We have received numerous generous donations that have helped us to provide food for those in our area who are in need throughout this entire year and with extras at Thanksgiving.

**The December Missions Offering** for missions around the world is another opportunity for us to spread the gospel. You have the opportunity to give through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Global Missions offering and/or the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Lottie Moon offering. The Ingathering for the offering will be celebrated on December 27, but you are welcome to give to these missions opportunities at any time.

**Our Christmas Cards for Faithful Saints** emphasis is a way we can connect with those who may be homebound or not able to be as active as they once were. The list of recipients can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. This year you may place your cards in a bag (be sure to label it) and leave them in the Prayer Room. The church staff will see to it that the cards are delivered. Please bring your cards no later than Wednesday, December 16.

**The Salvation Army Bell-Ringing at Ingles** is something in which we have traditionally participated. This year's date is Saturday, December 19, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the last time-slot at 7:00 p.m. We need one person per hour to ring the bell. Masks and sanitizing will be used as safety precautions. Won't you consider signing up for one hour of bell-ringing? Please call the church office today at (704) 434-6244 or text Heidi at (704) 473-7201 to sign-up for your hour.

### ~MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES~

**Christmas Caroling** has been another tradition of our congregation. This year we plan to carry out that tradition in a different way. We encourage you (and your family) to call one of the names on our Caroling for Faithful Saints list (located in the church office) to sing a carol and share Christmas greetings. Please call or text Heidi at (704) 473-7201 or call the church office at (704) 434-6244 to be given a name to call. We plan to assign names in an effort not to overlook someone. We encourage you to call your assigned person sometime during the month of December prior to Christmas Eve. If you are too nervous or embarrassed to sing, a friendly greeting will be just fine. ☺

**Christmas Cantata Sunday** will be December 20, when we will premiere the virtual video of "Night of the Father's Love" by Pepper Choplin. Pepper will even be a part of the choir at one point in the video. The choir and Roger Lowe have worked diligently on preparing this for your Christmas music worship experience. My prayer is that it will be as much of a blessing for you as it was for us to prepare it. Make your plans to be a part of our worship on December 20, either at drive-in, Zoom, or in the sanctuary.

**Pat Greene singing "Sweet, Little Jesus Boy"** is another tradition of our Christmas season at BSBC. A video of Pat accompanied by Roger Lowe has been prepared for you and will premiere on Vimeo on December 24.

**Christmas Eve** will be an outdoor celebration, weather permitting. Each person will be given a packet containing the Lord's Supper elements and a personal candle (you will need to provide your own lighter or match). You will be able to remain in your vehicle or you may bring a lawn chair. We will hear the reading of scripture, share in the Lord's Supper, and hear some music. Make your plans now to be a part of this special time of celebration.

In God's Service with You,

- Candy

## FROM THE DEACONS

This is to inform you of the results of our business voting that took place Sunday, November 22. Both the 2021 budget and purchase of the AEDs (defibrillators) passed.

The names of the ten people you nominated for the interim pastor search committee will be released pending confirmation they will serve if elected, and we will vote for five of those to serve as the committee Sunday, December 6. Please remember to drop off your ballots after the worship service and before 12:30 p.m. You must be present to vote, and you may not bring ballots for others. Thank you for participating in the business of the church.

## FROM OUR MINISTER FOR YOUTH

Looking back on the past month, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who have helped to support the youth program at Boiling Springs Baptist Church through their giving, words of encouragement, and participation in our Annual Youth Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Because of you, we raised over \$5,000 for the youth program here at BSBC! This money will go specifically toward summer activities for the youth in the upcoming year. The youth group also echoes my thanks for your support. I would also like to extend my appreciation for the support that our church has shown Holly and I for our recent marriage. We are truly humbled at the many kind words and gifts we have received as well as the wonderful wedding shower we were thrown. We have been blessed beyond measure and we look forward to serving alongside you!

Looking forward to the months to come, I am eager to see how the Spirit of the Lord will continue to move in and through the youth group at BSBC. Due to the time change and cooler weather, we recently started having our Wednesday evening Bible studies around the fire pit on the nature trail behind the church. As we continue to reimagine what our meetings might look like while striving to love our neighbor through maintaining safe practices, I would love to schedule some “backyard Bible studies” in the coming months. So, if you have a space where we can be socially distanced, a way to keep warm, and a desire to volunteer, please contact me about this opportunity! Apart from our face-to-face Wednesday evening Bible studies, we also have the opportunity to interact with each other virtually through Zoom on Sunday mornings for Sunday School. If you are interested in becoming involved with this opportunity, please contact me as well!

Finally, be on the lookout for any updates concerning Christmas activities for the youth this month! You can follow the youth group on Facebook @bsbcyouthgroup and on Instagram @boilingspringsbaptistyouth. You can also contact Matt Waller @ (704) 466-2321 or [matt@boilingspringsbaptist.org](mailto:matt@boilingspringsbaptist.org) with questions, ideas, and concerns. Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

In truth and love,

- Matt

## PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

**She will have a son, and you will call Him Jesus.**

- Matthew 1:20-23

“Can you smell Christmas coming? What is the smell of Christmas at your house? Take a good sniff!

What were the smells of the first Christmas? Pretend you are in the stable with Mary and Joseph. Can you smell the animals, the hay, the warmth?

The smells of our Christmas celebration are different from the smells of the first Christmas. But there’s something that is still the same: Christmas is still Jesus’ birthday. Christmas will always be Jesus’ Birthday.”

- Little Visits with Jesus

Christmas is coming, and our children this year will be celebrating the season at home with their families as time together still needs to be done remotely. Our children’s bags for December will have five Sundays of activities, the first related to the Advent season and the last Christmas. These can be done by the family together with a short story and scripture. Each Sunday there is a craft that relates to that Sunday. I hope they will enjoy doing these Advent activities. The Christmas bags also contain crafts for both the familiar story of the birth of Jesus and also some fun things that we might have been doing here at church. Please know I miss my children and all their families, but hope you enjoy doing these activities together as much as I did assembling the bags. I especially hope that each family can enjoy a Merry Christmas honoring Jesus.

I hope as we enter this season when we enjoy being together that we can lift each other up in our prayers for safety during the coming months. I would like to thank each family for being supportive of our weekly and monthly bags of Sunday School and fun activities. These bags do not replace our time together, but they do keep us in touch with each other and our growing faith. I hope each of you have a wonderful Christmas! Stay safe!

- Miss Ellen



**Worship in the Sanctuary and at the Picnic Shelter  
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.  
Sanctuary availability may change due to COVID conditions.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Dear Church Family,

Our blood tests show we're free of the virus now. We thank everyone for the support during this hard month. Thank you for all your cards, calls and food. We appreciate our church family so much. We don't know how people function that don't have a church family.

- Charles & Daphne

Dear Boiling Springs Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the calls, text messages and cards after the passing of my dad. We appreciate it so much!

- Traci & Tom Harris , Kayce Jo , and Jackson

Boiling Springs Baptist,

Please know your kind expressions and generosity were very much appreciated on my last Sunday and throughout these last few weeks. Although I am no longer serving as your pastor, my (our) friendship remains. May the "Lord bless you and keep you; may his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Praying for you as seek God's will and navigate this interim period.

Blessings and Merry Christmas!

- Keith, Renee and Aiden McKinney

**THANK YOU TO**

**Justin Falls** and his cooking crew for donating Thanksgiving meals.

**Ingles of Boiling Springs** for donating to our Food Pantry during the month of December.

**Heartfelt Christian Sympathy**

to the family and friends of:

**Larry McEntire**

**Tammy Greene**

niece of Richard S. Greene  
(cousin to Terry McCurry)

**Zoey Mills**

granddaughter of Tom and  
Traci Harris

**Beth Biggerstaff**

**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:



Boiling Springs Baptist Church

BSBC Parish Nurse Committee

Boiling Springs Baptist Youth

Boiling Springs Baptist Church  
Daycare

Boiling Springs Baptist Church  
Forum

**For the Record**

**Basic Weekly Budget Needs: \$12,190.47**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

for November 2020

November 1	\$12,002.00.
November 8	\$11,750.00
November 15	\$5,556.00
November 22	\$17,823.70

Online  
Giving

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



Annie Mae Bridges ..... 11  
Margaret White..... 22  
Ruth Partain..... 29

## FAITHFUL SAINTS 2020

Larry & Sara Anthony  
603 Plato Lee Rd  
Shelby, NC 28150

Rose Blackburn  
237 Edgewood St  
Shelby, NC 28152

Pat Bowen  
Cleveland Pines Nursing Center  
1404 N Lafayette St  
Shelby, NC 28150

Charles & Daphne Bridges  
2323 College Farm Rd  
Shelby, NC 28152

Marjorie Bridges  
White Oak Manor  
Rm 222  
401 N Morgan St  
Shelby, NC 28150

Elizabeth Cline (Malcolm's wife)  
200 Oak Ave  
Shelby, NC 28152

Georgia Cline  
200 Oak Ave  
Shelby, NC 28152

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Asheville, NC 28806

Irene Greene  
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Shelby, NC 28152

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Shelby, NC 28152

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Shelby, NC 28152

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Boiling Springs, NC 28017

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Carillon Assisted Living  
1550 Charles Rd  
Shelby, NC 28152

Charlotte Tilley  
219 Wall Ave  
Shelby, NC 28152

Becky Wallace  
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1550 Charles Rd  
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GH Walton  
106 W College Manor Dr  
Shelby, NC 28152

### DECEMBER MISSIONS EMPHASIS

As we prepare our hearts to give to international missions, we consider two scriptures:

**Revelation 7:9-10** – “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

**Matthew 16:24** – “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

At Boiling Springs Baptist Church, we have two ways to support international missions:

**Offering for Global Missions** – Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). When you give to Global Missions, you help plant new churches and share the hope of Christ with people who have never heard the Gospel. You offer food, teach children how to succeed in school, and help refugees adapt and thrive in their new homes. From Bali, Canada, Malaysia, and dozens of places in between, you will find God working and changing lives through CBF ministries. The CBF Offering for Global Missions provides funding for the powerful ministries of more than 135 CBF field personnel.

**Lottie Moon (Southern Baptist Convention)** – The International Mission Board (IMB) is the global mission's organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. Think your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering won't make a difference? Every penny given to Lottie Moon helps support more than 5,000 Southern Baptist missionaries serving worldwide. The offering is named after Lottie Moon, an amazing woman who served as a missionary in China and worked tirelessly to encourage Christians back home to support missions around the world. Your generosity sends and sustains missionaries, takes the gospel to the unreached, trains nationals to multiply disciples, and meets tangible needs.

### INGATHERING IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27.

**YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS THIS SEASON ARE BRINGING THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL TO A WORLD IN NEED.**

**BOILING SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH GOAL \$9,000**



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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. in the sanctuary with distancing and masks, at the Picnic Shelter, and via Zoom. Links to services are included in the Weekly Update. Audio is broadcast on 105.5 FM, and prayer requests may be texted to (704) 418-8718. Services are posted to Vimeo and linked to the church Facebook page. DVDs available upon request.

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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# DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Food Pantry closed 11:00 Staff Meeting	2 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry	3 C.A.R.E. - C	4	5
6 <b>*Regular Activities Second Sunday of Advent</b>	7 .	8 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	9 <b>*Regular Activities</b> 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry C.A.R.E. – A	10	11	12
13 <b>*Regular Activities Third Sunday of Advent</b>	14 6:30 Deacon's Mtg.	15 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	16 <b>*Regular Activities</b> 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry C.A.R.E. – R	17	18	19 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Salvation Army bell ringing at Ingles
20 <b>*Regular Activities Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	21 Current articles due.	22 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	23 <b>*Regular Activities</b> 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry C.A.R.E. - E No Choir Practice	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Offices Closed 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Offices Closed	26
27 <b>*Regular Activities</b> <b>Ingathering for CBF Global Missions Offering Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</b>	28	29 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	30 <b>*Regular Activities</b> 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry C.A.R.E. - 5 No Choir Practice	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		

## \*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.

## REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

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 at Picnic Shelter (on Zoom in case of rain)

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