

# The Current



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## FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR MUSIC & ADULTS

We, in the Boiling Springs community, are now about 11 months into the pandemic and it seems the future is looking better. However, the fact that several within our community have received the first dose of the coronavirus vaccination does not mean we should relax our vigilance just yet. We still need to be cautious. We should not hold in-person gatherings. We need to continue wearing face coverings, keeping our physical distance, and washing our hands frequently as well as keeping our hands away from our faces.

On behalf of the congregation, I want to extend our appreciation to the Parish Nurse Committee. During this entire time, they have stayed in close contact and advised us regularly about best practices for doing church. Though quite a few within our congregation have contracted the virus and sadly several have died, we have sought to avoid BSBC settings in which the virus is likely to be transmitted. That is the reason we have encouraged and will continue to encourage your worship participation via Zoom, outdoors, or at drive-in worship. Each week the staff is working tirelessly in order to keep multiple options for worship available.

As a staff, we are committed to having a portion of each Sunday's worship service take place at the picnic shelter in order for those who choose to do drive-in worship to be able to see the worship leader(s). Though our current set-up is not ideal (or the way we would choose) were there not a deadly virus in the mix, it is a way to involve as many people as possible. We owe a debt of gratitude to Roger Lowe, Matthew Waller, Jay Washburn, and Yang Jiang for making this possible. We will need to continue worshipping in this way for some time to come. I am also convinced we will need to continue the Zoom option indefinitely. Roger Lowe and I have been working together to try to prepare BSBC for a continued presence in the virtual space post-pandemic.

Back to the virus. As I am sure you have heard, there is now a more easily transmissible strain of this airborne virus in the United States. Your church staff has worked diligently to set up and maintain a staff bubble while continuing to facilitate and lead in the ministry of the church and in our areas of responsibility. We have done this in an effort not only to protect ourselves but to protect those we love and with whom we come in contact on a regular basis.

Though a vaccination is on the horizon, it will likely be a significant amount of time before all staff members have received both doses of the vaccination. As head of staff, I feel a tremendous responsibility for the staff and their safety. Upon recent consultation with the Parish Nurse committee, we have been advised not only to continue as we have been but also to make the boundaries of our staff bubble less permeable. Therefore, we have marked off the areas of the building that are a part of the staff bubble and we ask you to honor our efforts and our ministries by not entering those spaces.

Please note that the sanctuary and the Ruth Willing Workers Sunday School classroom\*\* are the only "open" areas in the building. I know everyone wants to do everything possible to safeguard Heidi (in the church office) and the other staff members in the building. On the rare occasion when you need to enter the building, I know you will remember to wear a face covering and will keep physical distance.

In the meantime, please know members of the BSBC staff are hard at work planning and setting up for worship and other ongoing ministries and activities. Your welfare and well-being are paramount in our minds and plans. We continue to keep you all in our prayers and thoughts. We are continually seeking to find ways to keep ourselves and others safe so that when we ARE able to gather safely, everyone will be able to join in that celebration!

In God's service with you,

-Candy

\*\*There is a supply of disinfectant and an atomizer available in the Ruth Willing Workers classroom. Each group using that space is requested to disinfect following their meeting.

## FROM OUR MINISTER FOR YOUTH

I am excited to announce a couple of new developments in the youth program this month! I recently asked the youth to provide me with a list of topics they would like to study and/or questions they would like to explore during our meetings on Wednesday evenings. I am encouraged by the responses I got back from them, not only because of the depth of their responses, but also because many of their responses resemble one another. Most of the requests that I received from the youth relate to the practice of spiritual discipline: developing habits and experiences that strengthen one's self and awareness of the Spirit of God inwardly and outwardly. This shows me that the youth have a genuine desire not only to grow in their walk with the Lord, but also their ability to understand and express it individually and corporately. Therefore, we have started a series on spiritual discipline. This series will use the book *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard J. Foster as a guide to first, understand the meaning and benefit of spiritual discipline, and second, learn new disciplines and practice them frequently and effectively. Foster focuses on twelve disciplines in his book: meditation, prayer, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, service, confession, worship, guidance, and celebration. Over the course of many weeks, we will study what the Bible has to offer on these disciplines as well as our own experience and hopefully, learn to better utilize them in our lives. It should be very fruitful.

Furthermore, I have created a "Google Classroom" for the youth group, which will serve as a platform that the youth and I can use to communicate with each other throughout the week between meetings. Every week, I will be posting information and tools corresponding with what we have or will be studying on Wednesdays. This will allow the youth the opportunity to interact with the material when and if they are able as well as ask questions and respond to challenges. Also, for those who are unable to attend youth group on Wednesdays, it will allow them to stay involved and up to date with what we are learning. If you would like to be a part of this, all I need is your email address and I can admit you into the class. You can simply contact me @ (704) 466-2321 or [matt@boilingspringsbaptist.org](mailto:matt@boilingspringsbaptist.org). And as always, for more updates on the program, you can follow us on Facebook @bsbyouthgroup and on Instagram @boilingspringsbaptistoyouth. I am so excited to see what the Lord will continue to do in and through our youth!

In truth and love,

- Matt

## FROM OUR MINISTER FOR PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

This poem from *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: Neighborly Words of Wisdom from Mister Rogers*, was shared with me by a special friend last February.

### Love is People

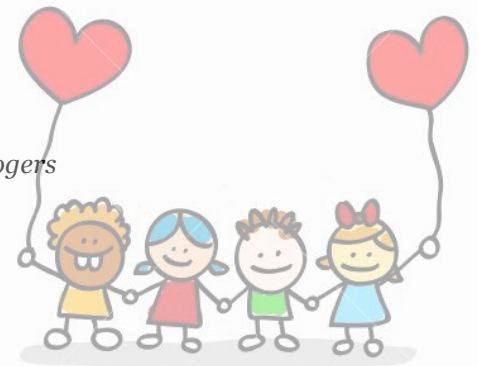
- Fred Rogers

Love is people  
Love is people needing people  
Love is people caring for people  
That is love

Love's a little child sharing with another  
Love's a brave man daring to liberate his brother

Love is people  
Love is people needing people  
Love is people caring for people  
That is love

And though some have costly treasure  
It never seems to measure up  
To people needing people  
Caring for people  
For that's love  
Love is people  
People love



I challenge you this February to share your love with People. Smile! Send a card! Make a phone call! Share a minute with someone and share your love!

Happy "Love" Valentine's

- Miss Ellen

**Worship at BSBC  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**

In the sanctuary and at the Picnic Shelter  
with livestream/participation via Zoom.  
There will be distanced seating with masks available if you do not have one.  
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:

**Reginald Dawkins**

**Joe Hamrick**

**Merlin Hines**

*father of Kenny Hines and father  
-in-law of Sherri Hines*

**Charles Ramsey**  
*uncle of Sherri Hines*

**Donna English**  
*cousin of Brandy Truelove*

**Marjorie Bridges**

**CHURCH NEWS**

Dear Friends,

I just wanted to thank every individual who donated so generously to my family during this very difficult time. My family was shown so much love and support by the community, and we are so very grateful. We also appreciate every call or messages that we received. We also definitely felt every prayer that we were covered in. I ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. Physically Payton is doing good, however emotionally we have a long road ahead of us, and would very much appreciate the continued prayers. With God all things are possible!

Much love and appreciation, *-Denise, Payton, Tucker, Braxton and Adalyn*

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**BSBC EMAIL AND TEXT  
COMMUNICATION**

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

**New baby in our congregation!**

**Huxley Beam Falls**



Born January 26, 2021 to Courtney & Justin Falls, big brothers Brayden and Paxton, and Grandparents Terry & Betsy Beason.

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17**

The season of Lent, when we ponder the sacrifice of Christ for us, and our response to His infinite love and care, begins with Ash Wednesday. Watch the Weekly Update for a schedule of Zoom and video services as we prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday, April 4.

**February Missions Offering**

Heck-Jones Offering - *Relentless Growth* (1 Corinthians 3:5-9)



The Heck-Jones offering is named for Fannie E. S. Heck and Sallie Bailey Jones, two beloved leaders and founders of WMU of NC. They spent their lives serving God through the missions and ministries of WMU. Today the missions and ministries of WMU NC are supported entirely by your gifts to the Heck-Jones offering. You may give throughout the month of February with an Ingathering scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>. Our church goal is \$3,000.

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 January 2021*

December 27	\$22,540.00.
January 3	\$4,272.00
January 10	\$7,377.00
January 17	\$4,157.86
January 24	\$8,151.00

**December Missions giving totals:**

CBF Global Missions	\$3,743.00
SBC Lottie Moon Christmas	\$4,794.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,537.00</b>



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click here to give!](#)



Betty Holland..... 6  
Irene Murray.....19

## Five Reasons to Wear a Mask Even After You're Vaccinated

### **No vaccine is 100% effective.**

Studies have shown that the current mRNA vaccines provide up to 95% protection against Covid-19. This is no different than all vaccines. Wearing a mask can limit your exposure to the virus, which should greatly lower your chances of becoming ill, even if you've been vaccinated.

### **Vaccines don't provide immediate protection.**

No vaccine is effective right away. It takes about two weeks for the immune system to make the antibodies that block the virus. Covid-19 vaccines will take a little longer to become effective than some other vaccines, such as the flu shot, because two doses (shots) are required. In other words, full protection won't arrive until 5-6 weeks after the first Covid-19 vaccine.

### **Covid-19 vaccines may not prevent you from spreading the virus.**

Researchers say it is unclear whether or not people who receive the Covid-19 vaccine have the ability to spread the virus to others, even if they don't become sick themselves. If you've been vaccinated, and are then exposed to the virus, it may be possible for enough of the virus to be present in your mouth or nose for you to unknowingly spread it to those around you, even if you don't have symptoms.

### **Masks protect people with compromised immune systems.**

People with cancer, diabetes, or liver or kidney disease (among other diseases) are at particular risk for Covid-19, and are more likely to die from the virus. Many people are not able to be vaccinated due to illness or allergies. Wearing a mask protects those that are vulnerable to the virus.

### **Masks protect against any strain of the coronavirus.**

Global health leaders are concerned about new genetic variants of the coronavirus which appear to be 50% more contagious than the original. So far, studies suggest that vaccines still work against these new strains. Practicing the following measures can help reduce the risk of contracting all strains of the coronavirus, as well as other respiratory diseases:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when you're around people from outside your household
- Stay 6 feet from people who aren't from your household
- Limit the time you spend in indoor spaces, especially poorly ventilated spaces
- Avoid crowds and close contact with people from outside your household
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer

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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 in person with proper precautions.

#### 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.

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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WMU Heck-Jones offering

# FEBRUARY 2021

## \*REGULAR SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study in the Ruth Willing Workers SS Room.

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

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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 in sanctuary and on Zoom

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry 11:00 Staff Meeting	3 <b>*Regular Activities</b> 9:00-11:00 Community Food Pantry	4 C.A.R.E. - C	5	6
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28 <b>*Regular Activities Ingathering for the WMU Heck-Jones offering</b>						