

# The Current



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## KEITH'S KORNER



As the Hebrew people left their familiar life in Egypt for the unfamiliar life of the Promised Land, they had no idea of the events that would play out along the way. Leaving the known and entering the unknown has never been easy for any generation or group in all recorded history. It's tough!

On Friday, March 13, I was part of a difficult meeting with staff and our Parish Nurse Committee in which we decided to cancel the following Sunday's services and activities due to what we were learning about the coronavirus. I'm not sure about the others, but I imagine I wasn't the only one feeling as though we were about to enter an unfamiliar and uncertain time. After all, there is no

protocol for a situation like this. Navigating a church through a pandemic was not something I learned in Divinity School.

As I think about the journey of the Hebrew people and our present-day journey through the coronavirus, I'm asking God, why can't He just provide bread from heaven once again? No grocery store trip would be needed if we could just walk outside each morning and collect what we needed for the day 😊. And for direction, the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night would sure be nice!

As we continue this unknown wilderness journey the coronavirus has us on, we are asked to do the same thing that was asked of the people of God thousands of years ago: trust Him. Sounds so easy, doesn't it?

In Joshua 1:6-9, Moses has passed, and the Lord is now instructing Joshua. He repeats (three times!) a message that we all need to hear today—"be strong and courageous." In verse 9, He says, "be strong and courageous, do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Not only is God with us, His word tells us that He does not "become weary or tired" (Isaiah 40:28) and "He will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:8). The promises of God are the same for every generation and for all time. Amid the unknown and the uncertainty we find ourselves living in, I am choosing to put my trust in the One who loves me and walks beside me.

In closing, it grieves my heart to think of not being together on Easter Sunday, April 12. I am exploring possible options for something different and creative for this day. Please know we have posted a combination of new messages and music from recent services on our BSBC YouTube channel and Facebook page. If you would like a DVD of these services, please let the church office know and we will drop one off at your house.

I am grateful for the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! His message of love, hope, and forgiveness is truly GOOD NEWS for all!

## ADOPT ONE CHALLENGE

Each family can adopt one individual or family that needs encouragement and possibly some assistance during this time of waiting. This could be an older adult, a family with young children, a healthcare worker on the front lines of testing or care... how can we serve and come alongside others during this difficult time?

## FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR MUSIC & ADULTS

### What to say... what to say...

These words kept going through my mind as I struggled to come up with something to share, something to encourage, something to give us hope. I'm sure there are all kinds of articles, sermons, devotions, blogs, YouTube videos, etc. out there that have been tailored for this strange predicament in which we find ourselves. I have had discussions with friends and family regarding how this situation is affecting them and how they are dealing with the anxiety, stress, and unpredictability of life right now. Some of the wisest of them have remarked that we are not canceling church activities and services because we are afraid but because staying at home is the best way we can love our neighbors. Some may be thinking "do we really have to do this?" The coronavirus is serious, and we should treat it that way. If we limit our contact for a while, we can limit the spread of the virus and we can save lives! What better way to glorify God!?

A good pastor friend of mine mentioned a quote from Rev. Esau McCaulley, PhD, of Wheaton College, who said "what the world needs now is not our physical presence but our absence." How odd would that statement have seemed to us just a few weeks ago? But now those words are so very true. Some of the precautions we need to take and having to stay away from others is not as easy as it may have seemed just a few days ago. It requires sacrifice, for which the season of Lent is a preparation. This is love. This is the good news. This is the gospel: Loving our neighbors as much as we love ourselves.

In God's service with you,

- Candy

## PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

### Good Things

Children, I hope you can say about yourself the following things. I can do many things for other people. I can help. I can listen. I can be a friend. Hopefully, you can love to do good things, but most of all you must love God more than anything else.

"Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!'" John 20:28

Hello children. Because of the coronavirus, we have taken a little time away from each other, and I miss you very much. I know things are different for you these days and you might even miss school. As I thought about our being apart and having to stay home, I came up with an idea of how you can be with your friends, and with me, in your imagination.

Hopefully by now, you have picked up your "Be Together Bag" for this week. In it you found things to keep you busy. In it were a Bible lesson and a bag for you to keep. Next Sunday, our lesson will be on what's in the bag. Also, there is a bag with something for you to do for someone else. I hope your mom or dad have helped you do this project. I will have a new bag ready for you next Monday so you will have something different to do, and something to do for someone else.

When you need to hear a story, and your mom or dad are around, go to our church's Facebook page and connect with "Storytime with Miss Ellen". I am reading some of my favorite stories to my church friends. Come and listen. This is my way of connecting with you. I miss you very much.

Remember, as you are home, you need to help your mom and dad. Listen to them, and be a friend to those around you. Remember to say your prayers. Thank God for the day and for the gift of family. We are all having to walk these days together, so remember each other.

Please stay safe and healthy. I hope we will be together soon!

- Miss Ellen



## FROM THE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

The COVID-19 crisis has made life even more difficult for those in our community who have financial challenges. During this time, it is especially important that we do all we can to support each other and our community at large. If you are able, please support our Food Pantry Ministry through donations of food items or monetary contributions. Restrictions on bulk purchases have complicated our ability to easily get large quantities of some items that we need. Current needs include stew beef, dumplings, spam, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, and jelly. Please make sure that no donated items are in glass containers. Donations may be dropped off outside the church office.

If you are aware of needs in our community, or are in need of assistance yourself, please contact the church office.

*Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:34-36*

## CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

God bless you for being such a caring church family. The cards, phone calls, well wishes and especially the prayers have shown us God's love and yours also.

I arrived on Friday 13, to a home that has closed its doors to visitors and restricted visitation due to the "virus," so I have not been able to visit with Reginald. But I am able to send notes and verbal messages. His care givers all assure me he is doing well and is not falling. Praise!!

The staff and residents are wonderful but will never replace such loving people as you. We miss you but take comfort in knowing that we are where God would have us be at this time.

God bless one and all,

—Barbara Dawkins

As we are preparing to print *The Current*, we know of one confirmed case of coronavirus in Boiling Springs, 636 in NC, and 456 in SC. These numbers will seem like ancient history very quickly as the virus continues to spread. BSBC has joined the fight to keep the spread under control. No doubt, you are aware that all activities and services at the church building are suspended. Sunday School classes are meeting online using Zoom and YouTube, Sunday morning worship services are being posted to YouTube, and many are using the old-fashioned phone call to stay in touch.

Church office hours are now M-F 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and subject to change. Please limit your visits to only when necessary. The inside lobby metal doors will stay locked, and a tray will be placed on the table for offerings and other items. Press the button on the speaker box on the wall by the window to talk to Heidi. Food Pantry visitors are now being served outside. In order to keep the church office open and the ministry of the church operating, we need everyone to keep their distance for the time being. The ministers and staff of BSBC are adapting as quickly as possible to this ever-changing situation, and ask for your prayers and your patience during this challenging time. Remember—anyone can spread this virus without even knowing they are infected. Let's all work together to stay healthy and protect each other.

In the meantime, BSBC continues to serve the Boiling Springs community through keeping the Daycare operating for as long as possible (caring for the children of first responders), keeping the Food Pantry stocked (we have always served many families, and more need help now), and staying connected as a church body to uplift and support each other (whether it's through encouragement or crisis assistance). Church committees are encouraged to stay in touch and be aware of ways they can help. As always, your tithes and offerings help to keep the ministries of the church going. Giving online is easy, just look for the Online Giving button on the church website, or in the Weekly Update.

Online  
Giving

## For the Record

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance for March 2020

March 1	186
March 8	189
March 15	00
March 22	00
March 29	00

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

for March 2020

March 1	\$13,522.00
March 8	\$21,702.50
March 15	20,068.99
March 22	\$5,130.00
March 29	\$.00

*The Current* was printed on March 27. The total for the March 29th will appear in the next issue.

## Heartfelt Christian Sympathy

to the family and friends of:

### Lawrence Toney

Brother of Irene Murray

### Kenneth Gaddis

Brother of Roger Gaddis

### Jean Greene

Mother of Ashley Beason  
(wife of Matthew)

### Martha Martin

Niece of Irene Murray

### Barbara Albright

Mother of Darlene Hamrick

### Ashley Guice

Sister of Becky Huntley

## BSBC EMAIL AND TEXT COMMUNICATION

If a shelter-in-place order is issued, the church offices will remain closed. Phone and email messages will be checked during the day. 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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BSBC Parish Nurse Committee

Boiling Springs Baptist Youth

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### CHURCH SCHEDULE

#### OFFICE HOURS

M-F 8:30 a.m. to 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.  
We will continue the Food Pantry  
as long as possible.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contact your teacher to find  
online availability. YouTube  
videos are linked to the church  
Facebook page as they are made  
available.

#### MORNING WORSHIP

Services with a combination of  
new messages, children's  
sermons, music, and video  
segments from recent worship  
services are being posted to  
YouTube. These are linked to the  
church Facebook page every  
Sunday morning.  
DVDs available upon request.

#### WEDNESDAYS

No fellowship meals or meetings  
at this time.

#### OTHER WEEKDAY MEETINGS

No group meetings at this time.  
Please check with group leaders

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  
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greatly appreciated.

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