

The Current



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KEITH'S KORNER

Transition Team Update

Please be in prayer for the following individuals as we make decisions and establish some best practices for BSBC moving forward: Diane Rabon, Jason Hamrick (Vice Chair of Deacons), Kenny Collins (Chair of Security), Doug Bryan (Chair of Personnel), Sherri Hines (Chair of Parish Nurse), Joel Dobbins, Carolyn Gordon and church staff.

- This team is now meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. on Zoom.
- Everyone attending drive-in worship needs to remain in their vehicles. Bathrooms are available at the picnic shelter for emergencies. A table near the prayer garden is available for drive-by offering. Anyone assisting with the drive-in or needing to use the bathroom must wear a mask.
- At least through July, BSBC will continue with our two worship options: drive-in worship at 9 a.m. and Zoom worship at 11 a.m.
- Criteria are being established to determine when next steps can be taken for in-person gatherings.

At our meeting on June 23, we concluded that only when we have a solid 14-day decline in the number of new cases and hospitalizations will we be able to move forward with next steps.

Change is Hard!

In a time where we have more questions than answers I know two things to be true, God hasn't changed, but the world we live in certainly has. I continue to hear, and I continue to say, "everything is changing, but no one knows exactly how." For some change is easy to acknowledge and for others it is a painful and agonizing process to acknowledge, not to mention implement (or live through). We've all experienced change at different levels related to COVID. Some families have been greatly influenced by these changes whereas others have not been affected much at all.

For some all the change has simply been too much and has come on too fast! If we're honest we will acknowledge a sense of loss and grief with what we are experiencing. We've lost the casual hugs and handshakes, visits with loved ones in hospital or care facility and the way we go to school, to the doctor and the way we worship has changed for the immediate future. For some this grief expresses itself in anger, and for others simply sadness. Many may feel they could join David in writing their own Psalm of lament.

A couple weeks back, I preached on Paul's advice to the Philippians in their time of transition during the first century and I would like to share them again in the Current. These words can also help guide us today in our changing world. Pastor and author Brian Harbour offers these three insights into Paul's words found in Philippians 4:6-9.

Bring God into the situation through prayer – *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God"* Phil 4:6

Even though at times we feel inadequate to confront change, prayer reminds us that God is not inadequate. Anxiety says, "I am not able to deal with all the change." Prayer and Thanksgiving says, "Praise God, He is able to deal with this change, because all things are possible with God."

This promise in God's word has proven true in my own life in years past and over the last few months. Are you bringing God into your situation and praying about, acknowledging your anxieties to Him?

Bring your mind into the situation through analysis – 4:8 *"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*

Today's passage reminds us that we are to think and analyze the changes around us and determine what path to take for ourselves and others. We need to bring our minds into the situation. When it comes down to our words and actions let us think about what's best for others amid the change, not just what's best for me.

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Bring your life into the situation through action – NRSV says “Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you” 4:9

After we have sought the mind of God amid our change, analyzed the situation, we need to move forward into action. To put our faith and the things we have learned from Jesus and the heroes of our faith into practice!

Pray. Analyze. Act.

C.S. Lewis has said, “*You can’t go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.*” Isn’t this the good news of the gospel? May we be faithful to our God amid the change and may we have the courage to make the needed changes that will bless others and honor our God.

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR MUSIC & ADULTS

I have been participating with a group of church musicians meeting via Zoom during the last several months. We have been trying to encourage and mentor one another in the processes of what we are doing and how we are doing it. In between the times of these sharing sessions, behind the scenes I have been on a steep learning curve, as I have been learning new technologies and ways to communicate and lead in the ministry of the choir. Speaking of the choir, I want to once again applaud the choir members for their willingness to tackle something new to them as well as finding ways to get the work done. Several of them have indicated to me that even though it is not the same as in-person choir rehearsals, it has been a different kind of challenge and also fun in a different way. The choir members, along with their determination and positive “get ‘er done” attitudes, have been an encouragement to me and truly continue to be an encouragement especially now on the days when I find myself slipping into a funk of being disheartened. I am not disheartened merely because of the long hours and stresses of trying to negotiate this entire situation, both personally and professionally, but also because of the loss I have felt. I would venture to guess that they do not even realize how very much they have ministered to me during these days.

I recently met (via Zoom) with the group of fellow church musicians I mentioned earlier and for which I am so grateful. We had a very meaningful and frank discussion about grief and loss. So many of them have said things similar to what one of them expressed: “I have lost a part of my being because I miss working with the choir in the traditional setting and feel as if I have lost a part of myself.” Most of us within that group (and probably many of you, also) would concur that we have felt that way from time to time during the COVID-19 situation.

As I have been mulling this over since that discussion, I have realized that though I feel like I am in a wilderness at times, I have also had the opportunity to grow in my faith and in my prayer life; to deepen some of my relationships, though from a distance. I am thankful that I have been able to learn so many new things that I otherwise would not have been interested in or attempted. I have also learned more about myself and the priorities in my life and my relationship with God. My relationship with Dick (my husband) has become deeper and more meaningful.

I have definitely been challenged; but, I believe what we have heard so often that “what doesn’t kill you, makes you stronger” (about which Kelly Clarkson so eloquently sings). That is what has happened to me during this time. God has been with me every step of the way and has encouraged me to be bold in my witness and to strive to continually declare what has been placed deep within my heart and in my very being: God is love and is calling us to love any and every kind of person in any and every way we can. That is what I am seeking to do daily. May God see us through this challenging time and may we show a little kindness and grace as we negotiate moving forward.

In God’s Service with You,

Candy

CHURCH NEWS

Dear friends,

I would like to thank you for your many prayers, cards, texts, and phone calls during my recovery from back surgery! I especially am thankful to Keith and Candy for their constant checking up on me!

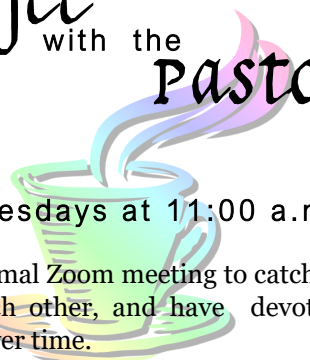
I am presently taking physical therapy outside the home and slowly but surely getting my strength back. Due to the pain I was having, I was in the bed for seven weeks before my surgery which took away my strength. I look forward to the time when I no longer have to depend on a walker.

Please pray for me (and Wanda) as I continue to recover!

In Christian Love,

Paul McManus

coffee with the Pastor



Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

An informal Zoom meeting to catch up with each other, and have devotion and prayer time.

Zoom links are emailed with the Weekly Update. Everyone is welcome!



Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
in the parking lot!
Tune to
105.5FM



Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Links are sent in the
Weekly Update and again
on Saturday.

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN

A generous person will be blessed because he shares his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

God is happy when we share what we have with our friends. But many other people need food, clothes, and toys. You won't be able to help them all, but can you share your things with some of the people in your neighborhood. When you share with others, God will bless you and give you what you need. Devotions for Preschoolers

As we enter into the summer I want to take the opportunity to share and say thanks to you, our giving church, for the many acts of kindness that you have demonstrated to our neighbors on any given day but especially during this time of pandemic. Many of you don't see or hear from "behind the scene" but let me take a moment and share with you about one of our biggest ways of "giving back", our food pantry. On any given Tuesday or Wednesday, as well as many other days not set aside, we have community friends who come seeking food, prayer, and encouragement from someone they have come to understand is here to be their friend. It has come to mean some security for those hungry but, more importantly, a friend they can trust. The regulars come and know that we are their security to provide food and a listening ear. For the new-comers it may be an embarrassment for being in need. We want them to know that we care about them and that we are praying for them. Further, during this pandemic we have helped with not only food but cleaning products, paper products, and masks.

While we have been doing the food pantry we have learned many of the people who come and they have learned us. We try to provide a smile while always distancing ourselves. Our aim is to listen and show love. It may be the grandfather raising grandchildren that asked for prayer for patience and understanding, the brothers that walk and just smile, and the new ones from the community who have lost their jobs that say, "this is new to us but we have always heard that if there was a need Boiling Springs Baptist would help if they could." There are many giving people in our church who have throughout this pandemic shared beyond what they normally would do. Our pantry has not gone empty for food or donations. We are blessed! Thank you!

When you share with others, God will bless you and help you to realize you have much to appreciate.

Look around you at this church, our families, or our community. Look at what we have and what we share and realize God is blessing us every day! We should not be prideful but realize the good comes from God. Thank you, God!

Please look for the Online Giving button on the church website to take you to a secure site where you may give to the general budget, Food Pantry, youth and children's programs, missions, and more. Text **BSBC** to **73256** for a link to the same site to donate by phone. You may call the church office on Monday mornings to give with a credit card. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving during this difficult time.

For the Record

Basic Weekly Budget Needs: \$12,190.47

FINANCIAL INFORMATION for June 2020

May 31	\$9,122.00
June 7	\$10,756.00
June 14	\$7,807.00
June 21	\$8,760.00
June 28	11,046.00

Online
Giving

When viewing online,
click here to give!

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy

to the family and friends of:

Jessi Whicker

daughter of Evelyn White

Lorene Colbert

sister of Larry Sale

Audrey Robertson

former member

Mike Greene

friend of Candy Wilson

BSBC EMAIL AND TEXT COMMUNICATION

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

To receive important
information by text,
text BSBC to 95577

Be sure to like our BSBC
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CHURCH SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 - 11:00 a.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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We now offer a Drive-In Worship
Service at 9:00 a.m. in the church
parking lot. Tune your radio to
105.5 FM. An online interactive
Zoom Worship Service is held at
11:00 a.m. Links to this service
are included in the Weekly
Update and in a separate email
sent on Saturdays. These are
being posted to YouTube and
linked to the church Facebook
page.
DVDs available upon request.

OTHER MEETINGS

No in-person meetings at this
time.

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 **20th 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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