

## **Boonville Baptist Church**

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Love God, Serve Others, Show Grace, Share Generously

## THE REMINDER

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## Message from the Pastor's Desk

As North Carolinians, we are beginning phase one of Governor Cooper's stages to reopen North Carolina and restart our economy. The announcement did offer North Carolina's churches a little wiggle room as to reopening. Ten remains the number for building occupancy. However, we could go outside without limit as long as social distancing is observed.

We are planning to remain with outside worship for the next few weeks. We will continue to broadcast on Facebook Live. Please know that when our Governor increases the number to 50 or so, we will need at least two weeks to plan accordingly. I want to encourage all of us to remain patient as we progress through the summer. We have been doing well. Your faithfulness to God's work at BBC is evident in many ways. Thank you for your generosity during this period of time. *God has indeed blessed the ministry of our church through your generosity!* 

Everything is going well with parking for outside worship. Please remember that most of us are leaving at the same time. Be careful. The restrooms are open through the South Entrance (the glass door to the choir room.) As you are aware, there are rest rooms downstairs and upstairs. Please observe distancing when going to these restrooms. Here are some more suggestions...

Please stay in your car. Mingling is not allowed.

Please park as directed by our deacons.

I want to thank our deacons for their enthusiastic work in greeting and parking. Also, thank you to Steve, Dorothy, James, and others for their great work.

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#### **Support Staff**

Dana Blankley—Director of Children & Youth—dana.blankley@bbc27011.org Kelsi Jester—Music Director—kelsi.jester@bbc27011.org Tonya Allison—Organist—tonya.allison@bbc27011.org Beth Angell—Pianist—beth.angell@bbc27011.org Dorothy Hutchens—Church Financial & Administrative Assistant—bbc.secretary@bbc27011.org In closing, let me encourage you to be ready for a new normal in your life. It will be many months before everything gets back to normal if they ever do. Remember, a large percentage of our congregation – including your truly - is under threat by this virus. We want to keep it out of our church and our lives.

Hello everyone! We had a church staff meeting last week and one of the topics of discussion was VBS. As a staff, we have decided that due to stay-at-home orders, slow and staggered reopening, and most importantly the safety of those who would attend, we are postponing VBS. Our tentative plans are to do a VBS during the fall, perhaps during YCS fall break! Thank you for being patient and willing to help. Please, if you have not signed up, consider helping. I still have spots open. Please continue to pray for our VBS, our children, our youth, our staff, and our entire church as we emerge from this pandemic stronger and more willing to spread the Gospel! **Dana Blankley** 

#### Dear Church Family,

I miss worshipping with you all on Sundays and seeing all of you each week during Choir Practice too. Things have just felt very "off" to not have you in my life right now. Not making music faceto-face with others has been very weird to me as that's what my career is based upon! I have been seeing you all on the Facebook Live, read your comments, and listened to the sermons, music, and Sunday School lessons like each of you. I've really enjoyed that and appreciated everyone who has shared. Thank you to all of the musicians who have willingly shared during services at this time.

I know that when things settle down in awhile we will all appreciate so much more the ability to be near each other, make music together for the Lord, and worship together. This is a quote that has been circulating the internet that resonated with me. I wanted to share with you...

God bless, and stay healthy at this time .

### "When this is over,

may we never again take for granted; A handshake with a stranger, Full shelves at the store, Conversations with neighbors, A crowded theater, Friday night out, The taste of communion, A routine checkup, The school rush each morning, Coffee with a friend, The stadium roaring, Each deep breath! A boring Tuesday. Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be and may we stay that way better for each other because of the worst."

lessonslearnedinlife.com

Kelsi Jester

As Treasurer, first of all, I would like to commend the congregation for the way you have supported the church during this pandemic. Just to show what we can do from a financial perspective, during the first 11 weeks of the year our weekly average budget receipts was \$4,477.45. During the 7 weeks we have not been able to meet collectively inside the church, our weekly average budget receipts has been \$5,234.91This has allowed us to continue to pay our entire staff during this time. If we keep this momentum going even after restrictions are lifted we should be able to make additional contributions to such organizations as the Baptist State Convention, CBF and Yadkin Baptist Association (and maybe others) above what we included in our 2020 budget. .Below are just a few reminders of how you can continue to make your financial contributions.

- 1. You can mail your offerings to P O Box 429, Boonville, NC 27011.
- 2. You can bring them by the church during regular office hours. There are containers on the table in the Foyer that you may drop your offering in or you can hand it to the secretary.
- 3. You can drop the envelope in the mail box just outside the entrance to the Office Foyer.
- 4. And, last, you can sign up for online giving or use your bank's bill pay option.



Thanks to everyone that ordered Krispy Kreme! We made about \$75 with this fundraiser, almost enough to cover our first order of quilt labels. Some members are still sewing at home and we'll soon be ready to distribute some of our finished quilts. Since we can not yet meet to pray over these, we may consider having a drive by one Sunday morning as we exit the parking lot. We will continue to honor the stay at home guidance but hope to meet again (safely) as a group soon. If you are not a prospective quilter but want to help us with materials, we would love donations. If you have a person in mind for a quilt, please send that request to Pastor John for consideration.

Prayerfully, Leanne and members of the Boonville Baptist Quilters.

May 10	Deacon:	Grady Shore				
May 17	Deacon:	James Brooks				
April 26	No SS–	-virus	Offering	\$5,931.00	Building Fund	\$1,595.00
May 3	No SS-	-virus	Offering	\$4,537.71	Building Fund	\$1,765.00



The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday (the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910). In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace.

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#### **Dates to Remember**

- May 7 Port-a-pit meal to benefit Yadkin Christian Ministries Cancelled
- May 11 Annual WMU Associational Meeting at Maplewood Baptist Church Postponed & location changed
- June 6 VBS Kick-off & Pre-registration Postponed
- June 7-10 Vacation Bible School Postponed
- June 15-20 Fort Caswell Trip June date cancelled, possible new date to be announced

# L.O.C.K D.O.W.N is a is a time to: L - isten to God's Voice and reflect. Let go and let God. O - bey His Word and His Teachings. C - all on Jesus name and be calm. K - now what is the purpose of all of this. D - well in His presence. Do not panic.

- O ffer a prayer for everyone's safety.
- W ait and be patient. This too, shall pass
- N urture our personal relationship with Him.

If you know of a member or someone who attends Boonville Baptist that is scheduled to graduate from college, high school or middle school this year, please provide their name and school to the church office. We are aware of four, but there could be others. Once we are able to meet in the sanctuary again, we will be recognizing their accomplishment.