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2018 is upon us.... WOW...

As they say, time flies. It's so easy to wake up one day and be completely bedazzled at all that has happened in the past years - kids - grandkids... Oh my goodness, where did the time go?

And even more so... where am I with the LORD? For this reason we say, "Let's Return to the Lord." Let us consider where we are in our walk with Jesus and spur each other on toward love and good deeds, that the world would come to know God's Grace.

NEW MEMBERS LUNCHEON

Here at BCC we want to welcome all who have become members of this church family in the last year, with a special luncheon in your honor. Please, if you are a new member and have joined this church in 2017 – then plan to stay with your family after worship on January 28th and have a special luncheon with us. We're So Glad You Are Here!!

Merge.... perhaps one of the most unique & final merges is the transitioning of a new year. Most merges take several steps and time but not this one. At exactly 12:00:01am - on the click of the second hand - the transition is complete, never to go backward. And there you are... standing around with a bunch of friends, a glass of non-alcoholic grape juice in your hand, screaming and shouting...Happy New Year!! SOOOOOOOO.... what exactly are you celebrating? The end of the past 12 months (that may have been awesome or maybe not so), or are you welcoming the beginning a fresh new year that has never - ever - ever come before? All we know is that we can't go back and probably don't want to. All we can do is move forward into the hopes of what the Lord has for us in the moments to come. So I ask you - What will you do with your promising and hopeful 2018? Will you continue doing what you have been doing? Maybe change a few things? Make a few resolutions? I hope you will be determined to squeeze the most out of the coming days, months, and year!! For the sake of God's church and kingdom - let's do more - reach more - love more & worship the King like never before!

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KIDS Ministry

Children's Ministry News

January 21st 4:00 pm - Anybody and everybody who works with the kids or new volunteers, 5th grade and below, mark your calendars for **Kid's Ministry Meeting and Training!!** It's a MUST if you plan on working with the kids here at BCC. *COME PREPARED FOR A SNOW BALL FIGHT!!*

Coming Soon - we are experiencing great things here at BCC. Classrooms will be changing and our littlest people will be moving up soon, in order to get ready for new babies in the nursery!

January Kids Worship Schedule

January 7 - Hope and Patty

January 14 - Jacob and Tyler

January 21 - Trish and Jewell

January 28 - Trish and Tiffany

If you would like to join the teams for Kids Worship, please see Trish.

Family Fun Night coming February 2nd. Join us for the AMAZING "FAMILY" RACE!! More details to come!!

5TH GRADERS... we need you!!

Parents... If you have a child in the 5th grade (or will be in 5th grade this coming summer), we are looking to launch a brand new class during our Sunday morning Small Group Studies. We would love to have your child join us.

Please talk to Dan, Trish, or John about your 4th or 5th grader. We want to offer this class to better prepare them for the middle school transition. Thanks!

BCC READING TEAM



Reading to little people in our local school...
Join the Team...

Wednesday-Night (W-N) Connection

Our Wednesday night studies, youth group, children's ministry, and worship practices have been so good. God is growing and moving in this church and W-N gatherings are part of the reason. Nothing can replace the fellowship of reading the word and praying together with God's people. The meals are just one big added blessing on top of all the other goodness!!

THIS MONTH, we combine an amazing worship gathering called **thePlace** – the Saturday night worship gathering – together with our Wednesday night Bible Study focus to create an amazing mid-week time of **WORSHIP & THE WORD!!** A great time for us to grow and bring our friends to. It all kicks off Wednesday night January 24.

Something to look forward to... we have fellowship meals every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, but later this year, in March, we will include meals every week. Change is a-comin'!



MISSION TRIP TO HAITI - IN THE MAKING.....

This is the year that BCC takes it, not just beyond the Walls of BCC, but beyond the borders of our country, all the way to the mission field of Haiti. I am so excited to be working with our friends in Haiti (Pastor Many) and our BCC Mission Team to begin making plans to go to Haiti later this year. We are looking at Sept. for our trip and that means we begin the process now. *OH, IT'S GOING TO BE AMAZING!!*

If you have any desire to go on a mission trip or believe the Lord is urging you to consider it, this may be your time. See John Nappo ASAP and get your name on the list. We can take up to 8 people with us this year. The cost is very manageable for each person (our mission ministry will be helping us) and we will be asking family and friends to join in and help support our efforts to 'Go Into All the World.' We will begin meeting monthly in preparation of the trip. 2018 is going to be exciting at BCC!



“As we remain faithful during the fiery trial of our faith, we are spiritually refined and strengthened.”

—Elder Neil L. Andersen



Refined Student Ministries is looking forward to a bright and futuristic year that is going to be filled with so much more than just the fun that we like to bring to the table. We will now have our main youth services on Sunday nights from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in order to insure that our students have an ample amount of time to connect with other students and also find ways to connect within the church and even the world as they move on from their high school graduation to college dorms. Our goal as a student ministry is to help students gain a solid foundation of who they are in Christ before they face the struggles of college and adulthood. Giving middle school and high school students a time to connect to other students in the form of small groups is a great way to show them that they are not doing this thing called “life” all by themselves. God created us to be social human beings. Now it is time to center that socialization on Jesus to understand just how social we were created. With moving to a Sunday night service for our youth, we will also serve a small meal for them because of the hours that we will have scheduled.

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy...
– 1 Peter 1:6-8

Introducing our Coffee House/Snowball Saturday. There will be one Saturday of every month that the youth will meet at a coffee shop of some sort for a social interaction and to have a time to just be normal friends instead of just being acquaintances at a church. Within the spring and summer seasons they will convert from the Coffee House to Snowball Saturdays. This is a supplement this year to get more outreach for youth specific ages. When people see our groups in local coffee shops and ice cream parlors, we will be representing not just our very own church, but the body of Christ.

In other news, our annual youth conference is coming up. Our team is looking forward to what this conference will help us do and understand about who Jesus Christ is. This year’s Carolina Christian Youth Conference is themed “Beyond” and we are looking forward to enabling our middle and high school students to experience the Lord beyond what they have experienced in the past. The cost of the conference for students is going to be \$70. This does not include money for food while we are there. The \$70 is for the hotel cost and price of admission for the conference itself.

As the new year is being ushered in, the youth is going to experience some changes and we hope to make the youth a fun and exciting group that makes people feel welcomed and accepted just as Christ accepted all who He came in contact with. Our goal is to reach the masses, teach them about who God is, and ultimately prepare them to serve in a way that reflects Christ in their own lives. By the time students leave the ministry, they should be equipped to stand firm in their faith, build their faith even more, and lead other people to Christ by showing them the way to live our lives out for God. Our team is looking forward to welcoming all of you.

January Calendar



If you have announcements or prayer concerns to be added to the J-Link, please submit them by email to bulletin@burlingtonchristianchurch.org, or in writing to Shera Barger at church.

February J-Link will be published 2/4/18
Deadline for February newsletter information is **January 31**

March J-Link will be published 3/4/18
Deadline for March newsletter information is **February 28**

Jan. 7 (Sun) – Small Groups, 9:30am
– Morning Worship, 10:30am

Jan. 9 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study, 11am
– Karate, 6pm

Jan. 10 (Wed) – Fellowship Meal, 6:30pm
– WN-Connection, 7pm

Jan. 14 (Sun) – Small Groups, 9:30am
– Morning Worship, 10:30am
– Elders Meeting, 3pm
– Leadership Meeting, 4:30pm

Jan. 16 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study, 11am
– Karate, 6pm

Jan. 17 (Wed) – WN-Connection, 7pm

Jan. 20 (Sat) – Youth Coffee House, Starbucks Huffman Mill Rd, 10:30am

Jan. 21 (Sun) – Small Groups, 9:30am
– Morning Worship, 10:30am
– Kids Ministry Meeting & Training, 4pm

Jan. 23 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study, 11am
– Karate, 6pm

Jan. 24 (Wed) – Fellowship Meal, 6:30pm
– WN-Connection, 7pm

Jan. 28 (Sun) – Small Groups, 9:30am
– Morning Worship, 10:30am
– New Members Luncheon, following morning worship
– Youth Worship, 4pm

Jan. 30 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study, 11am
– Karate, 6pm

Jan. 31 (Wed) – WN-Connection, 7pm

Feb. 1 (Thur) – Seniors Lunch, meet at Olive Garden, 11:30am

Feb. 2 (Fri) – Elders Meeting
– Family Fun Night, 6:30pm

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