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It's a scary thing to return from something that you have been running from for a long time. Sometimes people come back to their family after a season of rebelling and living wildly, like the prodigal son. And there is a lot of emotion that goes into a return like that.

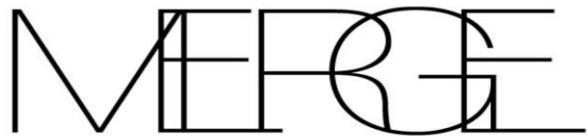
In our sermons we have been digging into those things over the last few weeks - but what's it like when you do return? When you have that 'ah-ha' moment and you 'come to your senses' and return? Well the Bible describes it in one word - CELEBRATE!! don't you just love that word? Not wrath - Not shame - Not judgement..... but "kill the fatted calf - let's feast, this child of mine was lost and is found. WOW those are good and comforting words - yes?

We will be digging into the 'return' & what we find waiting for us when we do come back. So hold on - Invite your friends (perhaps some have been wandering) - It's about to get exciting in here!!

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON - FEBRUARY 25TH

Our Leaders will be coming together at the end of this month for a Leadership Luncheon. This Lunch is for all those who serve at BCC as an Elder, Deacon, Ministry Leader, Staff, or Teacher on a regular basis. Come and Enjoy! Bring your immediate family and be encouraged as we see God doing great things here at BCC.

The Luncheon will follow morning worship on Sunday, Feb. 25.



**AT THE CROSS OF CHRIST
WE MERGE WITH GOD**

Merge....

John wrote in Revelation 7:9, "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands."

How cool is that? This is a picture of many things; it's a picture of what heaven will be like in the end of time. It's a picture of what God sees in the end of all of mankind. But for us - 'then & now' - it's a picture of God's will. The merging of all peoples from every tongue, every language, every nation, every tribe coming together to worship and honor the one who made the heavens and the earth and all that is therein.

We should begin working toward God's will now.... don't you think?

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KIDS Ministry

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

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...

We are so excited to team up with our local Elementary School to help little people. Each week a handful of our BCC people go into the school and read with young people to help them be better readers... Isn't that so cool? Want to join the Team? It's easy and the blessings are endless... (just see Hope Konzelman)

MEN'S 8-BALL TEAM TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 9, 6:30pm at Steve Dailey's house:
404 Portsmouth Ct, Burlington

Open to all levels of players
and their guests

Dinner will be provided.

See Steve if you plan to attend so he can plan for food.



Wednesday-Night (W-N) Connection

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It is a happening time on Wednesday night here at BCC. Meals continue every 2nd & 4th Wednesday night at 6:30, and beginning in March we will have meals every week. At 7pm we have a very powerful time of Worship & Bible Study. We are digging into the Holy Spirit – Who He is and what He is at work doing. Come and join in as we grow together!



FEB. 14TH IS VALENTINE'S DAY... ahhhhhh... a time when **LOVE** is in the air.... that is so sweet. This

year Valentine's Day falls on one of our Wednesday nights when a meal is scheduled. So let's make it a **BCC-Meal-of-Love**. We will have a special **LOVE** feast waiting for you and your family!!!



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

This is the year that BCC takes it beyond the Walls 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 September for our trip and that means we begin the process now.

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 adults 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.' 2018 is going to be exciting!

Pray about it and let John know before the end of the this month if you are interested. ☺



Our Sunday night services have kicked off for our youth and it is in full force. Our Sunday night youth services contain the mixture of worship, sermons, games, and food for whoever joins us. Our discussions are based on biblical text and the theology we individually understand about who our Savior is. This is for other people to help us better understand who God really is and not just what we think is true about who He is. Scripture says that iron sharpens iron, as one man sharpens another; that is exactly how we are approaching it because Jesus approached it in the same way.

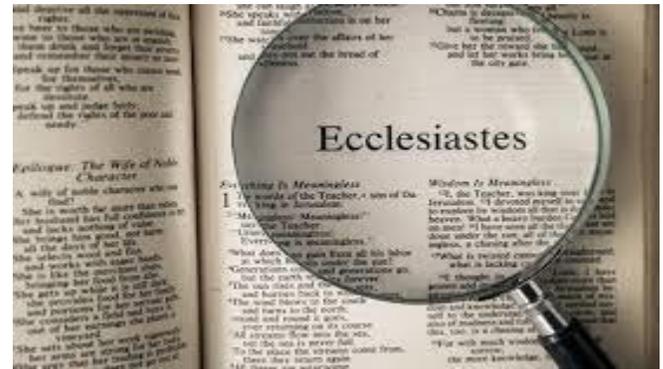
Things coming up:

- Our Super Bowl Party is on Sunday, February 4th at 5:30pm. For more info ask the youth guy!
- CCYC: Carolina Christian Youth Conference is going to be on February 16th-17th for any teenagers looking for a weekend of fun. The cost is \$50 per person and will not include cost of food for the weekend.
- Coffee House for the month of February is on the 10th at 6:30pm.

Coffee House/Snowball Saturday

One Saturday of every month 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.

Coffee House for the month of February is on the 10th at 6:30pm at Starbuck's Huffman Mill Rd.



By David Florence

As Solomon grew into old age he wrote the book of Ecclesiastes. The life experience of Solomon was vast and he expresses what he learned in life through this book. One of the most famous passages of the book is Ecclesiastes 3, where Solomon teaches that everything has a season. A time to be born, a time to die, a time to love, and a time of peace. So much is discussed in the chapter. A time to mourn, a time to heal, a time for war. Some of you will remember that this passage was also used by the Byrds during the 1960's in their famous song "Turn! Turn! Turn!".

As we look through Scripture, God has provided a record of the life experiences of those that chose to follow Him and how they dealt with the difficulties of life. Trusting God does not always mean that times will be easy. Jesus even says in John 16:33 that in this world we will face hard times, but adds the promise that He has already overcome this world.

My favorite part of the book of Ecclesiastes is the summation found in the last two verses of the last chapter. It seems to be a summation of all of the wisdom that Solomon held in his heart. All that he had learned in his entire life came down to this simple statement.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 says,

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all.
For God will bring every work into judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil."

Man's all, man's whole duty, is to fear God, and keep His commandments.

Love God and Love People.

February Calendar

Feb. 4 (Sun) – Small Groups, 9:30am
– Morning Worship, 10:30am
– Youth Super Bowl Party, 5:30pm

Feb. 6 (Tues) – Waypoint Conference Begins
– Ladies Bible Study, 11am
– Karate, 6pm

Feb. 7 (Wed) – WN-Connection, 7pm

Feb. 9 (Fri) – Men's Pool Tourney @ Dailey's, 6:30pm

Feb. 10 (Sat) – Youth Coffee House

Feb. 11 (Sun) – Small Groups, 9:30am
– Morning Worship, 10:30am
– Elders Meeting, 3pm
– Youth Worship, 4pm
– Leadership Meeting, 4:30pm

Feb. 13 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study, 11am
– Karate, 6pm

Feb. 14 (Wed) – Fellowship Meal, 6:30pm
– WN-Connection, 7pm

Feb. 16 (Fri) – Carolina Christian Youth Conference (CCYC) – return
Sunday, Jan. 18

Feb. 18 (Sun) – Small Groups, 9:30am
– Morning Worship, 10:30am
– Youth Worship, 4pm

Feb. 20 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study, 11am
– Karate, 6pm

Feb. 21 (Wed) – WN-Connection, 7pm

Feb. 25 (Sun) – Small Groups, 9:30am
– Morning Worship, 10:30am
– Leadership Luncheon, following morning worship
– Youth Worship, 4pm

Feb. 27 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study, 11am
– Karate, 6pm

Feb. 28 (Wed) – Fellowship Meal, 6:30pm
– WN-Connection, 7pm

Mar. 1 (Thur) – Seniors @ Graham Cinema, 11:30am



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.

Leaders Take Note!!

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

April J-Link will be published 4/1/18
Deadline for April newsletter information is **March 28**

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