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**DEVELOPING A THANKFUL HEART**

How amazing it is to be able to work with the Lord on our spiritual growth and attitude of our heart. Let's face it, the heart is a fickle thing. At times it can lead us to do the most compassionate and loving thing in the world and then the next minute it betrays us and leads us into temptation. As someone once said, "the heart wants what the heart wants." The hope in all this is that the Lord Jesus will have control of our heart as we surrender to His will and He then is able to go to work on our innermost thoughts and attitudes. Developing this Thankful Heart takes an act of our will and the discipline of our mind combined with the work of the Holy Spirit helping us and applying truth and power to our living. The beauty then is a life of peace and appreciation to God for all that He means to us. Live your life full of Thanks!!

**BCC CHRISTMAS PARTY 12-9-18**

This year our Christmas party & Night in Bethlehem have been combined for one great night of fun & fellowship. Please plan to join us at this amazing event as we go back in time to Bethlehem and experience life at the time of our Savior's birth. It's going to be a lot of fun.



**CHRISTMAS EVE EVE WORSHIP  
Sunday, 12-23-18**

We will join together for a night of Praise & Worship to our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Come join us with your family as we celebrate our Lord.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

2019 is right around the corner and we are excited to see what the Lord will do. As with any church families, there are always transitions to work through and challenges to overcome. We anticipate these challenges and embrace every opportunity to grow through them.

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Wednesday Night Connection will resume on Wednesday, January 9th.

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# KIDS Ministry

## Sunday Morning Schedule:

December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hope and Rich
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gift-making Day with Trish, Jean, and Sara
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Kids' Christmas Party! (Trish)
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Happy Birthday Jesus (Trish)
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Family Sunday

Come bring your friends every Sunday at 10:30am for Kids Worship!

## A Night in Bethlehem — December 9th @ 6pm

A fun night in Bethlehem for the whole family! Don't forget to bring a holiday goody!



## BCC YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group is made up of our Jr & Sr High Students here at BCC. We are sad to say goodbye to Jacob & Kaitlyn Baskaron as our present youth leaders. It has been great having them work with our teens over the last year.

Parents, please know that we have a few great adults that are ready to step in and keep things rolling with our teens. We will not miss a beat with our Youth Ministry and hope that we can continue doing great things as we grow as a group and reach out to our community with the Love of Jesus. Keep watching for what's happening!!

The Youth Group meets every Sunday Morning for Small Groups @ 9:30 in the Youth Room. We will resume on Wednesday Nights & every 4th Sunday night in January.

## December Missions News

### Allied Churches of Alamance County (ACAC)

We have the opportunity to give to our Lord this month as we help the homeless in Alamance County.

Matthew 25:40 – *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*

BCC is collecting the following items in the red tote in the lobby through Sunday 12/23:

- Toothbrushes
- Travel Size Toothpaste
- Travel Size Deodorants
- Hand Towels
- Household Cleaners (Pine Sol, spray cleaners, etc.)

Please take a Christmas ornament from the tree in the lobby for something you plan to donate. This is something all income levels and ages can participate in and teach our young people about helping in our community. Give as you have been blessed.

### Allied Churches Meal Ministry

We are looking to put a team of people together that would like to go to Allied Churches once a week to help serve a meal to people in need. If you would like to be a part of the team on a regular basis please let Steve, John, or Barney know. We hope to get busy serving before the end of the year. People are hungry!!

### Missionary Air Group (MAG)

Keith and Jenny Woockman have been worshipping



with us while Keith is training as a pilot-mechanic with Missionary Air Group. They help get missionaries, medical care and other assistance into remote

areas to meet physical and spiritual needs. We are excited to be a part of this vision as we begin support them. Keith has offered to show our folks around their facility by the airport.

### Helping His Hands

We are in the process of looking for space where we might help store supplies to respond to disasters such as hurricanes. We are also gathering a list of volunteers who might be willing to serve. They have found tasks for all ages and skill levels from age 3-90 if you are willing to be used in some way.



## Worship Notes

Oh what a Savior! Isn't He wonderful!  
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

The word Hallelujah is such an amazing word. We sing it, we shout it, we proclaim it, but do we know what it means? I mean do we really know what this word means? It is actually a two part word with "hallelu" meaning to praise and "Jah" or "Yah" as the very name of God. Hallelujah means praise God, or literally "praise the Lord."

Some have tried to misuse this word for their own devices and have denied the power that comes in praising God. The Bible tells us that praise is how we enter into the inner courts of God, literally into His Presence. How differently would the praise that you bring to God look if you praised Him with your whole heart? If you approached worship with not just the idea, but the true, heart knowledge that you were about to enter into the Presence of God? Would you approach worship in a different way? What if you entered into His Presence each day through the door of praise and thanksgiving? How differently would our "worship services" be if the Presence of God, the Breath of God's Holy Spirit, came alive in our hearts as we came together to worship Jesus?

Something I learned a long time ago is this: we all actively worship something in our lives. For some it is your job, or your music. For some it is your hobbies, or vacations, or a house, a boat, or a car. For some it is money. For some it is your family. We all worship something, but there is only One who is worthy of all our worship, and anything else we give all of our love to is an idol. An Almighty God, who is sovereign over all should not and will not share His Worship with anything or anyone else. That is why Jesus says in John 4 that the Father is seeking those who will wholeheartedly worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Truly look into your heart and ask the question, what am I worshipping?



### Ladies Christmas party!!

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Potluck dinner, and bring a holiday goody too! We will have an ornament exchange, so bring a wrapped ornament!!

### J-Link is changing in 2019!

#### We need your ideas!

Beginning in January, we will publish the J-Link on a quarterly basis. We will continue to have news and information about church happenings, but the quarterly format will allow us to add a focus on groups and individuals in the church and community, projects and service needs, and other items of interest.

If you have ideas about items to include in the newsletter, please share! And please let us know if you would be interested in helping with the J-Link by writing an article, providing pictures, gathering information, etc.

We want to make our newsletter the best that it can be to serve our members and provide information to the community, so please email suggestions to: [bulletin@burlingtochristianchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@burlingtochristianchurch.org), or you can give them to Shera Barger, Amy Lutterloh, or John Nappo (in writing please).

### Martial Arts Ministry – Free Karate for Everybody!!

It's time to gear up for the new year! We are excited to show the community what we are doing here at BCC, and the karate class is one of the avenues we have to do that. We now have certificates that can be used as a handout for the class. See Sam if you would like some to share.

Remember, you can invite anyone to our martial arts classes, and you can attend them yourself! (Kids must be at least 6 years old, unless a parent is taking the class with them.)





## December Calendar

- Dec 2 (Sun) – Small Groups; 9:30am  
– Morning Worship; 10:30am
- Dec 4 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study; 11am  
– Karate; 6pm
- Dec 6 (Thur) – Seniors Tanglewood Lights; meet @ BCC 3:30pm
- Dec 9 (Sun) – Small Groups; 9:30am  
– Morning Worship; 10:30am  
– Elders Meeting; 3pm  
– Leadership Meeting; 4:30pm  
– A Night in Bethlehem / BCC Christmas Party 6pm
- Dec 11 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study; 11am  
– Karate; 6pm
- Dec 14 (Fri) – Ladies Christmas Party; 6:30pm
- Dec 16 (Sun) – Small Groups; 9:30am  
– Morning Worship; 10:30am
- Dec 18 (Tues) – Ladies Bible Study; 11am  
– Karate; 6pm
- Dec 23 (Sun) – Small Groups; 9:30am  
– Morning Worship; 10:30am  
– Christmas Eve Eve Service; 7pm
- Dec 25 (Tues) – Christmas Day (NO Ladies Bible Study; NO Karate)
- Dec 30 (Sun) – *NEW J-Link arrives!*  
– Small Groups; 9:30am  
– Morning Worship; 10:30am
- Jan 1 (Tue) – New Year's Day (NO Ladies Bible Study; NO Karate)



### J-Link Submissions

#### Leadership:

First quarter 2019 deadline:

**December 20 (Thur)**

#### Church Members:

If you have announcements or prayer concerns to be updated in the J-Link, please submit them by email, or give them to Shera at church (in writing please!)

#### Email for J-Link:

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