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CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS AND EACH OTHER

Nappo Notes

by John Nappo

'BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW'

New things.... between the freshness and the smell there's nothing like it... most like to get new things... a new car, a new pair of shoes, suit, dress.... how fun!!! I've also bought things on the fb classified and craigslist... they don't smell as new and nice. What's a new year smell like? Hmmmmm... Well, that depends on your outlook doesn't it? If you are just living one day at a time, living a pretty ho-hum life then your new year may seem like it's just another day – just another year - second hand and used store *like*. But what if you approach this new year with a fresh outlook? What if you would shake off the old and let God revive you with something new and exciting? Then and maybe only then... will your NEW YEAR truly be a fine fragrance!!

Happy New Year BCC

2019 is here and now... I hope you are excited to welcome it and embrace every opportunity that the Lord Jesus brings our way!! This year can be like no other, ever – Lets make it great together!! Do your part in making the church awesome!!

'WNC-615'

(WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION @ 6:15pm) KICKING OFF JAN. 9TH

We are excited to kick off our Wed Nights on January 9th. We will again begin each Wed. night with a light meal at 6:15 and then go into our Wed. night Community Group. This year for the first bunch of weeks we will all stay together in the fellowship hall. Adults, Teens, & Kids will share in a time of Community growing. The 7pm hour will have several exciting aspects to it – fun, study, discussion – but most of all a chance to get to know each other and be a community of believers that grows together. It's going to be exciting... Get ready!!

(We plan to move back into our regular 7pm groups on Wed. Night sometime in February)

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BCC Worship Ministry

While we say goodbye to David Florence and his leading of our worship gathering every Sunday morning we look forward to what the Lord is doing and what He will do in our future. Our plan is to begin looking for a permanent Worship Leader to come in and build the ministry here at BCC. We are excited to have Julie Coad lined up to join us over the next few months as our interim Worship Leader. Julie was one of the leaders we looked at when we hired David. She led worship here one time with our band and everyone really liked her. She leads with key board and guitar and is a very talented young lady. We look forward to how the Lord will use her to help build His church and the worship team here at BCC.

BCC Youth Group

(Students Jr.& Sr. Highers)

The BCC Youth Group meets every Sunday Morning for Small Group/9:30 in the Youth Room. We will begin meeting every 4th Sunday Night at 5pm this month. We will resume on Wednesday Nights or Sunday Nights weekly in February.
Join us in praying about this....

4th Sunday Schedule:

January 27th – Youth Group @ Capps/Faucette Home
February 15-17 – CCYC conference
February 24th – Youth Group @ Rimmer Home
March 24th – the Paint Ball Experience
April 28th – Youth Group @ Davis Home

YOUTH CONFERENCE – Register right away for this awesome teen conference. It will be awesome getting away and having a riot worshiping our awesome GOD!!
Check it out... https://theccyc.com

Get Connected

The Church is a place where everyone that attends has a place to serve and a job to accomplish.... Please check out the Connection information near the cafe & find your place:)

GROVE PARK ELEMENTARY READING TEAM...
Every week (one day – one hour) a team of BCC people go to the Grove Park Elementary School in our neighborhood and read with students that need a little extra help. If you are interested in being a part of the team and reading to a young person... See Hope or John.. we will get you plugged in.

WANTED/NEEDED:
Volunteers to work in our Children's Ministry, Kids Church, and Wednesday Nights. New 3 year old class coming soon. Please contact Trish at 336-221-4043

Children's Workers Training and Meeting will be the end of February. More details to be announced. If you would like to join the awesome Children's Workers Team please let Trish know.

Kids Ministry

During the month of January we are going to Follow Jesus Faithfully!
"Disciple Me" – I Thess. 6:11

January Kids Workers

January 6 - Trish
January 13 - Trish and Kelly
January 20 - Hope and Rich
January 27 - Hope and Rich

February and March the kids will be exploring "KIDS AROUND THE WORLD" Missions – Matt. 28:19-20

February Kids Workers

February 3 - Hope and Rich
February 10 - Hope and Rich
February 17 - Trish
February 24 - Trish and Kelly

March Kids Workers

March 3rd - Trish
March 10th - Trish and Kelly
March 17 - Hope and Rich
March 25 - Hope and Rich

FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY

Every 5th Sunday is Family Worship Sunday – we look for ways to get our young people involved in the worship. A great time of Family Worship!!

Special Event!
Saturday, January 19th 6pm
Kids and Parents Family Fun Night
Movie and Popcorn here at BCC
Invite your friends!
Movie: Despicable Me!

Sunday School / Small Groups

by Amy Lutterloh

Nursery (ages infant – 3 years)

Room 10A

January: Jackie Davis
February: Jackie Stipetich
March: Sara Laws

Busy Bees (ages 4-7 / grades PreK-2)

Room 1B

- January: Hope Konzelman -"Jesus is God's Son"
- February: Sara Laws -'Jesus Teaches Us"
- March: Aldara Moum - ???

Kids For Christ (ages 8-10; grades 3-5)

Room 10B

- January: Shirley Sanders - "How To Tell Your Friends About Jesus"
- February: Amy Lutterloh – Choosing Right From Wrong"
- March: Edith Ivey – "Living Truthfully"

Youth (ages 11-17; grades 6-12)

Upstairs Youth Room

John Nappo & Andy Laws – "Discovering Your World View"

Adult Topical class

Fellowship Hall

Steve Dailey and Kevin Rimmer alternate teaching

Adult Seekers class meets in Room 11A

Dan Stipetich leads

Need help finding your class? See one of the greeters in the lobby area.

Missions News 1st Quarter 2019

by Steve Dailey

Allied Churches

BCC will begin serving a meal on the 2nd Wednesday of each month during lunch. Barney and Brenda Lawrence are coordinating teams if you can help or have questions. We will be serving from about 11am to 12:30pm and using teams of 5 or 6 people.

Allied recently received a state grant of $50,000 presented by Steve Ross to help toward their continued funding shortfall.

Beacon House

Patrick and Heather Cline will be updating us on their work with Beacon House in Ghana Africa on January 20th. They have dedicated over 25 years of their lives there helping build Ghana Christian University, starting new churches, and now working with some of the most vulnerable children for Jesus.

Campus Christian Fellowship

has just released their annual ministry report for the 4 campuses they serve (UNCW, NCSU, UNCCH, and ECU.) They impacted more than 3080 students and personally disciple 54 students. They also took mission trips to Mexico, Moldova and the Dominican Republic. They served locally with the Raleigh rescue mission, Samaritan's purse, and in the local churches. CCF has met on the campuses of Meredith College and Wake Tech as part of their goal of impacting 10 campuses by 2020. This is all in the face of challenges like the Hurricane closing classes at UNCW for almost a month and ECU having to replace a roof for $8000 at their campus house.

Scarlett Hope is expanding their Bakery to allow for another distribution facility. This helps support the ministry of rescuing women from the sex trade industry and providing job training as they try to find another way to support their self.

IDES continues to partner with the New Bern to help restore at least 15-20 homes in addition to the 68 houses they have already helped muck out and clean up from the Hurricane. Many folks are elderly or disabled and had no flood insurance. Estimated cost for materials for one house is about $20K if they have skilled volunteer labor.

Helping His Hands continues to do this in the Wallace area near Wilmington and we are looking at ways to get involved with our folks and possibly as a staging area.

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AROUND TOWN

Steve Ross presents Allied Churches with a check for $50,000 on behalf of the state.

ALLIED CHURCHES MEAL MINISTRY

We are so excited to get connected with Allied Churches Ministry and serve the community. Every week a team of BCC people will go to Allied on North Church street and help the lunch meal to people that are hungry. We are truly excited about this and are happy that Barney & Brenda Lawrence are leading out in this ministry. If you would like to know more or get involved see Steve, Barney or John – we will get you plugged in.

Meet the Elders

by Shera Barger

Recently I had the opportunity to sit down with each of our elders. Read on for a glimpse into each of them and their lives, families, and vision for BCC.

Steve Dailey

Steve's smiling face is familiar to all of us at BCC, and it should be – he practically grew up here! He's been at BCC since his mid-teens when his mom, Edith Ivey, married his stepfather, Worth. Steve is married to Jean, his wife of 28 years, and they have two children, Sara Laws and Logan Dailey, and three grandchildren – Amelia, Nora, and Liza.

Steve first became a deacon soon after he and Jean married, then became an elder in the years after. His primary responsibilities as an elder are Administration and Missions, in addition to serving as Chairman of the Leadership Board.

He sees the elders' job as shepherding people to make sure that Christ is taught properly, making disciples who make disciples, and supporting those trying to grow in the Lord.

He has a vision for BCC where we do a better job at making disciples and activating people to use their gifts. "It's about the Lord and not us…. [It's about] doing what He expects us to do in response for what He's done for us."

Steve listed as his greatest accomplishments that his family loves the Lord as he does and that they serve together as they grow in the Lord. One of the ways he feels most blessed is by the people in the church in that they love each other.

Bruce Buchanan

Bruce and Barbara, his wife of 62 years, are among the founding members of BCC. Bruce served on the Steering Committee for the fledgling church from 1971 until about ten years later, when elders and deacons were designated, at which time he became an elder. He currently oversees Administration with Steve, is responsible for Greeting and Scheduling, and acts as liaison for food and meals.

In Bruce's eyes, the role of the elders is to oversee the teachings of the church, keeping them true to scripture. They also are to minister to the people.

He says leaders should have a vision for the church to see where it is going. His vision for BCC includes continued focus on community to attract people into Christ, but not in terms of mere numbers. For example, he reminds us that we've had a lot of people come through our doors for a time who are no longer with us for various reasons – death, job transfers, movement to other churches, and so on. But the great purpose we served has been to be there for people who needed a church as they were passing through, and that should not be overlooked. When pressed, Bruce says the things he likes best about BCC is that we try to stay true to scripture and that we are a welcoming church for people of varying backgrounds and cultures.

Bruce and Barbara have three daughters – Julie, Jan, and Joan; six grandchildren – Taylor, Kristen, Katherine, Elizabeth, Trey, and Weston; four great-grandchildren – Hudson, Hayes, Savannah, and Kennedy, plus a new one on the way!

He counts among his greatest blessings and achievements his long marriage with Barbara, a family who are all Christians, and being able to help bring BCC from a smoke-filled conference room in Holly Hill Mall to where we are now.

If you get a chance to talk with Bruce, ask him about his study methods for scripture. He is a wealth of information and has great study techniques that he willingly shares.

Kevin Rimmer

Although Kevin was raised in church, he was baptized at BCC in 2004 and became an elder about six years ago. He is married to Tracy, with whom he has three sons – Brendan (bass player for our band), and Jacob and Tyler, who both attend Williams High School. The Rimmer family loves to entertain with things like pool parties, and they love to travel, especially to Disney.

Kevin's main duty as elder is to oversee our Property; he serves as the Trustee for BCC property, which involves not only maintenance, but also any legal matters concerning the property.

When asked about his vision for BCC, Kevin acknowledges that we have had lots of setbacks as a church, but they have helped us grow and strengthened us, and we have

learned from past mistakes. We are on the right track in reaching outside the church to others and working to make people comfortable at church, but we still have lots to do and it takes everyone, not just leadership. People have to get involved to help us grow. It takes patience and prayer.

Kevin shared some advice for people to get involved at BCC: have a willing heart and let the Lord use you – you may be more gifted than you know. "That's why I'm an elder, because I'm not the greatest teacher or elder, but sometimes I can connect with people others may be able to. You never know when you may be just the person that someone can connect with."

Kevin says he has been blessed by the outreach of church members at the loss of his parents and members of the congregation praying and being there for each other; we are like a big family here.

Dan Stipetich

Dan came to BCC in 2009 with his wife Jackie. He and Jackie have been married 18 years and have six children between them – Dan Jr., Scott, Sherry, Tracey, Jenny, and Jamie; and 18 grandchildren – Jordan, Paige, Bradley, Travis, Brittany, Susan, Ava, Kaya, Evan, Abigail, Tyler, Jackson, Paityn, Brooklyn, Callie, Micah, Kinly, and Bralyn.

He first became an elder at North Hills Christian Church in Pittsburgh in 1978 and has been an elder at BCC for several years. He currently oversees the Worship, Christian Education, Stewardship, and Music ministries.

As for the role of the elder in the church, Dan says they should be overseers responsible for the doctrinal positions and general direction of the church, seeing that the church is run according to Jesus' command.

His vision for BCC is to connect as many people to Christ as possible, to make sure that everyone who walks in the door know who Christ is – no matter where we are, preach the gospel, preach Christ, and bring people to Christ.

Some of Dan's accomplishments and blessings are his grandson Tyler's recently receiving a full baseball scholarship at Carolina and his family all healthy and working with good jobs.

His advice to everyone: "Hang onto Jesus! Read your Bible – that's what will keep you safe."

Dan has a rich and fascinating life story and loves to share, so whenever you have some time to listen, ask him to tell you about it. You won't be disappointed!

Coming Events

Sunday after Worship - Jan. 27th
We would like to invite all of those who are new to BCC in the last year to this very special luncheon. At this gathering we will officially welcome and honor our new members. If you are new in the last year please plan to stay and enjoy this luncheon in your honor. We are so glad you are here!!

(This lunch is for everyone here at BCC but especially our new people - BCC will provide the meat and everyone please bring sides & desserts... thanks)

Valentine's Sweetheart Party - Friday evening

February 8th here at BCC. Bring your sweetheart and join us for a fun night of fellowship. Dinner included!! Please sign up on the bulletin board no later than February 1st.

BCC Leadership Luncheon

Feb. 24th Sunday after worship
We invite all our leaders... Elders, Deacons, Ministry leaders, Teachers to this special lunch in your honor. This luncheon is to say thank you for serving God's people here at BCC and we want to share some vision for the 2019 year. Please plan to attend that day. (This lunch is for leaders & their immediate family only)

March 15th, 7pm - Reconciled Concert at BCC

Plan to come and enjoy us for a night of praise & music in our fellowship hall with Coffee & desserts. Phil & Sherry and their band Reconciled will be with us to share their ministry.

BCC Work Day

March 23rd 8am
Come and help us get our building and property cleaned up for the new year.
Coffee & Doughnuts served at 8am.

COMING IN APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY 21ST

We will have a very special Easter Sunday Family Worship – kicking off with Brunch at 9:30am & our Egg hunt following worship.

1st Quarter Calendar

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	**2**	**3** 9:30 Srs Graham Cin GP Readers	**4**	**5**
6 9:30 Sm Groups 10:30 Worship	**7**	**8** 11 Ladies Bible 6 Karate	**9** 11 Allied Meal 6:15 WNConnection	**10** 9 Srs Paramount GP Readers	**11**	**12**
13 9:30 Sm Groups 10:30 Worship 3 Elders/4:30 Leaders	**14**	**15** 11 Ladies Bible 6 Karate	**16** 6:15 WNConnection	**17** GP Readers	**18**	**19** 6 Family Fun Night
20 9:30 Sm Groups 10:30 Worship	**21**	**22** 11 Ladies Bible 6 Karate	**23** 6:15 WNConnection	**24** GP Readers	**25**	**26**
27 9:30 Sm Groups 10:30 Worship New Member Lunch 5 Youth 4th Sunday	**28**	**29** 11 Ladies Bible 6 Karate	**30** 6:15 WNConnection	**31** GP Readers		

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