



Burlington  
Christian  
Church

J-Link  
*Quarterly*

August 2, 2020

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS AND EACH OTHER

## Join Our Virtual Worship

Sunday 10:30am

### REMAIN IN THE VINE

Our LEADER Jesus called us to 'Remain in the Vine.' He said "apart from Me, you can do nothing." Those are words of many things: warning, encouragement, life, and hope. Thank God that we have Jesus to remain in – what a sad existence it would be without the life-giving flow of power from above. Thanks be to GOD! So... in these times of trouble and uncertainty – WE must remain in HIM and everything else will be fine.

Tune in every Sunday morning online, or come and join us for LIVE Worship & the Word here at the BCC building. Sunday mornings at 10:30am – it's a great time of worship – Preaching and Communion together. It's totally safe and we take all the precautions necessary – we clean each week and sanitize the areas in the building used. If you are not thrilled to wear that mask – it's really not that bad.... Somehow when you begin to worship the LORD you forget all about your momentary troubles. Come and experience the miracle!!

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

ZOOM.... Right now we are sharing together in Bible Study every Wed Night on ZOOM. A very high tech, friendly platform that allows us to link up – be seen and heard (usually) and able to see others' faces as we study the Word of God together. It's a great thing (better than nothing for sure...). We will continue to ZOOM our meetings but hope to move very soon toward meeting together at the building for the study in person. We would take all the precautions that we take on Sunday morning and do it safely. Keep watching for that to kick off soon. You will also be able to ZOOM in with us if you cannot make it to the building.

### COMMUNION

We will continue to make communion available to everyone for use at home. If you need some cups please come by the church building and you will find them in the foyer area just inside the main doors. If you need someone to let you in the building, please call one of our elders (Steve Dailey or Dan Stipetich).

## Table of Contents

### On Page 2:

- Watch Out for Others
- Offering
- Be the Example for Jesus
- Post-Corona...
- Worship Note
- Big News! (Church Mortgage)

### On Page 3:

- Missions News
- Ministry Event Updates
  - Women
  - Karate
  - Seniors
  - Kids

### On Page 4:

- We Pray
- Coronavirus Puzzle Solution
- In Touch
- Sermon Notes

### On Page 5:

- 2nd Quarter Finances

## WATCH OUT FOR OTHERS

As we continue to move through this very different time, please be mindful of others, both in the church and in the community. Let's use this opportunity to share the Love of God with all mankind. Pray for each other and find ways to BE the Body of Christ.

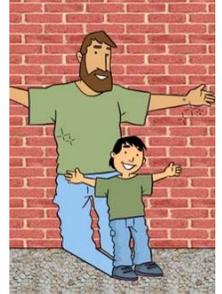
## OFFERING

We will continue to have our normal expenses at BCC. Missions and building expenses do not stop during a pandemic. So please continue to be faithful in your giving to God and His church. PayPal is available through our web site or you can mail in your offerings as well. Thank you for your love for the Kingdom of God and work of His Church.

## BE THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

These times have given us OPPORTUNITY... to show our faith, to show our courage, to show our reliance on God, to show how much we trust the Lord! Be sure and let your children and teens see your faith in action in this time of opportunity. Lead them to GOD and toward faithful living. Nothing provides opportunity like trials and troubles. Let your attitude be of JOY in this battle.

Face your trials head-on and understand that the Lord is taking you on a journey toward maturity and completion. Make sure your kids are going along with you on that Journey.



# Post-Corona - What's to Come?

We are still in the Corona Stage. The virus continues to take lives and make people sick. Yes, we have moved into a phase 2 flow of life and some things have opened up a bit for movement. Most of us go to the grocery store, Walmart, restaurants, and gas stations, among a number of other places. So it's getting a bit looser for travel and community.

WORSHIP should be no different – surely we can go praise

God with others.... It's no more dangerous than going anywhere else in the community and actually safer than most places. Post-Corona will look like it does now for a while – we should get used to it and do things in safe ways. Phase 3 will come and that will be even more loose for movement and fellowship. We hope to begin meeting together more and more as we go forward. Just be safe as we go forward and take the necessary precautions.

# Worship Note

by Julie Coad

We are pressing into Christ and His promises during these uncertain times. Whether you are worshipping from home or at the physical location, we celebrate and rejoice in the fact the God is still sovereign, He is still in control, and He has purposes to use the season as an opportunity to share His love and truth with others! He is in the healing business!

We are so excited to have Sandy, Shera, and Jean on the worship team! He is worthy of every song we could ever sing!

## **BIG News!!**

Our Church mortgage has been restructured. The loan has been renewed at 4.40% interest (previously 5.50%), and the term of the loan was extended from 5 years to 7 years (84 months). The restructure was due in large part to our extra principal payments; the bank gave us a break because of these. The new monthly payment is \$2,859.79 vs \$4,933.79. We currently budget \$5000.00 per month for building payments, so this will allow us to make an extra \$2,074.00 principal payment each month. The new rates/payments begin in July 2020. This is great news! Thanks to all of our members for your faithful giving!

# Mission News 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020

by Steve Dailey

**Central India Christian Mission** Many people have lost jobs due to COVID and are having to leave their homes. This has triggered a mass exodus by foot, bike, or whatever means available. Some have travelled hundreds of miles to get home and many have died in the process. Thirty dollars (\$30) can help feed a family of 5 for 2 months and keep many off the roads walking to try to get food in a country battling hunger as much as the virus where there is no social safety net. An estimated 80% of India's 470 million workers perform low-end work where there are no contracts or employee protection. CICM continues to rescue trafficked children; it's estimated that a child goes missing every 10 minutes. Please keep this vulnerable population in your prayers and help if you can.

**International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES)** has been inundated with COVID-related requests. This is especially critical in countries like the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Kenya, and Tanzania for things like Personal Protective Gear. They have also helped a Christian ministry in the Midwest produce about 50,000 masks for US hospitals. They also provided finances to food pantries in CA, NY, KY, and TN where unemployment has spiked.

**Campus Christian Fellowship** Please keep these ministries at UNC, ECU, NCSU, UNCW, and ASU in your prayers with

uncertainty about how Universities will be able to resume learning and meeting in person. This also applies to **Mid Atlantic Christian University**, who have not only implemented plans to address the students' needs, but also have staff expenses and property needs.

**Scarlet Hope** continues to minister to vulnerable women in the sex trade industry. During the month of July, a donor has agreed to match any donation up to \$5000. These donations allow them to continue their feeding program by offering a bag of groceries for a woman and her family for \$50, or \$350 to pay a woman's wages for a week in the Career Development Program. They will be hosting the Gala fundraiser and fellowship in Louisville, KY on Friday 9/11/20 with the theme of "Redeemed." This will be hosted at the Marriott to allow for ample room for social distancing. If you are interested in attending let John know.

**Waypoint Church Partners** have hosted several Zoom-type meetings with ideas to help churches on ways to minister in the midst of COVID, with ideas on how to reopen properly and encourage fellow ministers and new church plants.

## Women's Events

**Scarlet Hope's** annual tea has been rescheduled once again. The event is currently scheduled to be held on Friday, September 11 at the Marriott Hotel in Louisville, KY. If you are interested in attending, contact John or Trish Nappo as soon as possible. More info will be coming!

## Karate

Our Karate program is on hold due to Coronavirus precautions; we look forward to resuming classes as soon as possible. We continue to have inquiries from past students and potential new ones, so there is still interest in the community.

## Seniors Events

Regularly scheduled Seniors outings are currently on hold pending relaxation of COVID restrictions.

## Hey Kids!

It seems like we have missed all kinds of summer fun like "Splish Splash", VBS, Birthdays, and more. But good things are coming! The Bible gives us instructions to obey authorities, so our church is doing a great job obeying the rules during this COVID-19. I hope you all have enjoyed the fun surprises you have received! We will be together soon! Keep praying for our church and your friends; if you made a prayer jar get those prayer sticks out and keep praying!!

We are still working on a way to safely have a fun VBS day so you will hear about that soon.

Happy Birthday to everyone who had a birthday during this quarantine! 🎂🎂🎂🎂

