

April 2024

The BVBC Family & Friends Newsletter

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Current **Weekly Schedule**

<u>Sundays</u>

9:00 am—Bible Study 10:00 am-Worship

Wednesdays

6:30 pm—Prayer Meeting

& Bible Study 6:30 pm—TeamKID

6:30 pm—Youth Group

Thursdays

6:30 pm—High School Small Group

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesdays: 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

** Closed Fridays, thru Sundays **

Overview



- There is a Solar Eclipse on Apr 8!
- The New Beginnings Luncheon will be Apr 12!
- Our hard-working First Responders need your fresh cookies brought by Apr 18!
- A Chili Cook-off is happening on Apr 21!
- Children's Church is available on Sundays!
- Volunteers needed!! Looking for a way to serve? We have a place for you!
- Have the same attitude as Jesus! Be humble, & compassionate. Be full of love, integrity, & honesty. Reflect God in all you say & do. Give God all the glory & praise!









Our Pastoral Staff & Deacons

Pastor: John Marsh

Youth Director: Joshua Jones

Deacons: James Allen; Allan Baker; Charles Calfee; Sam Koser; Richard Meadows; Carlton Miller; Ken Miller; David Reichenberg; Glenn Smith; Jerry Smith

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NEED TO KNOW

- Don't miss the total eclipse of the sun on Monday, the 8th!
- NEW BEGINNINGS is having lunch at C's Country Kitchen on Friday, the 12th at 1:00 pm. There is a signup sheet in the hallway. Contact the church office, or Ella F., for more info.
- Our FIRST RESPONDERS need your cookies!! Please bring lots & lots of your favorite homemade cookies to the church by Wednesday, the 17th, so that they can be delivered to the devoted, hardworking people in the Police & Fire Departments of Edgewater & Oak Hill on Thursday morning, the 18th. For more info, please contact Kathy D. or the church office.
- ◆ There is a CHILI COOK-OFF on Sunday, the 21st! This summer, instead of camp, our youth will be going on a mission to New Orleans. This event is our main fundraiser, and we would love to taste your best chili recipe! We will begin setting up at 10:00 am and will enjoy chili and dessert immediately following the service. Sign-up sheets for chili and desserts will be located on the hallway bulletin board. Please let us know what you will be bringing. Contact the church office for more info.
- We offer Children's Church! This is for elementary age children at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Tell your friends and neighbors! Contact the church office for more info.
- We need volunteers in the nursery! Spend some time with some adorable children & babies at 10:00 am during the Sunday morning service. Rotations are on a once -a-month schedule. Please contact the church office if you are interested.
- We are looking for some volunteers to be a back-up helper in the Food Pantry on Tuesdays. Please call Jo or the church office for more information.
- It's almost time for Vacation Bible School and we need volunteers! It's June 17 - 21 from 9:00 am to Noon.
 Volunteer forms are available at the Welcome Center.
 See Robin for more info, or call the church office.
- Need assistance with some basic cleaning, yard work, or simple handyman projects? We may be able to help! Contact the church office for more info about our church's handyman team that is available free of charge to our members & guests.
- Please remember that you can submit any tithes & offerings on our website, in-person or through our PO Box.

Spotlight — Knowledge, Compassion, Action

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (Prov 9:10)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Tim 3:16-17)

"I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you."
(Ps 119:11)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things." (Gal 5:22-23) "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ." (Rom 10:17)

"But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works." (Jam 2:18)

As Christians, we need to fear, or respect, honor, & revere, the LORD, our God. If we do this, we will gain wisdom, & it increases our knowledge of God & His ways.

The more we grow in our relationship with God, the deeper our faith becomes & the more we become like Christ. And the more we start to view the people around us the way He does.

Jesus gave us a beautiful example of how being full of the knowledge of God produces the "fruit of the Spirit", which yields a heart full of compassion for the world around us. As we go about our daily lives, we are to be like Him - to have genuine love & care for all the people we encounter.

The more we increase our knowledge of God, the more we gain compassion for the people around us. The more compassion we have, the more it will overflow into our actions & how we live our lives. We need to proclaim the Good News about God & His love with more than just our words. We need to broadcast it with what we do. Our words carry a lot more weight & have much more value when they are supported & proven by what we do. If we display the love of God in our daily lives, we will show the world the truth of Jesus & all that He has done for us. And people will be drawn to God for the same hope, joy, & love they see reflected in us.

So, let's increase our knowledge of God, be filled with compassion, & live in a way that undeniably shows the love & necessity of Jesus!

Other News

- This month's WOM meeting is on Sunday, the 21st at 3 pm. (All women are welcome to attend.)
- Our Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays to assist those in need in our entire community. Contact the church for more info.

Family Happenings!

Here are a few things we are celebrating this month!

Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping the LORD with us; we're glad you're here!

A Special Welcome to:

Our new members Bill & Renee!

Нарру Anniversary to:

Josh & Halie (4/25),

& everyone else who is celebrating this month!