



Colonial Beach  
Baptist Church

A LIGHTHOUSE FOR GOD

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# The Beacon

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# Pastor's Letter

BY REV. KENNY DANIEL

## **Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11**

### ***A Time for Everything***

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

The author of Ecclesiastes is often described as being a bit pessimistic, a bit of an older curmudgeon-like figure who has about had it with life. Through the book, he paints a very dim reality of the world as tainted with sin and filled with injustice. Yet Ecclesiastes concludes with a new voice of optimism and reframe—one that says, “trust God and know that the Lord is good even when life is difficult.” The book does not end on a down note, but rather we find hope even in times of darkness and uncertainty. The text is often cited at funerals as an invitation to dwell—to think about seasons of life. All of that said, perhaps, this, chapter three, is the most famous portion of the text, and it too is filled with a sort of dark, yet profound truth.



There is a time for everything under the sun...now the thing is, there isn't just sadness in the text, but also an invitation to rejoice in the good, to reflect on the times of building, laughter, dancing, gathering, embracing, and the list goes on. At the heart of the text, we find a simple offer inviting us to acknowledge the seasonality of life, and the fact that God is good through all of them.

Now comes a, perhaps, sad word of my own. After prayerful consideration and meditation with Becca and several mentors, I have come to the conclusion that September 1st will be my last Sunday as pastor at Colonial Beach Baptist Church. As this season closes another begins in our family's life, as we will be moving to Lowesville, VA, where I will be transitioning to become the next Operations and Pastoral Director at Crossroads Camp and Conference Center, run by the WMUV. This was not an easy decision, and it's one that, like the excerpt from Ecclesiastes, is both exciting and saddening.

As I look back over these past four and a half years and think about my time as pastor at CBBC, I cannot help but think wow, what an awesome group of people, what an incredible, formative experience. I cannot help but reflect from my first Sunday, as COVID hit, and preaching from our apartment living room through Facebook Live, and all of the weaves and



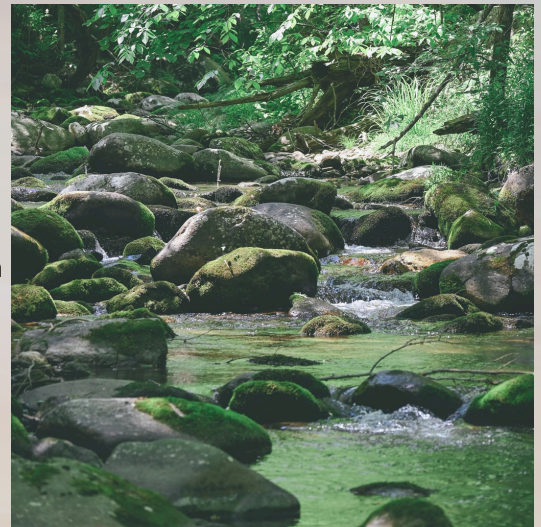
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and winds to now. There are so many fond memories I hold in my heart, so many stories that come flooding to mind, so many wild experiences, and friendships forged. I am grateful for these past four years walking alongside you.

As I look around me now, I smile and rejoice at the ministry currently being done here. With an outward reaching congregation, a dynamic children's ministry, a heart of genuine worship, and so many dedicated people of God serving the community, there is real kingdom work being accomplished in Colonial Beach through this church. Do not be discouraged at my departure, but rather know that you, the church, the people, are doing the work of God, and I am confident that the Lord smiles at the laboring hands of our congregation, which leads me into looking ahead. There is a bright future for this church, and I am confident that the Lord will continue to work through CBBC in the years ahead. While admittedly, I do not know the details or what all is in store for the congregation, as the author of the Ecclesiastes suggests, we trust that God is faithful, that God is good in every season. I am already actively praying for a smooth transition and am confident that the Lord is preparing the perfect person to stand beside you in the months to years ahead.

I imagine that the feeling I currently have is similar to what Paul must have felt when he had to leave Corinth, his beloved church. There is no doubt in my mind that God is calling us to something new, and I am excited for the future, yet my heart hurts as I think about saying goodbye...so I won't, instead I will say, see you later. Don't be surprised if Becca, Leo, and I drop in randomly from time to time! You all will remain in my thoughts and prayers & likewise I ask that you might continue to hold my family and I in yours. But now, mirroring the heart of Paul, let me use his words and end with this:



## **1 Corinthians 1: 4**

*"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore, you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ., God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Amen.



# FELLOWSHIP

MINISTRY UPDATE

***Following the worship service, our next meal will be on Sunday, September 1st. The church will provide the meat and beverages. Families should bring two sides to share and individuals should have one item. Desserts count!***

# WMU

MINISTRY UPDATE

***It's a good time to start collecting items for Operation Christmas Child! There will be some boxes in the foyer toward the end of July.***

***School supply time is also here! CBPS starts on August 12th. Any supplies are greatly appreciated! Supplies may be brought to the church office by Wednesday, August 7th, so some can be taken before school starts. Items can be brought after that date.***



# ROYAL AMBASSADORS

*We finished our journey together in May—another year of “good noise” from the RA Room as we learned about the lives of missionaries serving around the world and sharing the love of Christ.*

*Part of the RA pledge is to “become a well-informed responsible follower of Christ and to have a Christlike concern for all people.” This is one of our goals and will continue to be when we return this coming September.*

*We look forward to September 2024 when we return once again to the infamous RA room and begin another RA Journey together. We welcome boys in first through sixth grade on Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM.*

# GIRLS IN ACTION

*We ended on May 15th in classic GA’s fashion, closing year three with special gift bags, a spaghetti dinner, homemade banana pudding cups, and taking little keepsake Polaroid photos together. The final GA’s meeting of the season is always bittersweet, but it reminds me how lucky we all are to have each other and the excitement, adventure, and growth that will return in a few months.*

*In the fall, we will be doing more individual work in GA’s, utilizing our “GA’s Journey” books that are specifically tailored for each grade. I think this gives a unique glimpse into the mind of each girl as we strengthen our faith, fellowship, and mission work. End-of-month themed nights will occur again such as “Game Night” in September and the “Costumes & Candy Halloween Party” in October.*

*We will meet back in the GA’s Room from 5:30 PM-6:45 PM on Wednesdays for girls in first grade through sixth grade. Stay tuned for the official date Girls in Action will be returning for Year Four!*



# MUSIC

## MINISTRY UPDATE

***Psalm 98 instructs us to "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music" (NIV), and that is just what we plan to do this summer!***

***We are gearing up for another week of fun at Summer Music Camp, running from July 22nd through 26th, 4-7 PM. This year's theme is "Campfire Songs," culminating in a family splash party on Friday. Campers (ages 6-12) and volunteer counselors (middle/high school students) can register online at [cbbaptist.com/music-camp](http://cbbaptist.com/music-camp). If you are interested in helping with this unforgettable week of music, fun, and friendship, please contact Ben at [ben@cbbaptist.com](mailto:ben@cbbaptist.com).***

# BEREAVEMENT

## UPDATE

***Since the last "Beacon," we remember the passing of Elaine Williams-Borg in May. When she was able, she attended Sunday School and worship.***

***"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day... unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear."***



# **EVENTS & MEETINGS**

## **JULY**

**7/22-7/26 | Summer Music Camp, 4-7 PM**

**7/26 | End of Summer Party**

**7/27 | Dawnings Spiritual  
Church Retreat, 9 AM-1 PM**

**7/28 | 2nd Quarter Business Meeting,  
Following Worship Service**

## **AUGUST**

**8/5 | Deacons Meeting, 6 PM**

## **SEPTEMBER**

**9/1 | Outdoor Worship Service and Cookout**

**9/2 | Deacons Meeting, 6 PM**

**6/28 | Dawnings Spiritual  
Church Retreat, 9 AM-1 PM**



# BIRTHDAYS & SCHEDULES

## JULY

### *Celebrating You*

Jane Trail, 1  
Jay Wilkerson, 7  
Al Hall, 10  
Parker Lee, 17  
John Sessoms, 17  
Lawanna Mangleburg, 22  
Teach Feltner, 25  
Robert Dutcher, 31

### *Children's Church*

7/7 | Tracey & Missey  
7/14 | Marcy & Judy  
7/21 | Vickie & Dinah  
7/28 | Debbie/Barbara/Heidi

### *The Nursery*

7/7 | Debbie/Barbara/Becca  
7/14 | Carol/Vicki/Becca  
7/21 | Kitty/Tammy/Becca  
7/28 | Kate & Becca

## AUGUST

### *Celebrating You*

Amy Allison, 11  
Candace Coates, 20  
Lorraine Coates, 22  
Judy Hall, 22  
April Lawson, 22  
Barbara Murphee, 23  
Barbara Jett, 28

### *Children's Church*

8/4 | Carolyn/Rebecca/Amy  
8/11 | Marcie & Tara  
8/18 | Tracey & Missey  
8/25 | Marcy & Judy

### *The Nursery*

8/4 | Debbie/Barbara/Becca  
8/11 | Carol/Vicki/Becca  
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8/25 | Kate & Becca

## SEPTEMBER

### *Celebrating You*

Vera Ayres, 4  
Relda Schick, 5  
Sadie Dutcher, 6  
Bill Wilkins, 9  
Coraline Lawson, 11  
June Cleek, 13  
Nadean Laura-Lee Manning, 14  
Wyatt Feltner, 17  
Carolyn Wilkins, 21  
Emma Feltner, 22  
Bonnie Gouvisis, 22  
Wes Catlett, 25

### *Children's Church*

9/1 | Vickie & Dinah  
9/8 | Debbie/Barbara/Heidi  
9/15 | Carolyn/Rebecca/Amy  
9/22 | Marcie & Tara  
9/29 | Kitty & Tammy

### *The Nursery*

9/1 | Debbie/Barbara/Becca  
9/8 | Carol & Vicki  
9/15 | Kitty & Tammy  
9/22 | Kate & OPEN SPOT  
9/29 | VOLUNTEER NEEDED



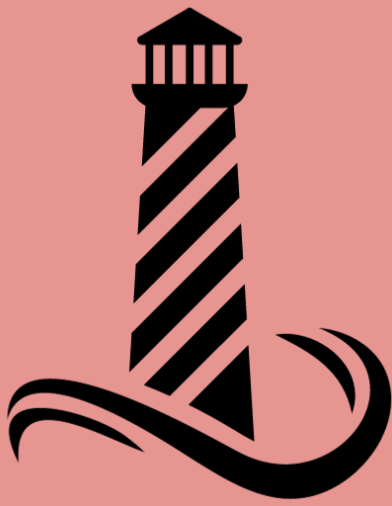
# 10 Reasons

TO BRING YOUR CHILD TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

*While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child? Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.*

- 1. Age Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused on their developmental abilities?
- 2. Friends:** In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
- 3. It's Fun:** Sunday School is not Disney Land, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
- 4. Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.
- 5. Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.
- 6. Praying Teachers:** Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.
- 7. Big Reward for a Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
- 8. Send the Right Message:** Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.
- 9. Adult Bible Fellowship:** While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.
- 10. You'll Be on Time:** Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.





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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9 AM | WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:15 AM

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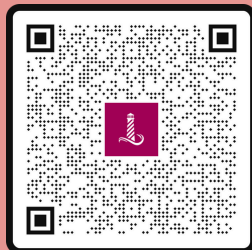
**OFFICE HOURS**  
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
10 AM-3 PM

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