

Boykins Baptist Church Messenger

October 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

Grace Notes



Fall is here with cooler temperatures and the leaves changing color. While this is a wonder to behold, it speaks to the unfailing love of God, which sustains us throughout all the seasons of life. This edition of our Newsletter will highlight many of the events that are planned for our community of faith.



We celebrate **World Communion Sunday** on October 4, 2026. As we share in the grace given at the Lord's Table, we share with untold numbers of Christians around the world: "Take, eat, drink, do this in the remembrance of me." The words of Christ both inspire and empower us in journey of faith.

October 18 promises to be a great day for Boykins Baptist. The church is pleased to announce **the Service of Installation for Larry Felts as Life Deacon**. This is quite the honor as the church looks to its Life Deacons for leadership and service in the church and community. Plan to join and support Larry and Debbie Felts.



On October 25, we will host a **Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser** lunch following worship. This is a marvelous way to extend fellowship, have an enjoyable lunch, and to support the church all at once! (Pastor Steve and Jane will be in Texas cheering Henry's football game and Claire's soccer match.) Our Pulpit Guest will be Rev. Sharon Spivey. Please circle this date on your calendar!

Also in October, we have **Pumpkin Fest** (October 17) and **Trick and Treating** on Halloween at the Fire Department.



On Sunday, November 1, we celebrate the **Festival of All Saints**. This is the day where we remember and give thanks for the saints that have gone before us and continue to inspire us in our journey. We will provide an opportunity for any and all to come forward, pick up a rose petal, and share the name of the person they wish to remember.

November 9-11 is **the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) Annual Meeting**, Virginia Beach. This is the closest location to Boykins.

Messengers (people who attend the meeting and participate in Business) are needed. To register, please see Pastor Steve. Pastor Steve has been nominated to serve on the VA Baptist Mission Board, which handles the business of BGAV in the time between Annual Meetings. We are planning on a joint Thanksgiving service with BUMC on Sunday, November 22, followed by a covered dish luncheon. Additional details will be forthcoming.



The Hymn Survey is now complete! Here are the best loved hymns for Boykins Baptist:

1) Tie by three hymns

<i>Amazing Grace</i>	4 entries
<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	4 entries
<i>Freely, Freely</i>	4 entries

2) Tie by four hymns

<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	3 entries
<i>It is Well With My Soul</i>	3 entries
<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	3 entries

We have a busy fall schedule that surely has something for everyone! Please join where your interests align!

God continues to work in our midst! Thank you, dear church family, for your participation and support of our ministries! As I continue to live in and around you, I am so very pleased of your involvement in our community. I serve God, by loving and serving you, and yes, I believe that the best is yet to come!

Grace and Peace:
Pastor Steve

Important Notes

Help Wanted!

Choir Director/Pianist for BBC
Please contact Sara Crowder,
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Counting Team for October:

Rick Francis (chair), Cynthia Turner,
Drew Edwards, Nancy Partridge

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Deacon Chair.....Laura Baldwin

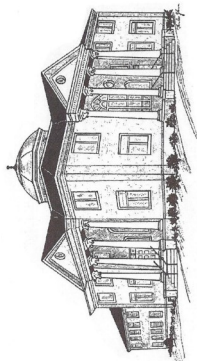
Finance Committee Harrell Turner

Secretary/Treasurer..... Ashley Johnson



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 John Darden, Jr.
4 World Communion Sunday 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service Brenda Watson	5	6 2:00pm Bible Study, BBC	7	8	9	10
11 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service Mr. & Mrs. Richard Francis	12 Isaac Shafer Columbus Day	13 2:00pm Bible Study, BBC Mr.&Mrs. John Hawthorne Mr.&Mrs. BenjaminMatteson	14	15 Andrew Edwards	16	17 PUMPKINFEST
18 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Deacons Meeting	19	20 2:00pm Bible Study, BBC	21	22 Dean Fuller	23	24
25 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Soup/Sandwich Lunch	26 Harold Williams	27 2:00pm Bible Study, BBC	28 Jim Davis Eric Dunlow	29 Chris Vincent	30 Heather Nadeau	31 Halloween



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