



## DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

Deacons are leading servants within the body of Christ, and men who serve in this capacity agree to abide by expectations found in Acts 6 and 1 Timothy 3.

In addition to the men who are continuing to serve, the following five men agreed to serve as deacons, here at Charleston Baptist Church, for the term beginning January 1, 2024: Joseph Kamau, Lee O'Toole, Ben Rice, Matt Sansone, and Wes Smith. Wes has served in previous years. This is Lee and Ben's first time serving as Deacons here at CBC; however, they have served in similar capacities at other churches in the past. Joseph Kamau and Matt Sansone were ordained as Deacons during the Ordination Service on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

The complete list of deacons serving this year include: Dallas West (Chairman), Larry Smith (Vice Chairman), Rocky Beaver, John Bello, John Cooper, Jerry Hawkins, Peter Hull, Jamie Jackson, John Jackson, Joseph Kamau, Jeff LeCureux, Fred McLean, Lee O'Toole, Jeremy Pollett, Ben Rice, Joe Richardson, Matt Sansone, Wes Smith, and Bill Utnick. You can also find the CBC Deacon Directory online: [charlestonbaptist.org/learn/deacons](http://charlestonbaptist.org/learn/deacons).

We are so thankful for men of God who are willing to serve in the church; however, Acts 6 is not only a charge to deacons but a charge to us all to be leading servants (helpers, encouragers, supporters) in our homes, in our church, and in our community.

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## Welcome



Phillip & Thelma Grant

## Sympathy

to the Hanes family in the passing of Ms. Phyllis Hanes, January 3rd.

to Herb & Kay Antley in the sudden passing of Herb's son, Kevin, January 26th.

## PASTORS PERSPECTIVE: SHAUN BURN



February - the month of love...or if you're not part of a couple, you may regard it as "single awareness month." Whether or not you are married, dating, or single - you can know and experience God's love on a personal level. It is unconditional, unending, and unmistakable. God's love for us is not reliant on our good deeds, on serving others, or on our behavior / attitude. God's Word is His love letter to us and it says much about love. The passage of 1 John 4:7-13 comes to mind, when describing God's love:

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.*

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you about **Kids Music Camp** (completed K5 - 6th grade) happening this July 22-27. If your child would like a speaking or singing part, we are holding a listening session Saturday, June 15th @ 10 am in the choir suite. This year's musical is titled, *The Greatest Hymn on Earth*. We are looking forward to a great camp under the "big top" as we explore God's love through the great hymns of the faith. Go ahead and mark your calendars now.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS @ PASSION



The CB College & Career young adults attended the Passion Conference in Atlanta this past month. Everyone said it was an awe-inspiring experience to be with so many people lifting up praise & worship to God, all at one time.

## CB KIDS PAJAMA NIGHT



The CB kids Navigators held a Pajama theme night on Wednesday evening, January 17th, while learning about Jacob blessing his sons.

## UPDATE

*A little change changes lives.*  
**THANK YOU, CBC!**



Thank you, CBC, for your generosity and outpouring of support for life!

Thanks to all of the prayers and support from you and our community of faith, LPC is able to continue advocating for life and minister to parents of unplanned pregnancies from pre-birth through birth to post-birth.

*For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.*

-Psalm 139:13-14

## MISSION EMPHASIS



The mission and prayer emphasis for the month of February is the Bread of Life Food Pantry ministry. In the coming days (February 4 - 25), we are collecting canned and non-perishable food for this ministry.

For a shopping list of suggested food items, please pick up an info card located at any of the ministry displays around campus or scan the QR code above. If you choose to give monetarily, please designate your offering to: BOL or Bread of Life.

## DEACON SPOTLIGHT



Meet **Joseph Kamau**. Joseph was born in Kenya, East Africa. Recently, Joseph was able to go back to Kenya to visit family and minister along with Still Worthy co-founder, Dylan Pejanovic. Joseph enjoys serving at CBC by teaching in his LifeGroup. Joseph also enjoys travel, reading, and soccer. His favorite foods are grilled steak and barbecue. Something you may not know about Joseph: he is a hospice chaplain.



Meet **Lee O'Toole**. Lee is a Charleston native and a member of the Jason Davis LifeGroup. Lee is a SC Gamecock football fan, and he enjoys all foods with the exception of seafood. Often, you will see Lee serving in the CBC kitchen for various events. He has many useful handyman skills and enjoys being with and helping people - whatever is needed behind the scenes. Little known fact about Lee: he has cerebral palsy.



Meet **Ben Rice**. Ben grew up on the mission field and was born in Caracas, Venezuela. He recently went on the mission trip to Ecuador, and his language skills were very helpful to the team. Ben enjoys sports (Atlanta Braves, Washington Redskins, Furman). His favorite foods are Italian and Mexican. Ben enjoys serving in the CB worship choir and in missions. Bonus info: Ben speaks fluent Spanish and has 3 adopted children.



Meet **Matt Sansone**. Matt is originally from Virginia Beach, VA. He currently serves in the U.S. Coast Guard. Matt enjoys playing guitar, board games and is a huge Star Wars fan. His favorite foods are pizza, sushi, and cannolis. Matt likes watching football (Nebraska - college and Philadelphia Eagles - NFL). On any given Sunday, you can find Matt serving alongside his wife, Erica, in the CB kids ministry. Fun fact: Matt has over 50 Star Wars Lego sets.



Meet **Wes Smith**. Wes is originally from Kentucky, so it's no wonder that he is a huge University of Kentucky basketball fan. He also likes following Clemson football. Wes' hobbies include: wood working and spending time with his family. Most Sundays, you can see Wes serving in the CB Worship ministry utilizing his God-given musical gifts. Wes loves sushi and seafood. Bonus info: Wes grew up on a farm.



# UPCOMING

## FEBRUARY

02	Assisted Living Ministry   Brookdale W. Ash. Feb. 02 @ 3 pm
03	CORE kids basketball & cheer Game Day Feb. 03
04	Sunday Morning Worship Feb. 04 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
	Ecuador Mission Trip Interest Meeting Feb. 04 following both morning services
	Discover CBC (membership class) Session 1 Feb. 04 @ 11 am
06	Two are Better mental health support group Feb. 06 @ 6:30 pm
07	Forever Young luncheon Feb. 07 @ 11 am
	Wednesday evening activities Feb. 07 @ 6:15 pm
10	CORE kids basketball & cheer Game Day Feb. 10
11	Sunday Morning Worship Feb. 11 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
	Discover CBC (membership class) Session 2 Feb. 11 @ 11 am
14	Valentine's Day Feb. 14

14	Wednesday evening activities Feb. 14 @ 6:15 pm
15	CB Students 11th & 12 grade trip Feb. 15-18   Creation Museum + Ark Encounter
17	CORE kids basketball & cheer Game Day Feb. 17
18	Sunday Morning Worship Feb. 18 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
19	President's Day Feb. 19   church office closed
21	Wednesday evening activities Feb. 21 @ 6:15 pm
23	CORE Projects Feb. 23 @ 11 am
24	CORE kids basketball & cheer Game Day Feb. 24
25	Sunday Morning Worship Feb. 25 @ 9:15 am & 11 am
28	Wednesday evening activities Feb. 28 @ 6:15 pm

## FACTS & FIGURES



### Attendance

January Average Online Worship Views: 94

On-campus Worship Attendance: 363



### Giving

Weekly Budget Goal .....\$24,477.26

Weekly Budget Receipts:

Jan. 07.....\$29,694.97

Jan. 14.....\$21,445.28

Jan. 21.....\$34,423.71

Jan. 28.....\$27,998.44

Challenge to Grow Weekly Goal.....\$ 3,500.00

Challenge to Grow Weekly Budget Receipts:

Jan. 07.....\$ 885.00

Jan. 14.....\$ 1,215.00

Jan. 21 .....\$ 160.00

Jan. 28 .....\$ 210.00