

Narrative Budget for BBCC



Anticipated Income for the 2012 year: \$57,600.

Pastoral Care \$5,435.81

We care for each other in many ways. Our Sunshine committee brings Care Bears to those who are ill or in need of a physical show of support. Our pastor helps those struggling with life's difficulties through counseling or connecting those in need with an appropriate community resource. Communion is brought to those who wish to receive this sacrament but are unable to attend our Sunday service. Baptisms, weddings, and funerals are part of our Christian life and are ways in which we celebrate and grieve together. We help each other prepare for, and understand how these situations change or lives. Our pastor may hold appropriate services less than two blocks away, at the public beach.

Discipleship \$12,280

We support many Disciple of Christ missions. Our congregation practice's faithful stewardship by supporting the Disciples Mission Fund. This fund provides support for over seventy local, national, and international ministries. From starting new churches to aiding those suffering from poverty, natural disasters and political conflicts, this mission strives to represent and provide Christian love throughout the world.

Bethany Beach Christian Church also contributes to the Reconciliation Ministry. This ministry actively works to end racism within churches and promote reconciliation between all peoples. Additionally, we contribute to the Week of Compassion program. This program is designed to help care for long and short term needs. While worldwide poverty is being battled on one front, West Virginia fire victims are also being aided on another.



**Fellowship \$660**

During the offseason you will always find a fresh pot of coffee brewing in our chapel every Sunday morning. We gather after worship to reconnect with our church family and share our weekly joys and concerns. We love the summer months when we meet the many groups which use the DoC camp facilities. Additionally, it is always fun to see our returning friends and new faces who worship with us during their summer vacation.

Our Christmas dinner party is a festive celebration. This is a time for all of our church family to gather at a member's house and enjoy each other's company along with a potluck dinner that will have you trying new foods and gathering recipes. Additionally, we hosted a Game Night with another local church, and we are continually looking for ways to unite the Christian community. We extend an open invitation to our Sunday worship and fellowship activities through notices in *The Wave*, a local newspaper.



Education \$9083.70

At Bethany Beach Christian Church we understand how faith can be nurtured in many different forms. There is a monthly Book Club for anyone who enjoys reading. The books are selected by the members, and the leadership casually rotates by who offers to guide the next discussion. Our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services are open to all. These services are held in partnership with St. Martha's Episcopal Church. Participants enjoy the Soup and Salad dinner which is then followed by a worship service.

Our church is proud of Pastor Hobgood's ongoing work towards the elimination of racism. Through his leadership, our congregation has been encouraged to view racism through a different lens. On the rare occasions that the pastor is away, usually working with the Anti-racism Ministries, we will have an ordained DoC minister who leads our worship service.





Outreach \$3,180

Bethany Beach Christian Church is proud to support local, national, and international mission work. Our members organize the county-wide Crop Walk and generously support the Sussex County Habitat for Humanity as well. Church members believe that helping others is one way we can express our Christian faith. We support The People's Place and The Way Home's ongoing programs. The Way Home offers housing and educational resources along with support for people who are reentering the community. This agency helps guide people through the transition from incarceration to leading a positive life.

Our church contributes to The Camp Scholarship Fund for Children, and also expresses our Christian stewardship by supporting two nearby churches and a local Gospel Choir. Surely God wants us to extend help to other faithful denominations in need, and it is our pleasure to be able to share some of the blessing we have received.



Worship \$29,004.36

Our Sunday worship service provides a weekly sermon that puts our lectionary text into today's world. Reverend Dr. Hobgood's ability to explain God's word in today's language is inspirational. His messages challenge us to act in Christian, loving ways. Bethany Beach Christian Church has become a Teaching Congregation. Nancy Zink, one of our members, is currently attending Lexington Theological Seminary as an on-line student. Through the support of our members, we are able to provide a grant towards Nancy's classes.

Our talented music director fills our chapel with music as we gather each Sunday for worship. Beloved hymns from our youth are mixed with newer hymns to encourage us to grow and learn. Our hymns are selected to correspond with the scripture readings and sermon.

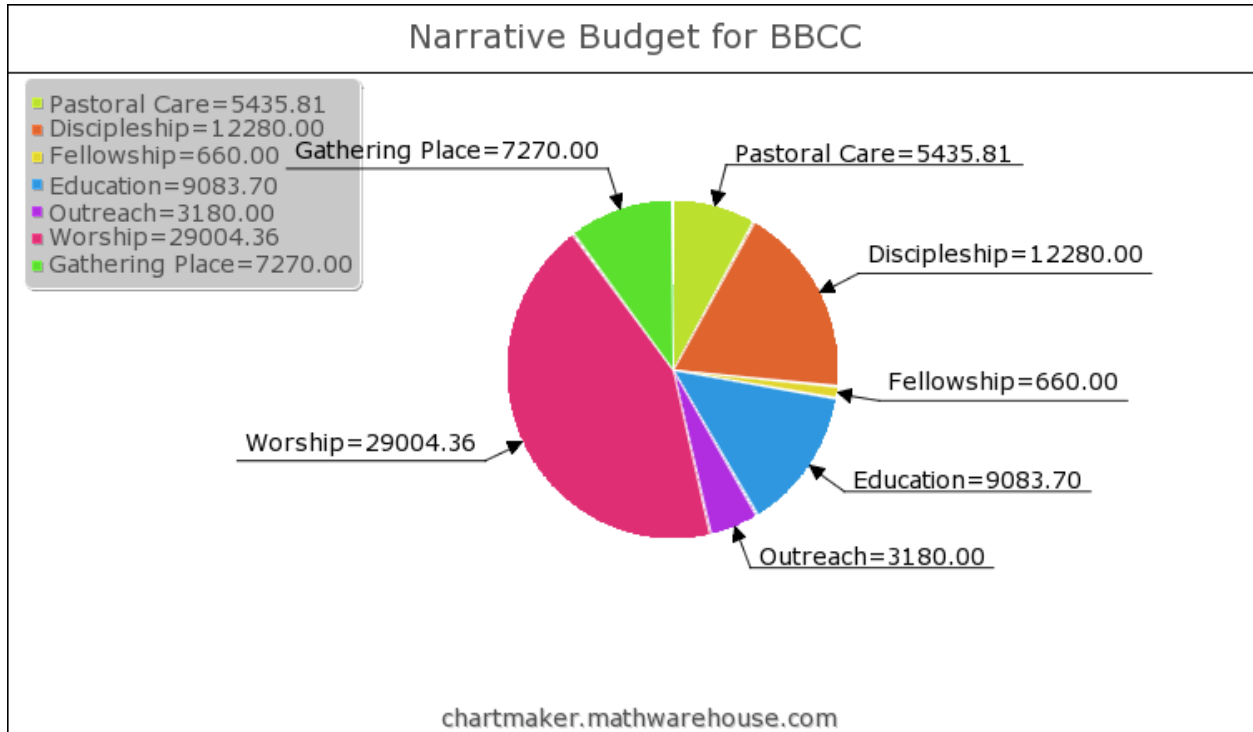




Gathering Place \$ 7,270

We are thankful to have such a beautiful location to worship God and gather to follow Christ's teachings. Stewardship is being responsible for what God has given us. This Chapel and grounds are indeed one of God's gifts to us. Most of our Chapel's maintenance is done by our church family. "Many hands make light work" is our motto and we are blessed to have people who are always ready to help. We enjoy Christian fellowship during the annual Spring and Fall Cleaning Days. Constantly caring for our blessing is part of stewardship. Our beautiful grounds are maintained through a mixture of congregational support and the talented work of Mark Laderer.

Insurance, utilities, and regional compensation may lack glamor but they enable us to gather together in a spiritual location and worship our living God.



Our Pastor, Reverend Doctor William C. Hobgood.