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From the Heart...

Greetings! This Sunday will mark my first day as interim pastor at Berea FBC. In meeting with the interim committee several weeks ago and spending time in prayer and then in discussion with my wife, Debbie, we came to sense that this was God's plan and timing for our lives. We have been members of BFBC for almost four years and have a deep interest in the health of this part of the body of Christ and the place this church occupies in the work of God's Kingdom.

As we come to walk beside you in these days, we are aware of some of the challenging times the church has faced in recent months. And, we are fully aware that we serve a God who is larger than any challenges and who has a desire to bring us to a place of love for Him and each other, a place of personal learning and growth, a place of ministry and service as well as a place of witness to our world.

Whether or not you have been a regular attender in recent weeks/months, I encourage you to make it a priority to be a part of Bible Study and worship each week so that you can discover God's truth for your life personally and together, we can discover what He has in mind for all of us in these days. And December is certainly a great time to be at BFBC as we celebrate the greatest gift in all of history—God's gift of Jesus, His Son and our Savior. Take advantage of the special times of worship and The Living Christmas Tree to invite a family member, co-worker, classmate to join you here.

The desire of my heart is that we come together before a Holy God, allow Him to search our hearts and cleanse our sin—then, that we would run after His heart and mind with renewed passion and purpose. I love the words of Hosea 6:3—"Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord." I look forward to seeing you soon!

Blessings,
Pastor Rick

Berea First Baptist Church Welcomes Rev. Rick Fisher As Interim Pastor

10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Advent

Message by Rev. Rick Fisher

"Where Are We Going?"

Ephesians 4:11-13

A look at the priorities of the calling on our lives
as followers of Jesus Christ.

Week of Prayer for International Missions December 4-11

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$30,000

His heart, His hands, His voice – through praying

Jesus commissioned us to be His heart, His hands, His voice – and one of the ways we can do that is through prayer. In fact, prayer is first and foremost! Pray with God's heart for people groups who have never heard the Good News. Pray for our missionaries who are our voice in the darkness. And pray about giving as much as you can to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to sustain those we've sent to be our hands touching a lost world.

The Children's Choir

Presents

CANDY
CANE
LANE



**"A Recipe
for Life"**

**This Sunday
6:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary**

Welcome New Member



Nancy Moody
8507 White Horse Rd., #21
Greenville, SC 29617

The Lottie Moon Post Office Opens Sunday!

Our Children's Division wants to help you give more to international missions this year. Bring the Christmas cards you want to send to friends in our church family, with the complete address and your return address, to the Lottie Moon Post Office, located in the breezeway. Donate the money you would have spent on postage to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our children will deliver your cards to church friends during the Sunday School hour.



Book Club

Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.
Home of Jean Elliott
208 Redspire Dr.
Book to be discussed: "Angel Sister"
by Ann H. Gabhart

The Very Newest

Congratulations to **Kostas and Amber Davis Sialmas** on the birth of a son, Serafim Konstantinos Sialmas, born November 26. Sam is the grandson of Guy and Betty Davis.

Charlie Miller's New Christmas CD "A Baby Changes Everything" Is Now Available in the Church Office

Joining Charlie on the CD are Diane Mitchell, John Bringham, Delvin Choice, Don Kauffman, and the Celebration Singers.

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE November 27, 2011

Weekly Required Budget Giving... \$20,861.98
Budget Gifts Received.....\$16,229.00
Budget Shortage.....\$4,632.98

Pass It On Giving.....\$940.00
Designated/Reimbursements.....\$3,289.50
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$20,458.50

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Robert Coleman in the death of his father, James Coleman.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Ralph Hawkins by:
Riverside Baptist Church
Donald and Patricia Freeman

A gift has been given in honor of **Harold Vaughan** by Dick and Artie Hughes.

Return Your Angel Tree Gifts By This Sunday

You still have time to take an angel from our Reaching Center Angel Trees. Buy a gift or gifts for the child described on the back and return, unwrapped, to the church by this Sunday, December 4. Your gift will be given to the family of a child in need on Monday, December 12. If you would like to help us with this mission ministry on December 12, please call the church office.

The Living Christmas Tree

**Pick up your requested tickets
in the church office now.**

Tickets are still available for some performances of the 2011 Living Christmas Tree. Call the church office at 246-1921 to request tickets.

Sanctuary Decoration Memorial Gifts

Each year we give you the opportunity to give a \$12 donation "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one. Through these donations we are able to refurbish many of our decorations. These gifts will be listed in a special edition of "Reflections." Call the church office for more information or to give your donations.

Christmas Under the Tree

Sunday, December 18, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Under the Tree is a time when we gather our children beneath the Living Christmas Tree to sing songs of the season, hear the Christmas story, and listen to their Christmas wishes. You will be blessed as we are led by a child into the spirit of Christmas.

An Evening With Charlie Miller

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.

Charlie Miller presents his beautiful arrangements of sacred and seasonal music at the grand piano beneath the lights of the Living Christmas Tree. Joining Charlie will be soloists and instrumentalists who will lead you in a memorable time of worship and joy.

DECEMBER MISSION ACTION PROJECT

- * Food for the Reaching Center
- * Monetary Donations for Needy Families

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24
6:00 p.m.

Silent Communion Service
11:15 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service

WEDNESDAY SUPPER RESERVATIONS

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, 246-1921
by noon, Tuesday, December 6

Menu for December 7

Adults: Hamburger Steak,
Baked Potato, Salad

Kids: Hamburger, French Fries, Fruit

WMU Group Meetings

Morris/Parris Group

Monday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.
In the Prayer Room

Susan Tidwell Group

Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the church and go to
Diane Bryson's home.

Grace Cunningham Group

Monday, December 5

Sort Toys for Reaching Center

Nan Herring Group

No Meeting in December