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No. 1

Now the Work of Christmas Begins

This week, we pack away our church's Christmas decorations for another year. As we do, let us remember the words of Dr. Howard Thurman:

*"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,*

*The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart."*

We thank God for a beautiful and meaningful Christmas season. Now, because we know that Jesus is alive in our world and in our hearts—let the work of Christmas begin!

Your Pastor,
Ronald D. Vaughan

Timothy and Grace Make Front-Page News

Berea First's **Dolls on Mission Ministry** and the impact the dolls have made upon mission work around the world is featured on the front page of the February 2010 edition of *Missions Mosaic*, the national magazine of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. You may read a copy of the article by visiting our church web page at www.bereafbc.org or by requesting a copy in the church office.

Worship the God Who Makes All Things New!

Sunday, January 10, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Dr. Vaughan continues his message series
Making 2010 a Truly New Year
by leading us in exploring the truth that

I Can Spend 2010 in Ways That Will Make Me Spiritually Richer
1 Peter 1:18-24

Last Sunday we named some "junk" that we dare not waste our time on in the new year. This Sunday, we will name some ways that we can spend the gift of the new year that will move us forward in our journey of faith and make us a blessing to others. Join us Sunday as we search the scriptures for wise time investments that will make this a truly new year.

Discover the Life-Changing Power of Prayer!

When God's People Pray

Begins this Sunday Night at 6:00 p.m.

Senior Adult Building

The Brooklyn Tabernacle has seen hundreds of lives and the spiritual life of their church transformed through a faithful fervent ministry of prayer. Beginning this Sunday night, through video visits with the staff and members of Brooklyn Tabernacle, and through Bible study led by Dr. Vaughan, we will learn and practice the Biblical principles of prayer. Join us as we gain a deeper understanding of what God can do in our lives and in our church when His people pray.

Take It Down!

We will take down the steel structure of the Living Christmas Tree this Saturday morning at **9:00**. Only the steel will remain in place, and it should only take a brief time to accomplish our task. Please help this Saturday!

TeamKid

Resumes this Sunday Night
6:00-7:00 p.m.

3-5 year Olds: 4 Year S.S. Class
Grades 1-5: Gym Team Room
*Bible Study * Recreation * Snacks*

Soup and Salad Supper For All Ladies

Tuesday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.

In the Senior Adult Building

Speaker: Maureen Parris

Call the church office to sign up.

BFBC BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 13

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Call the church office, 246-1921
to make an appointment.

Winter 2010 Discipleship Classes

SUNDAYS

Beth Moore Bible Study

Breaking Free:

The Journey, The Stories

Leader: Martha Hodge

January 10, 17, 24, 31;

February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14

6:00 p.m., Church Library

Cost of Materials: \$19

Five Steps to Financial Freedom

Leader: Linda Piper

January 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21

6:00 p.m.

Room 205–Sunday School Building

When God's People Pray

Leader: Dr. Ronald D. Vaughan

January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14

6:00 p.m., Senior Adult Building

TUESDAYS

Beth Moore: A Woman's Heart

Leader: Nan Stroud

January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23;

March 2, 9, 16

6:00 p.m., Patio Room

Cost of Materials: \$19

Beth Moore: Esther

Leader: Becky Greene

Meets every other Tuesday ??

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Room 200, Sunday School Building

WEDNESDAYS

A Faith that Works:

Study of the Epistle of James

Leader: Dr. Ronald D. Vaughan

6:45-7:30 p.m., Chapel

Contagious Leadership

Leader: Nan Stroud

January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17

6:00-7:30 p.m.,

Room 205, Sunday School Building

Pre-registration Only

Book Club

Leader: Margaruite Turner

Meets first Wednesday of each month

6:00-7:30 p.m.,

Room 101, Senior Adult Building

God's Plan for Sharing

Leader: Wes Brashier

February 24, March 3, 10, 17

6:00-7:30 p.m.,

Room 203, Sunday School Building

For more information on any of our discipleship groups, contact Wes Brashier in the church office at 246-1921 or wbrashier@bereafbc.org

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

December 13, 2009

Weekly Required Budget Giving...	\$29,038.33
Budget Gifts Received.....	\$25,642.71
Budget Shortage.....	\$3,395.62

Pass It On Giving.....	\$4,633.00
Designated Receipts	\$5,564.63
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$35,840.34

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Lib Babb in the death of her mother, Thelma Hudson.

Memorials

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Charles H. Stancil by:

Sam Childers' Family

Harry and Helen Kugley by:

Harriet Baker

Larry Chapman by:

Margaret Chapman

Richard Burdine by:

Sallie and Paul Taylor

Millicent Burdine by:

Sallie and Paul Taylor

Jim Burdine by:

Sallie and Paul Taylor

Wayne Newman by:

Sallie and Paul Taylor

Gifts have been given in honor of:

Martha Hodge by:

Mary S.S. Class

Cheryl Cowart by:

Mary S.S. Class

Our GED Class Begins Monday, January 11

Once again, Berea First Baptist Church, in partnership with Greenville County Schools, will offer a class to help people prepare to take the state GED exam and earn their high school degree. Linda Vaughan, along with a team of dedicated volunteers from our church, will lead our class. Our GED class will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Patio Room. The cost of the class is \$70 which includes assessment fees-\$30 and class fees-\$40. Optional fees include \$20 for a textbook and \$10 for a calculator. Students may enroll on Monday, January 11, when they come to class. You can support our class through your prayers, by volunteering to tutor students, by providing snacks, or by giving money for tuition assistance. Call Linda Vaughan at 610-9770 for more information.

The Very Newest

Congratulations to Allen and Heather Granger Molloy on the birth of a son, Sean James, born January 5. Sean is the grandson of Elaine Granger.

Opportunities

SUNDAYS

9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Morning Worship
6:00 pm	Evening Worship TeamKid Adult Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am	Senior Adult Choir
5:15—6:30 pm	Supper (<i>by reservation only</i>)
6:00—6:45 pm	Preschool Choir 1st-5th Grade Choir Discipleship Classes 3-5 Year Mission Friends 1st—5th Grade G.A.'s 1st—5th Grade R.A.'s Prayer Ministry & Bible Study Adult Choir
6:00—7:30 pm	
6:45—7:30 pm	
7:35—9:00 pm	

SERVE

Bible Study for Single Adults 35+

Monday, January 11

7:00 p.m.

At the home of Belinda Hilliard

Call for directions, 846-6556.

Crosswalk Student Ministries

Sunday Night at the Crosswalk

New Year's is a time for resolutions...the goals we want to accomplish for the coming year. Be in the Crosswalk Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. as we're meeting to discuss, dream, and plan what we want to accomplish on Sunday nights in the coming year. It's a time to dream, to see where God is leading us. No idea is bad so bring them all and we'll see what develops. It will end at 7:15 p.m. See you there!

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:15—6:25:	Café open for supper Arcade and basketball open
6:45— 8:00:	Crosswalk Worship
8:00—9:00:	Café re-opens for snacks Arcade open

Super Bowl Sunday Events

Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 7, our student will join with youth all over the world for the Souper Bowl of Caring, in which money is raised to feed hungry families in our community. Once again our efforts will benefit our Reaching Center. Be ready to help on that day.

Super Bowl at the Crosswalk

Plan to join us in the Crosswalk on Super Bowl Sunday for a special time of worship, games and the football game on the big screen. Be watching for more details.

Wednesday Supper Menu

Adults

Kids: