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Your Gifts to the Second Mile Challenge are Making a Big Difference

The Second Mile Challenge is a two-year giving program for the purpose of aggressively paying down the balance of the construction loan that paid for the renovation of our sanctuary and the construction of our Welcome Center. As we look back on 2009, the first year of this giving program, we have many reasons to give thanks. In one of the toughest economic years our nation has seen in decades, you gave \$243,000 to the *Second Mile Challenge*, reducing a construction loan that began at over \$2.9 million to \$2.66 million. Every dollar given to the *Second Mile Challenge* is applied to the principle of our construction loan. The interest needed to service the loan is paid through budgeted funds. We are reducing this loan ahead of schedule and, therefore, reducing the interest needed to service it because of your generous and faithful gifts to the *Second Mile Challenge*. This giving program will continue through the end of 2010.

Our English as a Second Language Class is Growing and Needs Your Help

Our ESL ministry has enrolled ten new students this semester, bringing our enrollment to twenty-seven! We need an additional teacher so that we can organize another class for those just beginning to learn English. We also need several people to care for young children of students while their parents study. Classes meet on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Educational Building. If you will join this growing ministry, call Sylvia Haley (850-0582) to learn more.

This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

10:30 a.m.

Dr. Vaughan begins a new sermon series:
**Getting Your Bible Off of Your Shelf and Into Your Life:
Live Like You're from Berea!**

Acts 17:1-15

Reading and studying the Bible is difficult and confusing for many people, even for many Christians. Beginning this Sunday morning, Dr. Vaughan will help us find the attitude and the practical tools we need to bring the Bible to life. Sunday morning we begin by discovering the secret behind our church's name, a secret that can get your Bible off of your shelf and into your life.

6:00 p.m.

**When God's People Pray
Session 4—The Word of God and Prayer**

We're discovering the amazing power of prayer. Sunday night, Pastor Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church, will lead us in seeing the connection between the message of scripture and our ministry of prayer. Join us as we learn and as we pray.

A Called Church Conference will be held on Sunday, February 7, at the beginning of the evening worship service to elect church leaders and committees.



It began in 1990 with a simple prayer, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." Responding to a challenge from that prayer, 22 church youth groups in Columbia, SC worked together to fight hunger in their city. They raised \$5,700 that first year, all of which was donated to local food ministries.

Fast forward to 2010. The Souper Bowl of Caring has grown to include over 600 youth ministries and generated over \$10 million across the world to fight hunger in local communities. The Souper Bowl of Caring is International in scope, yet local in impact. All money raised by youth ministries stays in that local community.

This year, we are proud to once again take part in this outreach event here at Berea FBC. On **Sunday, February 7th**, students will be at the exits immediately following the 10:30 am Worship Service. We ask that you place one dollar, or more, in the collection "soup pots." All money donated will be used in our *Reaching Center* to provide food for the community. Thanks for being part of our team.

Our Church Will Lead a Good News Club

at Westcliffe Elementary School
Beginning Tuesday, February 23

Recently, we learned about the ministry of *Good News Clubs* and our opportunity to lead a *Good News Club* for the students of Westcliffe Elementary School on Tuesday afternoons. Several of our people have stepped forward to help with this new ministry, but we need more volunteers. This Sunday morning, volunteers will be in our Welcome Center to answer your questions and give you printed information. **On Tuesday, February 9, a training session will be held at 2:00 p.m. in our church library.** Come and learn how this ministry works and how you can share faith and friendship with children in our community. Contact Julie Lunsford (jlunsford@bereafbc.org or 246-1921) for more information.

Grades 1-5 Kids Day Out

Monday, February 15

9:00 am—2:30 pm

Cost: \$10

Bowling * Lunch Games * Bible Study
Call the church office to sign up!

Cakes and Crescendos

A Program of Music

Presented by our Children's Choir,

has been rescheduled for

Saturday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m.

in the Crosswalk Student Ministry Center

Student Ministry

Sunday nights at BFBC

February 7: Super Bowl Party

February 14: Special session on "Love,"
plus a mission opportunity

February 21: Challenge Night

February 28: SNAC (Fuddruckers)

Would You Like to Receive Church Announcements by Email?

You can receive email announcements from our church about weather-related cancelations, changes of plans, and other news that happens so quickly that our newsletter and bulletin aren't quite fast enough. Send an email to Mike Parker (MParker@bereafbc.org) from the email address you would like to add to our mailing list. Because email addresses change so often, please send your address even if you already have one on file.

Brag-a-Bit

Charlie Miller is the accompanist for the Broadway Musical, **WICKED**, that is now playing at the Peace Center. This is quite an honor for Charlie who, for the first time, is playing with a New York Broadway company! We are very blessed and fortunate to have someone with Charlie's talent to serve our church.

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

January 31, 2010

Weekly Required Budget Giving...	\$29,038.33
Budget Gifts Received.....	\$12,210.05
Budget Shortage.....	\$16,828.28

Pass It On Giving.....	\$2,220.00
Designated Receipts	\$821.04
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$15,251.09

Don't Be a "Fair Weather Giver!"

When we cancel services due to icy weather, we don't cancel the cost of doing God's work or our commitment to honor God with our tithes and offerings each week. All of the people we serve, our staff, and our missionaries need your support, "weather or not."

Memorial Gifts

Given in memory of:

Jewell Murrell by:

Walter and Christine Brashier

Brenda Kelly

Alvin, Diane, Anna Henson

Jeff, Amy, Coltan Evatt

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Jeremy Poole in the death of his grandfather,
Edmond Poole.

The family of Sherry Hester.

The families of Chris and Gary Murrell would like to thank the congregation of Berea First Baptist for the overwhelming acts of kindness and support that have been shown to them during the illness and death of their father, Jewell.

Wednesday Supper Menu

Adults: Meatloaf, Pinto Beans, Fried Okra, Slaw, Biscuit

Kids: Hamburger, French Fries, Fried Okra, Chocolate Pudding

Reaching Center Volunteer Training: Helping Those in Emotional Danger

Sunday, February 21, at 5:00 p.m.
In the Chapel

Our Reaching Center volunteers have asked Dr. Vaughan for some guidance in ministering to people who have such serious emotional problems that they may be in danger of hurting themselves or others. All of our Reaching Center volunteers and anyone in our church who would like to share this discussion are welcomed to attend.

Tee-Ball, Coaches Pitch, Softball

Adults and Youth

Registration: Feb. 17th – 24th

Absolute Deadline

Register on Wednesday Nights in the Gym 6:00– 7:30 or in the office any time during the week. Forms are available online along with FAQ at www.Bereafbc.org. If you have any questions please call Mike Parker in the church office.

WMU Group Meetings

Grace Cunningham Group

Monday, February 8,

Senior Adult Building

Alice Faille Group

Tuesday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.

Senior Adult Building

Nan Herring Group

Tuesday, February 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Home of Harriet Baker

320 Westcliffe Way

Covered Dish

Susan Tidwell Group

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Home of Mary Lazar

12 Affirmed Ct.

Donations for College Student Care Packages

Due this Sunday, February 7.

Parents, remember that we need updated addresses for all college students in order for them to receive a care package. Call the church office at 246-1921 or email address to temory@bereafbc.org.

2010 Deacon Ministry Team

Harold Batson, Chairman; Shep Tallon, Vice Chairman; Charles Jones, Secretary

Terry Anderson, Keith Arrowood, George Barnett, Harold Batson, Mike Bishop, Bruce Blakely, James Blakely, Jim Blakely, Walter Brashier III, Ken Bridwell, Jim Cagle, Doug Cannon, Ray Chassereau, Rick Childs, George Cowart, Jim Crosby, Bob Dobbins, Rocky Dreibrodt, Charles Ducker, Neil Duncan, Sonny Eppes, Bill Garraux, Don Gibson, Bobby Haley, Charles Hall, Von Hallman, John Hamilton, Alvin Henson, Wayne Horton, LaVerne Howell, Steve Hunt, Charles Jones, Drake Jordan, Tony Kay, Jeff Maness, Bill Mathis, Anthony Mullinax, Alan Myers, Gary Osteen, Darrell Reese, Bobby Reid, Larry Skinner, Mac Styles, Shep Tallon, Danny Taylor, David Watson, Norman Willis, John Wilson.