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Are You as Bold as a Third Grader?

Last Sunday, our family ate lunch at one of our favorite restaurants, Kanpai of Tokyo. At Kanpai, several families sit together around a large grill where a chef prepares the food in front of you. Seated beside me was a beautiful little girl. As our meal went on, we struck up a conversation. I learned that she likes soup more than salad. She is a student in the third grade. Her younger brother's name is Noah. She doesn't have a boyfriend (*that she will claim in front of her parents*). As our meal came to a close, I noticed that my young friend was whispering a question to her mother. Her mom smiled and nodded approval. With her mom's permission, my third-grade friend asked me a question, "Do you go to church anywhere?" I told her that my family and I go to Berea First Baptist Church and asked her about her church family. She named her church proudly and with a smile. Before I left, I told her how much it meant to me that she cared about me having a church. I let her and her parents know how proud I was of a young person willing to ask such a big question.

In Matthew 7:7, Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Are you as bold as my young friend? Are you willing to ask others the questions that can lead them to the love of Christ and the fellowship of His family? Are you seeking opportunities to bring together the God you serve and people who need to know Him? Are you knocking on the doors that stand in your way, persistent in your desire for those doors to open and people to welcome you and your witness into their lives?

Today, you may find yourself sitting next to someone who needs to know Jesus and needs to know that you care. Are you bold enough to ask?

Ronald D. Vaughan

This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

10:30 a.m.

Getting Your Bible Off of Your Shelf and Into Your Life: Stars to Guide Your Journey

For many people, trying to study the Bible is like being lost at sea with no sense of direction and little hope of reaching a destination. Sunday morning, as we return to our study of how to put the Bible to work in your life, we will learn to navigate by the stars, using a few powerful principles to guide us through the scriptures with a sense of direction and purpose. Join us Sunday as we learn to get our Bibles off of the shelf and into our lives.



6:00 p.m.

When God's People Pray

Session 6—Prayer Ministry in Our Church

Over the past five weeks, we've discovered and experienced some powerful truths about prayer. This Sunday night, as we conclude our study, we will think about the exciting ways that we can unleash the power of prayer in our hearts and in the ministry of our church. Join us and discover your way to change lives through the ministry of prayer.

Kentucky Missions Informational Meeting

Sunday, February 21, In the Senior Adult Building

Immediately following the morning worship service

Covered dish luncheon for the whole family

Tee-Ball, Coaches Pitch, Softball for Adults and Youth

DEADLINE—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Register NOW in the church office or in the gym, 6:00-7:30 on Wednesday night. Forms are available online along with FAQ at www.Bereafbc.org. If you have any questions please call Mike Parker in the church office, 246-1921.

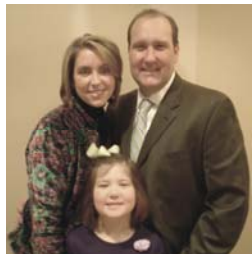
Dolls on Mission Build-A-Doll Workshop

Tuesday, February 23, 3:00-9:00 p.m.

In the Senior Adult Building

Stay a little while or all afternoon for a wonderful time of fun and fellowship with a purpose! We need lots of help as we meet together to cut, sew, stuff, and paint faces on boy and girl dolls that will be sent to Zimbabwe. Hotdogs, chips, and dessert will be available around 6:00 (adults \$2, kids \$1). For more information contact Susan Bishop at 246-7253.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Madison Haynes

(Daughter of Todd and Suzanne Haynes)
424 Wexford Way
Easley, SC 29642

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.

Cakes and Crescendos

A Program of Music
Presented by our Children's Choir
Saturday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m.
in the Crosswalk Student Ministry Center
Reservations Required

Good News Club

**begins February 23
at Westcliffe Elementary School**

Our Tuesday after-school ministry to the children of Westcliffe Elementary School begins February 23. Our Good News Club, in partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship, will allow us to build friendships and share our faith with the children of Westcliffe Elementary through snacks, Bible stories, memory verses, and music in a fun and safe environment. Volunteers are needed to teach Bible stories, lead songs, provide snacks, befriend children, and advertise the ministry. Our club will be held for six Tuesdays, from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., then close until the new school year. If you would like to be a part of this new mission ministry, contact Julie Lunsford at JLunsford@bereafbc.org or 246-1921.

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

February 14, 2010

Weekly Required Budget Giving... \$27,766.00
Budget Gifts Received.....\$34,400.24
Budget Overage.....\$6,634.24

Pass It On Giving.....\$2,005.00
Designated Receipts \$5,296.56
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$41,701.80

Memorial Gifts

Given in memory of:

Jewell Murrell by:

Evelyn Holcombe
Robin Fletcher
Rocky, Cheryl, Brittany, Justin Dreibrodt
Glenn and Mary Arrowood
Glennis Martin and Pam Camp
Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton
Dick and Emily Fuzia
Helen Duncan
Earlene Tanner
Joe and Mary Jane Parris
Bykota Sunday School Class

Gaynell Cox by:

Doug Cox
Joe Pannell by:
Aileen and Liz Pannell

When the Weather Outside is Frightful

If icy weather or some other emergency leads us to change our Sunday schedule, you have several ways to get the word:

- 1. Watch WYFF television.** Our schedule changes will be listed among the "Religious" notifications.
- 2. Visit www.bereafbc.org.** We will list any schedule changes on the home page of our web site.
- 3. Receive an email.** Send your email address to Mike Parker at MParker@bereafbc.org and you will receive an email notification of any weather or emergency related schedule changes.
- 4. Understand the "Afternoon Option."** If conditions will not allow us to offer our morning services on regular schedule, but the situation appears to be improving during the morning hours, we may announce that we will have **3:00 p.m. Worship Only**. This option allows our church family to come together safely for worship and fellowship and return home before dark and the danger of refreezing. When we offer **3:00 p.m. Worship Only**, we will not offer Sunday School, Children's Church, Preschool Care, or evening services or activities. Our church family will come together for worship and then return home for the day.

Kindergarten Registration

Call our Child Development Center at
294-9001 for more information.

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 (*by reservation only*)
6:00—6:45 pm Preschool Choir
1st-5th Grade Choir
Discipleship Classes
6:00—7:30 pm 3-5 Year Mission Friends
6:45—7:30 pm 1st—5th Grade G.A.'s
1st—5th Grade R.A.'s
Rejoice Rehearsal
Prayer Ministry & Bible Study
Adult Choir

7:35—9:00 pm

Schedule for Grades 6-12

SUNDAYS

6:00 pm Challenge Night

WEDNESDAYS

5:15 pm The *Crosswalk* Café opens for supper
5:30 pm Ignite Student Choir
6:45 pm *Crosswalk* Worship begins in the auditorium
8:00 pm The *Crosswalk* will remain open until 9:00

Student Ministry

Upcoming schedule for Sunday nights
February 21: Challenge Night
February 28: SNAC (Fuddruckers)

2010 Sports Banquet

Tuesday, March 9, 6:00 p.m.
For All Basketball Players and Families
Cost: \$3
Registration Deadline—Friday, March 5

Lunch and A Movie

For All Preschoolers and Families
Saturday, March 13, 11:00 a.m.
In the Senior Adult Building
Call the church office for reservations

Email Announcement Test

Our new email announcement system is now operational and a test has been sent. If you received your email then you do not need to do anything. If you registered and did not receive this test, please send a note to Mike Parker at mparker@bereafbc.org or call the church office. There is still time to register to be part of this new service.

Wednesday Supper Menu

Adults and Kids: Sausage, Bacon, Grits, Eggs, Pancakes, Biscuit
Reminder: Payment must be made for all reservations not cancelled by Tuesday.