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From the Heart

Over the past weeks, there has been an increasing sense that we are encountering God's heart in our worship times together. One of my favorite truths from God's Word is found in II Chronicles 16:9 - "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." The desire of the Father as revealed in the Bible is that He longs to bless, help, strengthen those who have a passion to seek Him above all else in their lives.

If you have been unable to be in a corporate worship time on Sunday morning or night recently, and you are not physically hindered from attending, let me encourage you to make spending time with God's family a priority this week and in the week's ahead. When we truly experience the presence of God and receive a word from Him in the worship encounter, it begins to build within us an excitement about being faithful in our attendance as well as building expectation that we will truly experience God in our worship times.

We still have a few sessions remaining in our "Transforming Prayer" study on Sunday nights. This week, we will focus on the "practice" of a biblically balanced prayer life. I have come to understand that God wants to take us to new levels of experiencing His presence and power in our lives so that we can increasingly represent His character in our world. The more we know Him, the more we will be the "fragrance of Christ" to others.

I look forward to our time together this week - see you Sunday!

Pastor Rick

This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

10:30 a.m.

Message by Rev. Rick Fisher
"The Highway of Holiness"

We will conclude the focus on what it means for our lives to pursue holiness - honoring God and reflecting the character of Christ - as we take a look at the "fruit" that is the result of personal holiness. If we are truly "running after God's heart", that pursuit will express itself very practically in our daily living.

*** Note Time Change for Evening Activities ***

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship
"Prayer that Transforms Your Life"

Last week we looked at the principles of a biblically balanced prayer life. This week, we look at the way these principles are "practiced" in our daily prayer time. It is important for us to be "intentional" in our time with the Father and this week's teaching will focus on helping us move toward a more effective practice of prayer that God will use to transform our lives.

TeamKid

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Youth Super Bowl Party

6:00 p.m.



The Souper Bowl of Caring is an emphasis that takes our nation's interest in a football game and transforms it into concern for the hungry. **This Sunday, February 5**, Super Bowl Sunday, our students will be at the doors with large soup pots to receive donations from us as we leave the morning worship service. These funds will be used by our church's **Reaching Center** to purchase food for families in need in our community. Let's fill the soup pots with support so that we can fill the stomachs and hearts of people who need help in the spirit of Christ.

TeamKid, Grades 1-5
Super Bowl Party
 Sunday, February 5
 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 Gym/Team Room
 Games * Bible Story * Nachos and Cheese
 Wear your favorite team jersey
 and join us for some FUN!!

Usher Director
Guy Carter

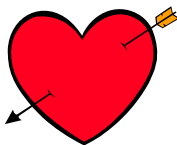
In our list of committees and officers we inadvertently left off the name of Guy Carter as our Usher Director. Guy provides BFBC with superb leadership with our ushers and we want to be sure he is listed as he continues with his duties.

Donations Needed for
College Student
Valentines Day Gifts

Show your love to our college students by making a financial contribution to help purchase gift certificates for our college students. Bring your gifts to the church office or drop in the offering plate on Sunday. **Deadline is Sunday, February 12.**

College Addresses Needed

If you have a child in college, please call the church office or email their address to temory@bereafbc.org.
by Friday, Feb. 10.



The Very Newest

Congratulations to **Justin and Kelli Wallen** on the birth of a daughter, Peryn Lynne, born January 29. Peryn is the granddaughter of Mike and Becky Nix.

Deacon's Meeting

Monday, February 6, 7:00 p.m.
 In the Choir Room

Grades 1-5
Kid's Day Out

Monday, February 20
 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
 Meet in the Gym
 Cost: \$10

Call the church office to sign up, 246-1921

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

January 29, 2012

Weekly Required Budget Giving... \$28,521.83
 Budget Gifts Received.....\$18,992.19
 Budget Shortage.....\$9,529.64

Pass It On Giving.....\$875.00
 Designated/Reimbursements.....\$3,111.65
 TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$22,978.84

Memorial Gifts

Gifts given in memory of:

Dolores Pearson by:
 Mike and Lisa Hudson
 Max and Darlene Hale

Tommy Batson by:
 Norman and Betty Willis
 Bo and Sheila Gantt

Men's Open Gym

Tuesday Nights
 7:00-9:00

Come play and shoot around!

The Reaching Center

Food needed: peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, fruit, instant potatoes, grits, rice, beef stew, corn, turnip greens, tomatoes.

All Ladies of the Church
are Invited

Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 p.m.
 Senior Adult Building
 Guest Missionary Speakers: The Snyders

WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Menu for February 8

Adults: Country Style Steak, Rice and Gravy, Pinto Beans, Fried Okra, Coleslaw, Biscuit

Kids: Steak Fingers, Rice and Gravy, Fried Okra, Fruit

Reservations/cancellations due by noon, Tuesday

Dear Friends,

On February 10, my long-awaited service dog, Hero, will be here for a two week visit. Many of you have been prayer partners with me in this venture and I thank you. While I will be glad to answer any questions you may have about Hero, I CANNOT allow you or your children to pet him or offer him treats. Hero is a working dog and not a pet. Thank you very much for your love and support.

Nancy Evans

Opportunities

SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Evening Worship Service
 TeamKid

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am New Horizons Choir
5:15—6:30 pm Supper
6:00—6:45 pm Preschool Choir
 1st—5th Grade Choir
 3—5 Year Mission Friends
 1st—5th Grade G.A.'s
 1st—5th Grade R.A.'s
 Prayer Ministry and Bible Study
 Rejoice
7:35-9:00 pm Adult Choir

Student Ministry, Grades 6-12

WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:20 pm Supper
6:30-7:30 pm Fun Time and Worship

SUNDAY

6:00 Super Bowl Party

Wednesday
Prayer Service

6:45 p.m., in the Chapel
 Message on February 8 by Martha Hodge

Children Present A
Great Program For
A Great Cause

This past Saturday, the people who filled the Crosswalk were treated to an incredible afternoon of entertainment by our children's choir. *Trills and Treats* displayed the multiple talents of our children and raised \$745 to help families in need through our Reaching Center.

