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# Reflections

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## Vision 2021

We are nearly one month into the new year! It is amazing how fast time passes. That's all the more reason to invest time wisely by abiding in the Lord, serving others, and making disciples. As we prepare to move into the second month of the year, I am excited about all the opportunities before us to grow spiritually and numerically.

One reality that I have had to accept is that I can't undo the challenging effects of Covid-19. Dwelling on the past will only hinder our ability to move forward. With the beginning of 2021, our staff has resolved that we must begin with a new benchmark. We must accept our present reality and work to build from here. With that philosophy in mind, we celebrate a 69% increase in attendance over the last three weeks. This past Sunday, we had three new families visit for the first time. One family came as a result of our basketball ministry. These are reasons to celebrate!

Although last year was filled with many challenges, I am thankful to share that through your faithful giving, we were able to meet our budget needs! I pray that this trend will continue into this new year. We will soon be hiring a new Worship Pastor and, as vaccinations increase and Covid-19 numbers decrease, we will be ready to seize every opportunity to make disciples here in Berea and around the world.

This Sunday, I will conclude our series on *Guaranteed Investment Strategies*. On February 7, I will begin a new series focusing on our mission as a church and our strategy for accomplishing that mission. Having a clearly defined mission and mission strategy will enable us to unite in focus and energy. Through it all, the Lord gives us a new opportunity to be a church used of Him to impact lostness and bring hope to a hurting world.

This is an exciting time to be Christ-followers. The days are ripe with opportunities to show hope and love. I pray that 2021 is a year in which we see the Lord do a mighty work!

For Him,  
Chad

## Sunday at BFBC

**All Bible Study/Sunday School Classes  
Resume this Sunday at 9:00 am**

*We have classes for all ages. Please visit the Welcome Center if you need help finding a class.*

### Worship Service at 10:15 am

As we continue to gather during this elevated COVID period, we encourage you to stay safe and help protect the health of everyone! We encourage masks, rows are marked for social distancing, and we even have a section with MASKS REQUIRED for the duration of the service (lower level near piano).

## Upcoming Discipleship Options on Wednesday Evenings

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY SERIES	<p>Begins Feb. 10, 2021 Led by Pastor Chad Rickenbaker</p> <p><b>CHARACTERS of the BIBLE</b></p> <p>WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM In the Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>MAN ALIVE</b></p> <p>TRANSFORMING YOUR 7 PRIMAL NEEDS INTO A POWERFUL SPIRITUAL LIFE</p> <p><b>MEN'S STUDY</b> Led by Paul Pappy</p> <p>Begins Feb. 10 Classroom in S.A.B. 6:30pm</p>	<p>Begins Feb. 3</p> <p>Led by Rick &amp; Debbie Fisher</p> <p><b>FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION</b></p> <p>BUILDING A GODLY LEGACY</p> <p>for PARENTS &amp; YOUNG ADULTS</p> <p>Drop off your kids &amp; students. Come have a cup of coffee. Let's build a Godly legacy. PATIO ROOM - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Begins Feb. 10, 2021 Led by Michael Hodge</p> <p><b>GOSPEL FLUENCY</b></p> <p>Learning to speak the Gospel into the everyday stuff of life. Practicing Gospel community that leads to Gospel outreach.</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS in the Chapel at 6:30pm</p>
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**Note the start dates for each group. All studies begin at 6:30 pm.**

**The sanctuary study will be live-streamed on Wednesdays.**

**Feb. 3** - From Generation to Generation with Rick & Debbie Fisher. Parents - drop off the kids/students, come get coffee & snack, and let's discover how we can invest in the next generation. 4 Sessions.

**Feb. 10** - Characters of the Bible - In the Sanctuary with Pastor Chad Rickenbaker.

**Feb. 10** - Man Alive: Men's Study led by Paul Pappy in the classroom beside the kitchen in the S. Adult Building.

**Feb. 10** - Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Gospel into our Everyday Lives - Led by Michael Hodge in the Chapel. This study will be recorded and available on our website and Facebook page.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Back to Regular Schedule

6:30-7:30 pm

### KIDZLIFE

Preschoolers - Meet in the Dock

Grades 1-5 - Meet in the Gym

### STUDENT MINISTRY

Grades 6-12 - Meet in the Crosswalk

### ADULT CLASSES

(See front page for more details)

### Deacons Meeting

Monday, February 1

7:00 pm

In the Sanctuary

Please make plans to be at this meeting to receive your materials for the new year.

### Grandmothers in Prayer

Sunday, February 7, 4:30 pm

Monday, February 8, 10:00 am

Senior Adult Building

No commitments are necessary...just come when you can. We spend one hour together sharing our hearts for our grandchildren and praying for them.



7am on Thursdays

In the Welcome Center

Our group continues to join together around God's Word, reading and then responding in prayer. If your work schedule allows you to join us, we will have you out the door by 8am and on to work. Masks are encouraged!

## Financial Report

Sunday, January 24

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,429,626.76  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 1/24.....\$34,721.00\*  
Legacy Gifts.....\$165.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$720.00  
Total Deposit.....\$35,606.00  
\* weekly total does not include online giving

### Sympathy

*Sympathy is extended to:*

The family of Marshall Sargent.

Terry Anderson in the death of his mother, Marian Anderson.

Jad Anthony in the death of his mother, Diane Anthony.

Margaret Bolding in the death of her son-in-law, Bill Clamp.

To Frances Martin in the death of her brother, Bill Barbour.



### How Can We Pray for You?

Our Intercessory Prayer Ministry is always confidential and staffed by trained volunteers. How can we pray for you today?

**Email:** [prayerrequest@bereafbc.org](mailto:prayerrequest@bereafbc.org)

**Voicemail:** (864) 246-9182, Ext. 1

### Special Gifts

*Gifts have been given in honor of:*

Martha Hodge and Cheryl Taylor by:

Loyalty Sunday School Class

Catherine Brockman, Mary Lazar, and

Barb Manire by:

Esther Sunday School Class

Catherine Brockman and Esther Sunday School Class by:

Glenn and Mary Arrowood

Chip and Jackie Batson by:

David and Dianne Batson

Floyd and Irma Parker by:

The Justice Family

Julie Lunsford, Jim & Sherri Southerland,

Don & Cyndi Lewis, Rocky & Cheryl

Dreibrodt by:

Alan and Brana Myers

## Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been received in memory of:*

Dr. A.M. Aldlerman by:

Jean Clarke

Nancy Alderman by:

Jean Clarke

Ruth Alderman by:

Jean Clarke

Marian Anderson by:

Dick and Artie Hughes

Eppes/Jones Sunday School Class

Sam and Teresa Huffman

Loyalty Sunday School Class

Bill Barbour by:

Esther Sunday School Class

Ron Bridges by:

Ron Rountree

Ken and Tish Bridwell by:

Alan and Brana Myers

Larry Chapman by:

Margaret Chapman

Bill Garraux by:

Joye Garraux

Gerry Garraux by:

Joye Garraux

Todd Hallman by:

Alan and Brana Myers

Leah Hamilton by:

Wayne and Joyce Ringer

Kenneth Hipp by:

Cathy Vaughan's Charleston Girls-

Georgia, Jeanne, Tracie, and

Mary-Katherine

Norman and Betty Willis

William and Mary Lou Jones

Bob and Kay Dobbins

Darrell and Amy Reese

Jane Hipp

Thelma Jones by:

Billy and Julie Owens

William and Marian Lyles

Paul Justice Jr. by:

Gloria, Paul III, Penny

David Justice and family

David Lunsford by:

Alan and Brana Myers

Boyce and Lydia Page by:

Bobby and Ann Reid

Rory Powell by:

Joyce Clayton

Milas and Mary Bell Reid by:

Bobby and Ann Reid

Viola Rollins by:

Carol A. Haines

Marshall Sargent by:

Kevin and Elaine Styles

Bruce Turner by:

Margaruite Turner