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NEWSLETTER

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2023 Stewardship Challenge

The start of each new year is a great time to evaluate our giving to the Lord's work. In Malachi 3:10 the Lord says, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." As we demonstrate our trust in the Lord through our faithful tithing, He demonstrates His faithfulness toward us by providing for all our needs. It is amazing to see all the lives that are impacted for the Kingdom through the ministries supported by our tithes and offerings. Let's begin this new year as faithful stewards of God's resources!

Sunday Morning Bible Study
Connect Group Teachers

Dinner & Discussion

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 pm
Senior Adult Building

We encourage all teachers to be here as we celebrate what God has done and continues to do in our Connect Groups. Ryan Pate, our new Discipleship and Missions Pastor, will share his heart, vision and challenge for 2023 relating to Connect Groups here at BFBC. Please sign up by this Thursday, 246-1921.



Happy New Year! I'm so thankful for the fresh vision and passion the Lord has given me for our church in 2023. This vision flows from God's passion that all people know Him and are reconciled to Him. Our God-given responsibility is to help people connect with Christ. With this purpose in mind, we are going to prayerfully and intentionally pursue the formation of a culture of evangelism. Our pursuit is going to involve intentional times of equipping. These equipping times will be designed to deepen our knowledge and comfort level in sharing the Gospel. Some equipping will be done during our Sunday morning services and a lot of it will occur during our Wednesday night Connect Groups.

Our pursuit of a culture of evangelism will be built upon our current culture of prayer. God will empower our witness as we ask Him for boldness and courage. In the coming months we will be praying in specific ways related to our 2023 focus. We all know Christ today because someone shared the gospel with us. Now we get to be that person for someone else!

-Pastor Chad

LOTTIE MOON TEA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 9:30 AM
In the Senior Adult Building

Speaker: Grace Lyn Shockey
Retired International Mission Board Missionary
Served in Southeast Asia for over 30 years

Cost is \$10
Reservations Required by 1/11 - 246-1921



Thank You

Thank you for giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to exceed our goal and missionaries around the world will be blessed by your gifts.

Lottie Moon Offering Goal: \$20,000 | Received \$25,106.95

Welcome New Members



Mike, Cindy and Rachel Dobbins
22 Forest Ridge Way
Greenville, SC 29617

Financial Report

Sunday, January 1

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,540,168.53
Budgeted Gifts\$19,108.00*
Legacy Gifts.....\$115.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$1,425.00
Total Deposit.....\$20,648.00
**Does not include online giving*

Sympathy

Belinda Hilliard in the death of her sister, Beatrice Good.

Bill Williams and Martin Williams in the death of their father, Dick Williams.

Lisa Williams in the death of her mother, Rachel Wilson.

To Karolyn Morgan in the death of her great nephew, James Henson.

Opportunities

SUNDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School
10:15 am Morning Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:00 Supper
5:55-6:25 Grades 1-5 Choir
6:30-7:30 Kidzlife
Adult Bible Study
Adult Choir
Students: Doors open at 5:45, Service at 6:30, Pick up at 7:45.

THURSDAY

7:00 am Men's Prayer Time

Wednesday Supper Menu—1/11

Baked Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese,
Green Beans, Red Potatoes
or chick-fil-a nuggets/sandwich.
Reservations due by 11:00 am Monday.



Please plan to help us
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 9:30 AM
Everyone is welcome!

Grandmothers In Prayer

Sunday, January 8, 4:00
Senior Adult Building

Ladies you are invited to attend either meeting

Grace Lyn Shockey Circle Meeting

Monday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 pm
(refreshments)

or Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 pm
(soup lunch)

An international missionary serving in Europe will be the speaker. She is stateside for a short time.

Deacon/Wife Steak Dinner

Thursday, January 26, 6:30 pm
Senior Adult Building
Menu: Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, Dessert

If you would prefer chicken instead of steak, please notify us when you sign up.

Must sign up by Sunday, January 22

in the Welcome Center or call the church office, 246-1921.

Senior Adult

Friendship Group Luncheon

Tuesday, February 7, 11:00 am
Cost: \$8

Sign up by Thursday, February 2.

The Reaching Center

For the month of January we are asking for donations of PEANUT BUTTER.

This is a partial list of Memorial Gifts that we have received recently. More gifts will be listed in the next newsletter.

Paul Peterson by:
Peggy Peterson

Betty Reece by:
Anne Linder

Robert and Carolyn Eakin
Doug Moody Sunday School Class
Esther Sunday School Class
Alvin, Diane Henson & Family
Sallie Taylor
Sam and Susan Childers
Dale and Christi Laws
Betty Willis
Joe and Gwen Williams

Lisa Smith by:

Anne Linder
Ernest Reece
Mike and Becky Nix
Randy and Janet Blair
Nancy Cooper
Barry and Gina Tatum
Alvin, Diane and Anna Henson
Sallie Taylor
Will and Samantha Jones
Kirk and Gail Porter
Sam and Susan Childers
Dale and Christi Laws
Betty Willis
Randy and Barbara Weatherford
Shep and Debbie Tallon
Joe and Gwen Williams
Ken and Jean Pennington
Greenville County Fire Chiefs
Nan Stroud
Ron and Judy Granger
Darrell and Amy Reese
Esther Sunday School Class
Robert and Donna Coleman
Bill and Margaret Mathis
Carolyn Sims
Kevin and Mike Sims
Gary and Julie Brock

John and Chere Edwards

Bob and Kay Dobbins
Berea Public Service District
Jim and Diane Harrill

Jean Stegall by:

Ernest Reece
Christine Brashier

Norman Willis by:

Guy and Betty Davis
Joyce Clayton
Mike and Faye Aiken
Nancy Cooper
Joan Zepf

Ernest Reece

Walter and Evelyn Watson
Sam and Susan Childers
Don and Jennifer Kauffman
Charles and Brenda Hall
Randy and Barbara Weatherford

Sallie Taylor
Randy and Janet Blair
Shep and Debbie Tallon

Joe and Gwen Williams
Long and Son's Utility
Ken and Jean Pennington
Caroline Newton
Rebekah Burdine
Lisa Phillips
Sammy Huffman
Pat Hipp

Nan Stroud
Mary and Thomas Jones
Mac and Batsie Styles
Phil and Shelby Williams
David and Pamela Fellers
Raymond Stack Family
Gayle McDavid
Vivian Day
Bob and Kay Dobbins
Darrell and Amy Reese

Michael and Margaret Hunter

Gary and Donna Blackwell
Ron and Judy Granger

Henry and Becky Philpot
Esther Sunday School Class
Jack and Betty Brock

Rocky and Cheryl Dreibrodt
Robert and Donna Coleman

Judith Keasler
Jackie Mills

Gary and Julie Brock
Linda Thompson

Jim and Diane Harrill
James W. Smith, Jr.

Max and Mary Myers
Alvin and Diane Henson

Linda Emory
Anne Linder

Julia Muirhead
Jade and David Poe

Dianne and Jerry Alexander
Larry and Janice Skinner

Christine Brashier

Gifts Given in Honor of:

BFBC Staff by:

Harriet Baker

Harriet Baker by:

Women of Faith SS Class

Martha Hodge by:

Loyalty Sunday School Class

Cheryl Taylor by:

Loyalty Sunday School Class

Stanley Thornhill by:

Robbie Cassell

A gift was given in memory of Brenda Smith and in honor of Jimmy Smith by Lori, Gregg, Shelby and Caroline Smith.