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Loving the Lord and Loving others

As we move into the holiday season and with the increase in Covid-19 cases, let's continue practicing social distancing and mask-wearing. If there is a chance that these efforts will help reduce spreading the virus and keeping our church family healthy for the holidays, the inconvenience will be worth it. Thank you for helping keep our church open and active!

Thanksgiving Dinner

This Sunday at 5:30

In the Crosswalk
\$7 per person

All seats are reserved.

Remember to bring canned goods for our Reaching Center.

CHRISTMAS WITH Michael O'Brien

FEATURING THE

Foto Sisters

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6:00PM
BEREA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FREE TICKETS available in the Welcome Center on Sundays, in the church office during the week, or visit our website at www.bereafbc.org.

*Visitors and New Members
are Invited*

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sunday, November 29, 9:00 am in the Senior Adult Building

Help Us Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas!

Sunday, November 22 , 1:00 pm.

Just show up to work and we'll get you plugged in! We need as many hands as we can to make this happen. Everyone is Welcome!

Lottie Moon Season of Prayer and Giving for International Missions!

Each year during the Christmas season, we pray for our international missionaries and give to support carrying the gospel to the unreached people groups of the world.

This year our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is \$15,000.

Did you know that every day 154,937 people die without knowing Christ? There are 7,070 unreached people groups in the world, comprising 4.5 billion people. As you can see, the need is urgent. If 25% of Southern Baptists gave \$100 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, we could raise nearly \$400 million. Through our partnership with other Southern Baptist Convention churches, our International Mission Board missionaries were able to engage 827 people groups last year. Your gift to the Lottie Moon Mission Offering helps bring the gospel to people that may never have heard Jesus' name before.

2021 Budget

On December 9th at 6:30, we will have a church conference to review our 2021 proposed budget. We will also have a designated time to pray over our budget and ministry needs for the new year. We will vote on the proposed budget on December 13th at the conclusion of the morning service. For the first eight months of this year, our budget offerings were averaging more than what was required to meet budget. In the last couple of months, our offerings have been less than what is required to meet budget. Join me in praying that our budget needs will be met and commit with me to faithfully giving to the Lord's work here at BFBC. As we get closer to having a vaccine for Covid-19, we want to be prepared to move forward with all the Lord has called us to do. Thanks for your faithfulness in giving! If you have fallen behind recently, there is time to catch up.

Church Conference Dates

Wed., December 9, 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 13, 10:15 am

Welcome New Members



Zachary Michael (Michelle & Jack Henry)
300 Kilburn Lane
Travelers Rest, SC 29690



**Thomas and Rebecca Major
Malachi and Elliana**
12 Vista Dr.
Greenville, SC 29609



**Jenna Miller
Briley and Aly**
381 Westcliffe Way
Greenville, SC 29611

Angel Tree Ministry

Christmas is just around the corner. The Reaching Center, in partnership with the Salvation Army, will be participating in the Angel Tree Ministry again this year. Prayerfully consider taking a child's name and purchasing gifts from their Christmas wish list.

- The Angel Tree is located in the Welcome Center.
- Be sure and sign the sheet with your name and your adopted child's name and GVL number.
- Place the purchased items in black plastic bags with the GVL number on each gift and the tag on the outside of the bag.
- Add the child and their family to your prayer list.
- Gifts should be returned no later than December 6.

Thank you for making a child's Christmas brighter and merrier this year.

The Reaching Center Ministry

Financial Report Sunday, November 15

Total Annual Budget.....	\$1,429,626.76
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 11/15.....	\$16,249.00*
Legacy Gifts.....	\$355.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....	\$500.00
Total Deposit.....	\$17,104.00

* weekly total does not include online giving

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Robbie Cassell in the death of her father, Robert Bailey.

Sally Arrowood in the death of her sister, Pattie Wilson.

Christmas Eve Ministry

Christmas is just around the corner, and from the number of you that have put decorations up already, I know you are excited and ready. But for some families, Christmas can be a very stressful time wondering how they will be able to provide for their family at Christmas. For over 40 years, our church has provided gifts and food to families in need for Christmas. These gifts and groceries are delivered to each family's home by volunteers from our church on Christmas Eve. Already this year, we have received numerous calls hoping for help. We plan to help as many families as possible, but we will be limited to how many we can help by the donations and volunteers we have.

The average family costs \$300 to supply a nice Christmas meal and presents. Most of the gifts consist of shoes, clothes, winter coats, and a few toys. We need donations and sponsors! If you would be willing to make a donation or even sponsor an entire family, we need to know by **Sunday, Nov. 29th** so that we can make a clear commitment to the families we can help. If you or your group wants to volunteer to shop and deliver gifts to these families, please let us know of that commitment also. How many families in our community we can help is up to you! Please mark your donations as Christmas Eve Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Parker at 246-1921 or Mparker@bereafbc.org.

Opportunities

SUNDAY

9:00 am
10:15 am
5:30 pm

Bible Study
Morning Worship Service
Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Holiday

We will not have Prayer Service, KidzLife, or Youth on Wednesday, November 25.

Reaching Center

November Items:
CANNED SOUP

Great New Resource for Parents and Grandparents

This Sunday we will have Rick Fisher's new book, "From Generation to Generation," available in the Welcome Center. This book teaches parents and grandparents how to build a godly legacy.

Here's a quote from Rick:

An inheritance consists of "things" we leave for family members, but a legacy consists of what we "invest" in the lives of our family. The book "From Generation to Generation: Building a Godly Legacy" contains my heart and that of my wife about the calling parents and grandparents (aunts/uncles, anyone who has the opportunity to impact children/youth) to be intentional to invest the character of God, His truth and ways in the next generations. I pray that Psalm 78:4,8 will be a banner over our lives in this regard - "...telling the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done...that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments".

The book will be \$4.

UTAH MISSIONS

We are pursuing a NEW missions opportunity in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our NAMB Church Planters & Missionaries are tirelessly working to share the truth of Christ. How can we help? Here's a fun way to support the work - give gift cards to the WIVES of the church planters. It will encourage them so much!
Buy a \$20 Starbucks Gift Card (their choice) or give a cash donation.
Drop it by the Welcome Center or give it to Karolyn Morgan.
A simple gift to encourage!