



**BEREA**  
First Baptist Church

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# Reflections

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NEWSLETTER

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## Angel Tree Ministry

Thank you for adopting so many families from our Angel Trees.

**Remember that all gifts are due by this Sunday, December 4.** You can leave your gifts in the Welcome Center. Remember to put all items in black plastic bags with the GVL number on each gift and the tag on the outside of the bag.

### Church Conference

Sunday, December 4, 10:15 a.m.  
*Vote on 2023 Budget*

### Senior Adult

### Christmas Luncheon

**Tuesday, December 13, 11:00 am**

Senior Adult Building

No Charge but Reservations are Required.  
Call the office at 246-1921 or sign up in the Welcome Center by December 7.  
Menu: Hawaiian Chicken, Yellow Rice, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls

## Christmas for Kids

**Sunday, December 18, 10:15 am**

As we gather to worship the Lord on the Sunday before Christmas, our children are invited to join us on stage for a special time of music and reflection on the story of Christmas. This is just one part of a wonderful day of worship as we celebrate Christ together!

### Christmas Services

**Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24**

Family Christmas Service at 5:00 pm  
Candlelight Service at 11:30 pm

**Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25**

Worship Service Only at 10:15 am  
(No Sunday School Connect Groups)

## BFBC Welcomes Dr. Zach Jones As Our New Worship Pastor



We are excited to announce that Zach Jones was voted in as our new Worship Pastor on November 20. Zach will begin on Monday, January 2. Please be in prayer for Zach, Terra and their sons as they prepare to move here from North Carolina.

### Appreciation to Brian Groce

We want to show our appreciation to Brian for his exceptional leadership during this last year. On Sunday, December 18 we encourage you to bring cards of appreciation and drop them off in the Welcome Center. Following the service, you will be able to speak to Brian and Gwen in the Welcome Center. His last day will be December 25.



## Children's Choir Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 11, 6:00 pm**  
**In the Sanctuary**

We hope you will plan to be here to support our children and their volunteers who have worked so hard to prepare this musical for you.

## Bake Sale

Hosted by the Children's Choir

Visit the Welcome Center following the musical on December 11 and help our kids raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## Welcome New Members



**Billy, Lynn and Ashton Moseley**  
410 Cross Roads Church Rd.  
Easley, SC 29640



6:00 pm - Pizza and Salad in Senior Adult Building. \$5 each.

6:45-9:00 pm - Travel by church bus to see the Festival of Trees in Downtown Greenville.

**SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER**

## Christmas Eve Ministry

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 we receive. The average family costs \$300 to supply a nice Christmas meal and presents. Most of the gifts are made up of shoes, clothes, winter coats and a few toys. If you would be willing to make a donation or even completely sponsor an entire family, we need to know as soon as possible. Please mark your gifts as Christmas Eve Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Parker at mparker@bereafbc.org or 246-1921.

## Financial Report

Sunday, November 7

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,463,071.48  
Budgeted Gifts .....\$18,897.00\*  
Legacy Gifts.....\$85.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$5,100.00  
Total Deposit.....\$24,082.00

*\*Does not include online giving*

## Sympathy

To the family of Bill Franks.

To Cyndi Lewis in the death of her step-father, Garvin Moore.

## The Reaching Center

This time of year we have a lot of families in need. Please help us restock our shelves with the following items:

*Dried Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese Boxes, Ramen Noodles, Peanut Butter.*

## Grandmothers in Prayer

Sunday, December 4, 4:00  
Senior Adult Building

## Wednesday Activities End

Wednesday, December 14 will be our last week for suppers, choirs, KidzLife and student worship for this year. We will resume on Wednesday, January 4.

## 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  
7:35-9:00 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

December 7

Hotdogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw or Chick-fil-a— Nuggets or Sandwich  
Reservations due by noon, Monday.

## Operation Christmas Child Workday

OCC Processing Center, Charlotte, NC  
Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:15 am – 8:00 pm  
Meet at the Crosswalk

**Sign up in the Welcome Center or text, call or email Ford. Space is very limited so register ASAP.**

Bring \$15 for lunch. Options will be chick-fil-a and pizza. We will be traveling to Charlotte to pack and process shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Come be a part of this opportunity to serve!

## Student Ministry Upcoming Special Events

**Down Syndrome Christmas Party!**  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am – 11:30am**

We will once again be hosting the annual Christmas party for the Down Syndrome Association. Let Ford know if you can serve! We will be elves delivering presents, waiters serving tables, helping with crafts.

### WE'RE GOING TO ECUADOR!

Grades 8 through College. June 2-10. Registration opens December 1. Contact Ford to register or for more information.

**Winter Retreat Registration is open now through December 7<sup>th</sup>.** To register, text, call or email Ford. We're returning to Blowing Rock North Carolina for another Ski and Tubing trip at Sugar Mountain January 20-

22. Cost is \$110 due at registration, and then the cost of their activity (Skiing/Snowboarding=\$100; Snow Tubing=\$35; Ice-Skating=\$20) to be brought day of.



*Charles Billingsley*

presents

**It's Christmas Time!**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**7:00 PM**

**BEREA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

This was a great concert last year so please invite your friends, family and coworkers to attend! We will have cards available this Sunday in the Welcome Center that you can use as a tool to invite others to attend.

# 2023 Ministry Support Budget Proposal

The Proposed 2023 Church Budget was presented and discussed on Wednesday, November 30. We will vote, without further discussion, on the adoption of the proposed budget this Sunday, December 4, in the morning service.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed 2023 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Administrators Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Cooperative Program	\$60,000.00	\$58,400.00
Three Rivers Baptist Association	\$30,000.00	\$29,200.00
Community Missions	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
CD Ministries	\$300.00	\$900.00
Reaching Center	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Promotion/Advertising	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Communications and Marketing	\$3,500.00	\$22,300.00
Ladies Ministries	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Men's Ministries	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Acts 1:8 Ministries	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00
Disciples in Action	\$500.00	\$750.00
Good News Club	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Sunday School	\$15,600.00	\$17,700.00
Discipleship Training	\$900.00	\$900.00
WMU	\$650.00	\$650.00
KidzLife	\$3,150.00	\$3,400.00
Music - Sundays	\$32,800.00	\$32,800.00
Music - Instruments	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Music - Adult Choir	\$3,650.00	\$3,650.00
Media Productions	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Music - Children's Choir	\$750.00	\$750.00
Music - Christmas Program	\$11,450.00	\$11,450.00
Senior Adult Trips	\$600.00	\$600.00
Friendship Group	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Student Activities	\$48,500.00	\$48,500.00
Church Camp	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
Children's Ministry	\$5,305.00	\$5,805.00
College Ministry	\$4,550.00	\$5,350.00
Prayer Ministry	\$4,340.00	\$4,065.00
Evangelism Conference	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Vacation Bible School	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
Fellowship Wednesday Nights	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fellowship Recreation	\$6,150.00	\$6,150.00
Outreach Ministries	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00
Special Outreach Ministries	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
Staff Expenses	\$820,433.53	\$759,706.29
Special Nursery Services	\$3,020.00	\$5,360.00
Mileage	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Pastor Funds	\$2,025.00	\$2,025.00
Gift Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Printing	\$12,000.00	\$11,400.00
Special Programs	\$14,625.00	\$14,625.00
General Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$9,500.00	\$8,750.00
Office Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$1,750.00
Flowers	\$500.00	\$500.00
Envelopes	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Audit Expense	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Security Systems	\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed 2023 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Computer ACS	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00
All Copier Contracts	\$6,950.00	\$6,550.00
Addressing System	\$900.00	\$900.00
Utilities	\$125,450.00	\$124,400.00
Transportation	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00
Insurance	\$60,700.00	\$58,200.00
County Taxes	\$870.00	\$870.00
Contingency	\$14,000.00	\$13,830.00
Computer	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
New Equipment	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Computer Equipment and Software	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00
Cleaning and Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$9,000.00
Cleaning Service	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$55,700.00	\$45,700.00
Lawn Care	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Security Support	\$8,320.00	\$8,320.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,540,168.53</b>	<b>\$1,496,186.29</b>

<b>2023 Annual Budget Total:</b>	<b>\$1,540,168.53</b>
<b>2023 Weekly Budget Requirement:</b>	<b>\$ 29,618.23</b>
<b>2022 Annual Budget Total:</b>	<b>\$1,496,186.29</b>
<b>2022 Weekly Budget Requirement</b>	<b>\$ 28,772.81</b>

Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4-11

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100% of your gifts go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to enable gospel transformation among the unreached.

*Our Goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: \$20,000*