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NEWSLETTER

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One of the "rhythms" of corporate worship for Christians is confession. I would like to encourage you to not be afraid of it, but rather embrace it as the biblical practice it is.

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The urgent request of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect" (James 5:16, HCSB).

Every week during the service, we have scriptures and songs that intentionally illuminate our need to confess our sins. This is a biblical pattern of engaging with God. Consider in Isaiah 6 how the prophet, upon entering God's presence (v. 1) immediately recognized his unworthiness (v. 5). God then provided a means of purification (in this vision, it is an angel with a glowing coal in v. 6), and the prophet's sins were atoned for (v. 7).

The greatest thing about confession is that it is connected to repentance and atonement: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). In our services after our "rhythm" of confession, there is another "beat" to our gathering: the assurance of pardon. This is where we are reminded that our sins are forgiven. These two "rhythms" of our gathering (confession and assurance), center our worship in the gospel and keep our hearts founded upon the truth of the gospel.

When you gather with the church to worship, let me encourage you to embrace these rhythms of confession and assurance. Acknowledge the sin in your life, and then rejoice in the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Let this rhythm of confession and assurance wash over your heart and remind you of the significance of what Christ accomplished on the cross.

solis Dei gloria,

Pastor Zach

THIS SUNDAY AT Berea First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Connect Groups at 9:00 am

There is a group for everyone! Please call the office or visit the Welcome Center on Sunday morning if you need help finding a group that's right for you.

Worship Service at 10:15 am

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker



THURSDAYS, 6:30-8:30 PM | MARCH 2—MAY 25

BFBC Conference Room

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office.

Loving Greenville

Celebration Dinner

Sunday, February 26, 5:30-7:00

Cost: \$5

Sign up online at bereafbc.org.

Childcare will be offered for babies through 3-year-olds with reservations. Don't forget to collect items to bring to the dinner to help our Greenville ministries.

Below is a list of those needed items:

Miracle Hill Children's Home: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, cleaning supplies

Piedmont Women's Center: new BPA bottles (any size), receiving blankets, newborn outfit/onesies, baby lotion

Greenville Rescue Mission: men's underwear, disposable razors, washcloths, towels

BASKETBALL BANQUET

ALL PLAYERS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED

Tuesday 3/14 | 6:00 pm | In the Crosswalk

Cost is \$5 per person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY 3/5.

Welcome New Member



Addie Smith

401 Winding Brook Ct.
Greenville, SC 29617

Ladies Craft Night

Friday, March 10, 6:30 pm
Senior Adult Building

Please bring an appetizer or dessert.
Sign up in the Welcome Center



The cost is \$35 and all supplies are provided. Several different options similar to the this one will be offered.

The Very Newest

Congratulations to Adam and Shelley Kozic on the birth of a daughter, Ellis Claire, born February 1. Ellis is the granddaughter of Kevin and Elaine Styles.

CAMP CHERAW FOR GRADES 2-12

REGISTRATION FOR CAMPERS & COUNSELORS

Wednesday, March 15

on the Stage in the Senior Adult Building from 5:45-7:45pm.

There is a \$75 registration fee. The total cost of camp is \$200 for those who register on March 15, or \$225 for those who register after March 5. Counselor fee is \$40.

Please register as soon as possible to help us plan accordingly.

Cheraw Senior Week (Grades 6-12): June 18-23 (Sunday-Friday)
Cheraw Junior Week (Grades 2-5): June 25-29 (Sunday-Thursday)

Vintage Camp Shirts will be available on March 15 in the SAB for a suggested donation of \$2 each. All funds will go to the Student Ministry Ecuador Mission Trip. Come relive some old memories, or purchase some t-shirts to wear at camp this year!

Financial Report

Sunday, February 12

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,540,168.53
Budgeted Gifts*\$13,092.00
Legacy Gifts.....\$150.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$2,304.46
Total Deposit.....\$15,546.46
**Does not include online giving*

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Mary Sue Watson.

Susan Whittington in the death of her husband, Floyd Whittington.

Sherri Teague in the death of her father, Bobby Teague.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Ray Ammons by:

Jeff and Mary Davis
Celebration Choir of Overbrook Church
Jim and Diane Harrill
Anne Linder
Darrell and Amy Reese
Ken and Rachel Carpenter

Floyd Whittington by:

Bykota/Eppes/Jones Class

Barbara Wood by:

Joyce Clayton

Hazel Woosley by:

Linda Emory

Ken and Jean Pennington

The Reaching Center

For the month of February we are asking for donations of **SOUP**.

Opportunities

SUNDAY

9:00 am Connect Groups
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
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 NIGHT MENU

February 22

Hotdogs, Fries, Baked Beans, Slaw or Chick-fil-a-Nuggets or Sandwich.
Reservations due by noon, Monday.
Cost: \$5

BFBC Prayer Conference

with Dr. Richard Blackaby

Sunday and Monday, March 19-20

Summer Events at BFBC
Mark your calendar now so that your kids won't miss any of our exciting events!

Ecuador Student Mission Trip: June 2-10
Vacation Bible School: June 4-7
Grades 6-12 Camp: June 18-23
Grades 2-5 Camp: June 25-29
Student Fuge Trip: July 17-21

MISSION TRIP TO BERE A
JULY 27-29, 2023

More Details Coming Soon!