



# BEREA

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# Reflections

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NEWSLETTER

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Why do we do missions? Because Jesus commissioned us? Yes! But even deeper, we find our reasons in Psalm 67. God is worthy of our worship. The nations need to worship God. Our lives ought to be lived out in a way that we enjoy God and His Glory. We should encourage the nations to do the same.

We see that worship is the fuel for missions. When we begin to think about all that God is to us and what He has done for us, our response is to worship Him. We cannot keep that to ourselves. It becomes an outflow of who He is in our lives.

I am reminded of Martha and Mary who desired to work for Jesus as their response to Him. Mary was enamored with Jesus and Martha was busy serving Jesus. Martha began to get upset that Mary wasn't serving. Jesus told Martha, I am more important than you serving Me. What a call for us to enjoy Him. Let the outflow of us enjoying Him become the fuel for our missions to Berea, Greenville, South Carolina, this great country, and to the ends of the earth.

Psalm 67:3-4

Press On,  
Ryan

### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday and Monday, March 19-20  
**BFBC Prayer Conference with  
Dr. Richard Blackaby**

### Give to the Souper Bowl of Caring To Help our Reaching Center

Sunday, February 12 (Super Bowl Day), following the morning service, our Reaching Center volunteers will be at the exits with soup pots where you can give your **monetary donations** toward our Reaching Center Ministry. All of your gifts will help to continue this ministry to our community. Look for our volunteers after the service and let's fill up those soup pots!



Will you help us love and support our Greenville community by donating items for Miracle Hills Children's Home, Piedmont Women's Center, or Greenville Rescue Mission?

**On Sunday, February 26, at 5:30, we will bring all of our donations and have a celebration dinner.**

The cost is \$5 each. You can sign up by going to our website ([www.bereafbc.org](http://www.bereafbc.org)) scroll down and then click on REGISTER FOR OUR LOVING GREENVILLE DINNER or you can call the church office.

Childcare will be offered for babies through 3 year olds and reservations are required.

A list of requested items is available in the Welcome Center or office.

## Baptism

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5**

If you're interested in talking with Pastor Chad about baptism, please call the church office 246-1921.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS

## DISCOVER BEREAFIRST LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 12, 11:30 am  
Senior Adult Building

Whether you are new to BFBC or have attended worship a few times, we encourage you to join us for the DISCOVER BEREAFIRST LUNCHEON. If you are curious to know more about our church, or maybe you'd like to connect further with our staff and community of believers, this event is for you! We invite you to come, enjoy a free meal, get to know us, and allow us to get to know you, too.

**SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER OR CALL THE OFFICE, 246-1921**

## 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

## Grandmothers In Prayer

Sunday, February 5, 4:00  
Senior Adult Building

## All Senior Adults Are Invited FRIENDSHIP GROUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 7, 11:00 am  
Senior Adult Building  
Program by Zach Jones,  
BFBC Worship Pastor  
Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,  
Cheesecake  
Cost: \$8 per person  
Call the office or sign up in the  
Welcome Center by February 1.

## BFBC Book Club

will meet on Monday, Feb. 13th at 6 pm.  
The book for the month is The Five Wishes  
of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple.

## Widow's Luncheon

Thursday, February 16, 11:30 am  
Meet at Olive Garden, Cherrydale  
Sign up in the Welcome Center or  
call the office.

## Student Ministry Upcoming Special Event

**Winter Jam February 25<sup>th</sup>!** Registration is open NOW – February 15<sup>th</sup>. Winter Jam is a Christian Concert featuring many Christian artists you may know. Cost is \$40 per person. We will leave after lunch (please eat before you come), at 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> headed to Greensboro NC. We will provide snack food on the ride home, but you'll need to bring money for dinner food at the venue. We will be back late in the evening Saturday night, at approximately 1:00am.

## Financial Report

Sunday, January 29

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,540,168.53  
Budgeted Gifts .....\$36,837.36\*  
Legacy Gifts.....\$229.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$15,435.00  
Total Deposit.....\$52,501.36  
*\*Does not include online giving*

## Sympathy

*Sympathy is extended to:*

Harriet Dodson in the death of her grandmother, Sue Forrester.

The family of Ray Ammons.

## Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

Ray Ammons by:  
Bykota/Epps/Jones Sunday School Class  
Alvin and Diane Henson and Family  
Cheryl Taylor  
JoAnne Ducker by:  
Cheryl Taylor  
Bill Franks by:  
Cheryl Taylor  
Teresa Huffman by:  
Cheryl Taylor  
Betty Reece by:  
John Hamilton  
Norman Willis by:  
John Hamilton

A gift has been given in honor of Martha Hodge by Cheryl Taylor.

## 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  
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 SUPPER MENU

February 8

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes,  
Great Northern Beans, Mac and Cheese  
or Chick-fil-a–Nuggets or Sandwich.  
Reservations due by noon, Monday.

## The Reaching Center

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

## Grace Lyn Shockey Circle Meeting

Monday, February 13 at 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, February 14 at 1:00 pm  
Speaker: Belly Gil of LaRoca Church who previously served as a missionary in Peru.



## Tuesday, March 14, 6:00 pm

In the Crosswalk  
All players and their families are invited to attend.  
The cost is \$5 per person.  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
Sign up in the Welcome Center or  
call the church office by March 5.



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.*