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Let's Take Our Next Step!

I'm so thankful for the Lord's faithfulness!! His faithfulness is from generation to generation. I pray that He will find us faithful. The last two and a half months have truly been a trial. In some ways, the trial is ongoing. Yet, we know that the testing of our faith produces patience. In James 1:4, we read, "But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." God can use our present trial to refine our faith and build in us a more Christ-like character.

Often God uses other Christians to encourage us in the midst of trials. So we need to connect for mutual accountability and encouragement. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we read, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Our next step in the process of reconnecting is to allow you to attend the worship service of your choice.

When we started meeting again, we asked everyone to attend a service based on the first letter of their last name. That has worked well, but we feel like we can now take a step forward and encourage you to attend the service of your choice. For the time being, we will continue to have services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone this Sunday at the service of your choice!!

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Jeff Raymer.

Anthony Mullinax in the death of his father, Dale Mullinax.

Dawn Williams in the death of her father, Henry Cantrell.

Prayer Ministry Resource Area

A new prayer guide for the upcoming election is now available in the Welcome Center Prayer Ministry Resource Area.

In Need of Prayer?

- Call 246-9182, ext. 1 and leave a message
- Send an email to prayerrequest@bereafbc.org

Our faithful prayer servants work throughout the week lifting up the requests and needs of our church and beyond.

Financial Report Sunday, May 24

Total Annual Budget	\$1,429,626.76
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 5-24.	\$19,372.00
Legacy Gifts	\$248.00
Designated/Reimbursemer	nt\$2,480.42
Total Deposit	\$22,100.42



at BEREA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday mornings 7am in the SENIOR ADULT BUILDING

The Reaching Center

Items needed in May: CANNED VEGETABLES

Meals on Wheels - Emergency Senior Nutrition Program

Meals on Wheels is offering senior citizens in Greenville County the opportunity to pick up 5 FREE meals once a week. <u>Meals will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis</u>. Call the church office for more information on meal requirements and other locations.

PICK-UP LOCATION IN OUR AREA

SATURDAYS, 10:30am – 12:00pm Berea Friendship United Methodist Church 8001 White Horse Road, Greenville, SC 29617

High School Graduates



Emily Arrowood Easley **High School**



Alexis Hodge Travelers Rest **High School**



Tommy Janosky **Travelers Rest High School**



Grace Kauffman Blue Ridge **High School**



Abbey League Travelers Rest High School



Kamryn Zahm Powdersville **High School**



Alex Lee Abundant Life **Christian School**



Jackson Shelley Wade Hampton **High School**



Meredith Teague Travelers Rest High School



Gabe Woodruff Abundant Life Christian School



Reagan League Clemson University



Cory Lewis Clemson University

College Graduates



Heather Robertson University of South Carolina



Kayla Smith Clemson University



Olivia Simmons Clemson University



Graduation Parade Sunday, May 31

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Our seniors have had a rough final school year due to the COVID-19 crisis. That's why we want to show them a little love-in a socially distanced way of courseand we need your help to do it! In between our two morning worship services, our 2020 high school and college graduates will be lined up in the Chapel parking lot. Here's where you come in: we want you to drive through this parking lot as you leave the first service or arrive for the second service and make lots of noise! The parade line will be one-way; you'll enter from the sanctuary parking lot, go down toward the ballfield, and exit on the other side of the cemetery. Go all out-decorate your car, make some signs, and honk your horn and holler! Let's show our grads how proud we are of them!