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# Reflections

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## *Back to Church!* **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13**

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate *Back to Church Sunday*. We hope everyone in our church will be able to return on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We know that COVID is an ongoing issue, so we are encouraging everyone to come back to church in one of two ways. First, you can rejoin us on campus for our Bible Study groups and worship service. For those who are not in the high-risk category, this will be a great time to reconnect with your church family and be encouraged in your walk with Jesus. We still strongly encourage masks and social distancing. Second, if you are in a high-risk group, we encourage you to be a part of *Back to Church Sunday* by joining us online. Our online technology has significantly improved since the COVID-19 outbreak, and we are in the process of updating all of our video and streaming capabilities. It's always best to join together in person, but this is one of those times when we are thankful that modern technology helps us remain connected. When you join us online, please be sure to click the 'share' button and comment so that we know you are there. Also, during our *Back to Church Sunday*, we will be observing baptism.

We are working with all of our classes to provide social distancing within the classrooms. In consideration of others and especially our older participants, mask-wearing will be very important. This is especially the case for our children and youth. We will require children and youth to wear masks while in Bible Study. The reason for this is two-fold. First, to afford each child a measure of protection. Second, we have some excellent teachers who sincerely want to minister to our children and youth, but they are in the high-risk group. By wearing a mask, we will be helping protect them and show them how much we love and appreciate their willingness to serve our children and students.

The following classes will begin meeting on the 13th:

### **PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, YOUTH**

Babies & 1's  
2's & 3's  
4's & 5's  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

### **ADULTS**

Nancy Cooper  
Circle of Friends  
Truth Seekers  
Doug Moody  
Andrew Lewis  
Jimmy Smith

If your class is not listed above, please plan to attend one of the three classes that have already been meeting for the past few weeks — men's class (chapel), ladies class (choir room), or co-ed class (senior adult building).

## **This Sunday at BFBC**

9:00 a.m.

**BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP  
(ADULTS ONLY)**

- MEN meet in the Chapel
- LADIES meet in the Choir Room
- CO-ED meet in the Senior Adult Bldg.

10:15 a.m.

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Childcare provided for birth through 3-year-olds in our Child Development Building. Kids Worship, provided for 4-year-olds through grade 5, will take place in the Dock. The CDC and the Dock will open at 10:00 am.



## **Student Worship**

**with Will Snipes**

**FOR ALL 6TH—12TH GRADERS**

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, In the Crosswalk

Message \* Games \* Food

Remember to wear your mask!

### **In Need of Prayer?**

\* Call 246-9182, ext. 1

and leave a message

\* Send an email to

[prayerrequest@bereafbc.org](mailto:prayerrequest@bereafbc.org)

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

## A Note from Trevor and Chelsey

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, gifts, and cards during our transition to Kentucky. We are so grateful for our Berea family and have felt very loved by all of you as we have made this move. We miss all of you and hope to see you soon. Please keep in touch!

Love,  
Trevor, Chelsey and Grant Coleman

Our New Address:  
2903 Winterhaven Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40220

## Church family, THANK YOU!

Thank you to the volunteers including children, youth and adults that assembled and distributed book bags and school supplies. Thank you church family for the donated items. You made it possible to assemble 176 book bags. To date we have given 151 out to 42 families in our community. Additional bags and supplies will be given to community schools.

Prayers have been lifted for each child that will receive the supplies. We pray for their safety and that they have a successful school year.

The Reaching Center

### Deacons Meeting

Monday, September 14  
7:00 in the Chapel



## Connecting with Christ through Prayer

We invite you to *Connect with Christ through Prayer* using these prayer points during the month of August.

- Pray that our Search Teams will have great sensitivity to the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that our church will be open to the leadership of our future staff.
- Pray that our church will have a vision for what God wants to do in our present and future.
- Pray that the Lord will help us become a church that is united in the common shared vision of making disciples.
- Pray that our church will develop an outward focus that culminates in greater relationships with our surrounding community.
- Pray that we are able to safely restart our Bible Study groups.
- Pray that if God does not intend for us to return to our past normal that we would have the faith and courage to embrace His plan for our church.
- Pray that the pace of the search process would align with the leading of the Lord.
- Pray that all those who are helping in the worship and student ministries during the transition will be filled with Holy Spirit and used of the Lord.

## Financial Report

Sunday, August 23

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,429,626.76  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 8-23.....\$16,344.00\*  
Legacy Gifts.....\$75.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$810.00  
Total Deposit.....\$17,229.00  
\* weekly total does not include online giving

## Search Teams

Continue to pray for our search teams.

### Minister of Music and Worship:

Leslie Baker, Don Kauffman,  
Kaylee Richardson, Kevin Styles,  
Cheryl Taylor

### Student Pastor: Rocky Dreibrodt,

Judy Granger, Glenn Janosky,  
Blake McCall, J.T. Robertson,  
Kristi Zahm

## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, September 1

3:00pm in the Chapel

Excited about Back to School? Like any year, there is always a mixture of emotions with back to school for both kids and leadership! That is especially true with the COVID-19 challenges of this school year. We STILL want to love and support our local schools even though we cannot be on campus as we have done on a weekly basis for the last two years at Armstrong Elementary School.

Volunteers, let's come together next Tuesday at 3pm in the Chapel to discuss how we can creatively and safely continue to show our support for kids, teachers, and staff.

## Memorials

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Ken and Terry Bridwell by:

Mac and Batsie Styles  
Brenda Kelly  
Alvin and Diane Henson and Anna  
Jeff and Amy Evatt and Colton  
Al and Katelyn Henson, Emma,  
Sadie and Will  
Von and Janice Hallman  
Joe and Gwen Williams  
Martha Hodge  
Darrell and Amy Reese  
Bob and Kay Dobbins  
Randy and Janet Blair  
Anne Linder  
Shep and Debbie Tallon  
Jerry and Dianne Alexander

Todd Hallman by:

Cheryl Taylor

Leah Hamilton by:

Mac and Batsie Styles  
Merrifield Park Community Club  
Anne Parker  
Cheryl Taylor  
Jerry and Gloria Weaver

Jimmy Hester by:

Alvin and Diane Henson & Family  
Cheryl Taylor

Doris Mauldin by:

Doug Moody Sunday School Class

Mildred Tatham by:

Mac and Batsie Styles  
Ed and Martha Massey  
Bill and Judy Wyatt

## Life Line Screening at BFBC

Tuesday, September 29

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries in the legs, atrial fibrillation, and bone density. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129.

- Call toll-free 1-888-653-6441
- visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle>
- text the word circle to 797979.

## Reaching Center

August items: **Canned Meats**

September items: **Hot or Cold Cereal**  
(instant oatmeal, cream of wheat,  
any cold cereal)