

Reflections

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NEWSLETTER

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How can Berea First Baptist Church stand out in 2023? Should we be distinguished for our incredible Children's Ministry, our talented worship choir, or our excellence in programming? These are certainly great things to be known for, but all of them fall secondary to the distinguishing attribute that scripture demands of us personally and corporately. John 13:35 says, "By this, all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another." May we be reminded this week that we are to be easily distinguished by our love for those around us. If Berea First Baptist Church is to stand out for any one reason, let it be the love that is shown to all: guests or members, rich or poor, sinners or saved.

"We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

In Him, Ford Pfister Student Pastor

Deacons Meeting

Monday, March 6, 7:00 pm In the Chapel

Baptism

Sunday, March 12, 10:15 am
If you're interested in talking with
Pastor Chad about baptism, please call the
church office at 246-1921.

T-Shirts Available

Vintage Camp Shirts will be available on Wednesday, 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 t-shirts to wear at camp this year!



Sunday, March 19

10:15 am in the Sanctuary5:00 pm in the Senior Adult Building with light supper provided. Sign up in Welcome Center.

Monday, March 20 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary



Dr. Blackaby will focus on "Prayer and Revival," "Prayers that Impart Blessings" and "Prayers God Answers" as part of his time at BFBC.

Richard Blackaby is the president of Blackaby Ministries International and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Blackaby travels internationally speaking on spiritual leadership in the home, church, and marketplace as well as on spiritual awakening, experiencing God, and the Christian life.

CAMP CHERAW FOR GRADES 2-12

REGISTRATION FOR CAMPERS & COUNSELORS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Camp registration has gone completely virtual!

You can register and pay online or you can come to the Senior Adult Building on March 15, 5:45-7:45 and we will help you.

To register please go to https://bereafbc.churchcenter.com/registrations.

You will not see this event online until midnight, March 14.

You will be able to take care of all of your camp needs at this one location: registering as a camper or counselor, completing health and medical forms, and making both registration and final payments. If you have any trouble please contact Ford Pfister at 828-773-2038.

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 15.

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)

Welcome New Members



Jimmy and Dorothy Wallen 5 Fayethel Dr. Greenville, SC 29617



David Dement 1303 Thomas Mill Rd. Easley, SC 29640



Johnny Wyrick 110 Justin Ct. Easley, SC 29640

Grandmothers In Prayer

Sunday, March 5, 4:00 Senior Adult Building

All Senior Adults are Invited

FRIENDSHIP GROUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 7, 11:00 am Senior Adult Building Program: Bennie Durham, Chaplain with the Greenville County Sheriff's Dept. Menu: Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Cake

Cost: \$8. Reservations due by this Thursday, 3/2. Call the office at 246-1921.

Financial Report

Sunday, February 26

Total Annual Budget	.\$1,540,168.53
Budgeted Gifts	*\$15,904.25
Legacy Gifts	\$133.00
Designated/Reimbursement.	\$2,520.68
Total Deposit	\$18,557.93
*Does not include online giving	1

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Janice Foster in the death of her mother, Jenny Leonard.

Ronnie Pettit in the death of his mother, Sarah Pettit.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Teresa Huffman by: Georgia Blanton Jennie Ruth Leonard by: Women of Faith Sunday School Class Betty Reese by: **Ernest Reece** Mary Sue Watson by: **Loyalty Sunday School Class**

Utah Mission Partnership Update Luncheon

Barry and Jennifer Smith, our mission partners at Pioneer Community Church (PCC) in Eagle Mt., Utah, will be at BFBC on Sunday, March 12th. Barry will share a brief update in morning worship. If you want to hear more about the partnership and a full update on what God is doing in and through PCC, join us for a luncheon following morning worship. Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Basketball Banquet

All Players and Families are Invited! Tuesday, March 14, 6:00 pm In the Crosswalk Cost: \$5. Reservations required by

March 8. Sign up in Welcome Center.

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

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

March 8

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Okra, Broccoli Casserole or Chick-fil-a sandwich/nuggets. Reservations due by noon, Monday. Cost: \$5

The Reaching Center

For the month of March we are asking for donations of **RICE OR INSTANT POTATOES;**

What's Happening in Women's Ministry

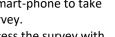
CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, March 10, 6:30 pm Senior Adult Building Please bring an appetizer or dessert. The cost is \$35 and all supplies are provided. You must choose a design when you register. Pictures of designs are in the Welcome Center.

SURVEY

The BFBC Women's Ministry Committee would like your input so we may better serve the ladies in our church. You have three ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code with your smart-phone to take the survey.



2. Access the survey with this link: https://tinyurl.com/ernfmbm9

3. Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a printed copy.

NEW Ladies Ministry Shirts

Sign up in the Welcome Center

Softball & T-Ball Registration March 8-15 T-Ball, Coaches Pitch, Youth and Adult Softball

You can sign up in the gym on Wednesday night, in the Welcome Center on Sunday, or come by the church office Monday-Thursday. The cost is \$25 for youth and children, and \$45 for adults. If you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Dennis Paxton at the church office.