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NEWSLETTER

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"Jesus Loves Me" is a precious song that many of us sing to our little ones when they are just a new-born and continue to sing to them as they grow. This is the first song the preschoolers sing every Wednesday night at KidzLife, and what a blessing it is to hear their voices and see their sweet faces.

Anna Bartlett Warner wrote the words of this song in 1859, and the tune was added in 1862 and was written by William B. Bradbury. This song has a total of forty-one words and has been translated into many other languages.

The Bible reminds us of God's love for us in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

The Bible also reminds us of what we are to do with God's love. John 4:11, "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another," and John 15:17, "This is my command: Love each other."

So always remembering God's love for us, how do we show love to others? Sharing a smile, speaking a kind word, holding the door for someone, lifting a prayer, inviting someone to church, forgiving someone, sending a text message to someone who recently lost a loved one, sending a card for no special reason, asking someone new to sit with you at church, checking on your neighbor, making a new friend and the list goes on.

As you walk your journey this week, keep the song "Jesus Love Me" in your heart and on your lips, and share God's love with those you come in contact with along your way.

Julie Lunsford
Director of Children's Ministries

Utah Mission Trip

July 12-17

If you're interested in signing up or need more information, contact Ryan at rpate@bereafbc.org or 246-921.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

EGG HUNT GAMES
FREE HOTDOGS
PETTING ZOO
BOUNCY SLIDES
AND MORE!

COMMUNITY EASTER HOPPING
SATURDAY 4.1.23

BALL FIELD & BACK PARKING AREA

Starts at 11:00 am

Easter

at Berea First Baptist Church

Tenebrae Service
Good Friday, April 7, 6:30 pm
A time of somber reflection on Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
The service consists of rhythms of reading from God's Word and musical reflections, culminating in Communion together as believers.

Easter Sunday, April 9
7:30 am Sunrise Service
8:00 am - Breakfast
9:00 am - Connect Groups
10:15 am - Morning Worship

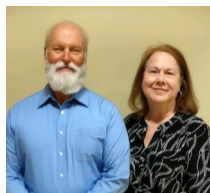
After the Sunrise service you're invited to stay for breakfast at 8:00 in the Senior Adult Building followed by Connect Groups at 9:00 and Worship at 10:15.

Remember to bring flowers (real or artificial) to church Sunday to cover the outside cross with life and beauty. The Living Cross is a beautiful act of celebration to share with our children and it's a great background for Easter family pictures.

Purchase a Memorial Easter Lily by this Sunday

The cost is \$12 and they will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may pick up your lily after the 10:15 service on that day. Forms available in the Welcome Center or call the church office. Deadline is this Sunday.

Welcome New Members



Kenneth & Peggy Kirby
104 View Place Ct.
Easley, SC 29640



**Logan Suttles
Bo, Dallas & Dustin**
209 Westview N.
Piedmont, SC 29673

Family DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND APRIL 29-30



**GUEST SPEAKERS
Jody and Emily Jennings**

Our Family Discipleship Weekend will be a time where the families of our church will be empowered and equipped to disciple their family. This year, we will focus on our Mission Statement, which is to connect people to Christ. Each session will look into our connection points: Worship, Bible Study, Missions/Ministry, and Community. These connection points will help us as we disciple our family for the Glory of God. During the weekend you and your family will have an opportunity to worship together, have a fun time together, and learn how to study God's Word as a family.

Saturday: light breakfast, opening session, lunch, afternoon session, family time, dinner, evening session. Sessions include worship, teaching time and breakout groups for adults and children.

Sunday: Morning Worship Service

Cost for the weekend is \$10 per adult - all children/students are free! Included in the cost is a light breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and discipleship materials. Each family will be responsible for the cost of their afternoon activity on Saturday.

TO REGISTER:

Text FAMILY to (864) 660-7739, visit our website, or sign up in the Welcome Center or office.

Financial Report

Sunday, March 26

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,540,168.53
Budgeted Gifts*\$19,423.00
Legacy Gifts.....\$40.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$4,981.50
Total Deposit.....\$24,444.50
**Does not include online giving*

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Jean Black.

The family of Doris Wood.

David and Dianne Batson in the death of their grandson, Miles Batson.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry Orientation

(for new participants only)
Sunday April 2, 4:00 pm
Conference Room

Grandmothers In Prayer

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 pm
Senior Adult Building

Deacons Meeting

Monday, April 3, 7:00 pm
Chapel

Church-wide

Student Mission Trip Fundraiser

Sunday, April 16, 5:30-7:00 pm,
In the Crosswalk, Cost: \$7

Come be a part of what God is doing in the lives of our students through their call to go and serve in Ecuador!

This event has been entirely thought of, lead, and planned by the students. They will be the ones giving the devotion, giving testimony, waiting the tables, decorating the room, leading the worship, designing the T-shirts and stickers for sale, and collecting items to be sold at the silent auction. Come support our students and help us raise money to get them to Ecuador!

TO REGISTER:

Text ECUADOR to (864) 660-7739, visit our website, or sign up in the Welcome Center or office.

Widows Trip to Strawberry Hills for Lunch and Strawberries

Thursday, April 20, Leave at 10:30 am
Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office. 246-1921.

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

April 5

Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes,
Cabbage, Mac and Cheese
or Chick-fil-a sandwich/nuggets.
Reservations due by noon, Monday.
Cost: \$5

Children's Day at BFBC

Sunday April 16, 10:15 am

Our Preschoolers and Children will lead in worship through scripture reading, singing and praying. Mark your calendar to be here for this special service.

Cakes & Crescendos

Sunday, May 21, 6:00 pm
In the Crosswalk

Mark your calendar for this upcoming program presented by our 1st-5th grade choir. They will share some songs as a group and the children will share some of their personal talents and abilities. We will have singers, dancers and gymnasts, just to name a few. During the program, cakes or other desserts will be served at the table for you to enjoy also. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or call the church office.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Our Goal is \$12,000

100% of your gifts go to support
North American Missionaries.