



# Reflections

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NEWSLETTER

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Last week, God gave me the great joy of seeing and hanging out with a dear friend from China. Many of you got to meet Jackie, spend a brief moment with him, and hear his testimony. Jackie's testimony was of how he was approached by a brave, young journeyman from the IMB and introduced himself as a "Christian." Jackie's initial thought was of the Christians he knew from his hometown. He thought they were poor, old, broken, and outcasts. His initial thought in associating with Christianity was NO! I do not want any part of this! But as the journeyman shared his testimony with Jackie, something moved and stirred in his heart. He thought - this guy is not old; he is not broken, but he is bold and brave about his God. As days went by with much debate and discussion, the journeyman asked Jackie if he died did he know where he would spend eternity. The journeyman said sure, you are young, but you could die today in a car accident; you could die suddenly with an illness because no man is promised tomorrow. With that, Jackie knew that he wanted to pray and receive this Christ who loved him so much that he sent a young man from America to tell him of his need of a Savior.

This Easter season, I want to personally thank you, BFBC, for your prayer covering and partnership in the gospel. As we give to missions, whether it be Lottie Moon or Annie Armstrong, know that you are a vital part of the gospel shared and souls that are led to Christ in the US and across the globe. Our God is so great and so sovereign that He sent Jackie as a witness that our labor together is never in vain.

Instruction from our resurrected Lord: Matthew 28: 18-20, *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".*

Dennis Paxton, Church Administrator

## 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.

## 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 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.

# Easter Lilies

## IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF:

Michael Lee Aiken  
 Michael Lee Aiken  
 Dr. A. M. Alderman  
 Nancy Alderman  
 Ruth Alderman  
 Douglas Neil Baker  
 Billy Batson  
 Miles Batson  
 Grace Belcher  
 Mike and Susan Bishop  
 Jean Black  
 Donald Lee Blackmon  
 Larry Blakely  
 Bobbie Bogan  
 Children and Grandchildren  
 Dot Coleman  
 Earline Cooley  
 Ed Cooley  
 David Cooper  
 Guy and Julia Davis  
 John F. Day  
 Rupert Elliott  
 Rupert Elliott  
 Gladys Elrod  
 Edith Evans  
 Louise Evans  
 Woodrow and Edith Evans  
 Herbert and Janie Farr  
 Anna Ferguson  
 Marshall Ferguson  
 Priscilla Fulbright  
 Barbara Jean Furr  
 Dick and Emily Fuzia  
 Charles and Brenda Hall  
 Teresa Huffman  
 Teresa Huffman  
 Teresa Huffman  
 Teresa Huffman  
 Ken and Joanne James

## GIVEN BY:

Mike and Faye Aiken  
 Jason and Kristel Aiken  
 Jean Clarke  
 Jean Clarke  
 Jean Clarke  
 Harriet Baker  
 David and Dianne Batson  
 David and Dianne Batson  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Doug Moody Class  
 Gloria Justice  
 Mattie Wilson  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 The Lemons Family  
 John and Chere Edwards  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Elliott Family  
 Elliott Family  
 Nancy Cooper  
 Guy and Betty Davis  
 Evans and Sandy Day  
 Jean Elliott  
 Elliott Family  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Benny Evans  
 Benny Evans  
 Barbara Stowe  
 Lynne Ferguson  
 Lynne Ferguson  
 Doug Moody Class  
 Mattie Wilson  
 Doug Moody Class  
 Tanya, Mackenzie and Hallie Bishop  
 Sammy Huffman  
 John and Heather Bolt  
 Sonny and Marisol Huffman  
 Cooper and Anna Kate Bolt  
 Doug Moody Class

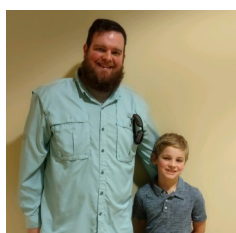
## IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF:

Mike Jewell  
 Charles Jones and Phoebe Chadwick  
 Paul Justice Jr.  
 Papa Kay  
 Sara Lambert  
 Lenhardt Lathem  
 Shirley and Jack Lemons  
 Don Lewis  
 Pete and Evelyn Linder  
 Julie Lunsford  
 Charles, Dede and Barton Mace  
 Eddie Mason  
 Buck and Florence Miller  
 Bill Moseley  
 Floyd Parker  
 Floyd and Irma Parker  
 Patricia Alise Parker  
 George Pettit  
 Sara Pettit  
 Betty Reece  
 Ernest Reece  
 Ernest Reece  
 Albert and Pat Roberts  
 Joni Rye  
 James and Lillian Spencer  
 Bill and Charles Stowe  
 Charles and Jennie Stowe  
 Earvin and Evelyn Taylor  
 Maxie and Judy Terry  
 Clyde Thompson  
 Heyward and Melba Watson  
 Kenneth Williams  
 Norman Willis  
 Norman Willis  
 Martha Woodruff  
 Joyce Wynn  
 Honor and Gory of Jesus Christ

## GIVEN BY:

Wanda Jewell  
 Dede and Emory Jones  
 Justice Family  
 Alan and Wanda Kay  
 Betty Willis  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 The Lemons Family  
 Susan Lewis  
 Anne Linder  
 Tanya, Mackenzie and Hallie Bishop  
 Nancy Mace and Daniel Mace  
 Judy Mason  
 Nancy Cooper  
 Moseley Family  
 Irma Parker  
 Mike and Jackie Parker  
 Irma Parker  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Ronnie and Beverly Pettit  
 Ernest Reece  
 Doug Moody Class  
 Wendy McCue  
 Mary and Devon Belcher  
 Terri Waldrop and Dean Spencer  
 Barbara Stowe  
 Barbara Stowe  
 Mike and Jackie Parker  
 Doug Moody Class  
 Linda Thompson  
 Mary and Devon Belcher  
 Tammy Waldrep  
 Betty Willis  
 Jay, Elizabeth, Payton, Sara Beth,  
 Molly Brock  
 Lee, Morgan and Woodruff  
 Families  
 Doug Moody Class  
 Sunny Stroud

## Welcome New Member



**Bo Smart**  
 (Trey & LeAnne Smart)  
 105 E. Decatur St.  
 Greenville, SC 29617

## Children's Day at BFBC

Sunday April 16, 10:15 am

## Parent/Baby Dedication

Mothers Day, May 14, 10:15 am  
 If you would like to be part of this service, please contact the church office.

## Widows Trip to Strawberry Hills

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

## MFUGE for GRADES 6-12

July 17-21 | Tennessee | \$275

We are going back to FUGE! This year we're going to MFUGE, the mission focused FUGE. Will Snipes will be our host and pastor for the week. Registration ends April 28 and **space is limited**. Register ASAP by contacting Ford at 828-773-3028.



## Grace Lyn Shockey Circle Meeting

### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Monday, 4/10 - 6:30 - Senior Adult Building  
 Tuesday, 4/11 - 1:00 - Senior Adult Building  
 Program: Hands of Kindness Children's Ministry & Summer Mission Trip to Uganda

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU 4/12

Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Bread or Chick-fil-a sandwich/nuggets.  
 Reservations due by noon, Monday.  
 246-1921



## Family Discipleship Weekend

April 29-30

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