



# BEREA

First Baptist Church

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## HELP US DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

1:30 PM

Everyone is invited!

Meet in the Sanctuary

We need your help decorating our buildings for the Christmas season! Meet in the Sanctuary at 1:30 and we will get you plugged in. We need as many hands as possible to make this happen. Everyone is welcome!

## Baptism

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

If you're interested in talking with Pastor Chad about baptism, please call the church office 246-1921.

## Thanksgiving Schedule

There will be no supper, services or activities on Wednesday, November 23.

## Church Conferences

Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 pm  
*Discussion of the 2024 Budget*

Sunday, December 3, 10:15 am  
*Vote on 2024 Budget without Discussion*



## JOIN US FOR A THANKS GIVING Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | 5:30 PM  
IN THE CROSSWALK

\$7 PER PERSON

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Remember to bring any of the following **food items** to our Thanksgiving dinner to help support our Reaching Center: macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned meat, soup, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and cereal.

## Prayer Walk

Saturday, November 18, 9:30 am

Join fellow believers as we focus on praying for the BFBC events/ministries that will occur in the coming weeks. This is such a crucial time of ministry as we celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. During our prayer time across the campus, we will ask God to use each event/ministry/person to bring glory to Himself and blessings to many!



## JINGLE BELL BEACH

A CHRISTMAS SINGING COMPETITION  
OF PITCH PERFECT PROPORTIONS

You don't want to miss this Christmas Musical presented by our

**Children's Choir**

Sunday, December 3, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

## Lottie Moon Bake Sale

Hosted by the Children's Choir

Visit the Welcome Center following the musical on December 3 and help our kids raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



## Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

**9:00 am** — Sunday School Connect Groups

**10:15 am** — Morning Worship Service

As we gather to worship our Lord on Christmas Eve, our children are invited to join us on stage for a special time of music and reflection on the story of Christmas. This is just one part of a wonderful day of worship as we celebrate Christ together!

**5:00 pm** — Family Christmas Service

Bring the whole family and enjoy a time of music and worship. A Christmas message will be shared by Pastor Chad followed by a special time of communion.

### ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

The Reaching Center, in partnership with the Salvation Army, is participating in the Angel Tree Ministry again this year. Prayerfully consider taking a child's name and purchasing gifts from their Christmas wish list.

1. The Angel Tree is located in the Welcome Center.
2. Be sure and sign the sheet with your name and your adopted child's name and GVL number.
3. Place the purchased items in black plastic bags with the GVL number on each gift and the tag on the outside of the bag.
4. Add the child and their family to your prayer list.
5. Gifts should be returned no later than **Wednesday, December 6.**

### CHRISTMAS EVE MINISTRY

Christmas is just around the corner, and from the number of you that have put decorations up and are listening to Christmas music already I know you are excited and ready. But for some families, Christmas can be a very stressful time wondering how they will be able to provide for their family at Christmas. For over 45 years, our church has been providing gifts, food and money for bills to families in need for Christmas. These gifts and food are delivered to each family's home by volunteers from our church on Christmas Eve. Already this year, we have received numerous calls hoping for help. We plan to help as many families as possible, but we will be limited to how many we can help by the donations and volunteers we have.

The average family costs \$300 to supply a nice Christmas meal and presents. Most of the gifts are made up of shoes, clothes, winter coats and a few toys. We need donations and sponsors! If you would be willing to make a donation or even completely sponsor an entire family, we need to know by **Sunday, December 3rd** so that we can make a clear commitment to the families we can help. This deadline is extremely important this year. If you or your group would like to volunteer to shop and deliver gifts to these families, please let us know of that commitment too. How many families in our community we can help is up to you! Please mark your gifts as Christmas Eve Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Parker at 246-1921 or [mparker@bereafbc.org](mailto:mparker@bereafbc.org).

### Weekly Opportunities

#### SUNDAY

9:00 am	Connect Groups
10:15 am	Morning Worship Service
5:30 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner (Reservations Required)

#### Wednesday, November 23

No Evening Service, Supper or Activities

#### Senior Adult

#### Friendship Group Luncheon

Tuesday, December 5, 11:00 pm

Musical Program by Josh Durham

Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice and Gravy,

Broccoli Casserole, Fruit, Dessert

Cost: \$8

Reservations due by Thursday, Nov. 30.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office, 246-1921.

#### Sympathy

*Sympathy is extended to:*

Jason Catoe in the death of his father, Charles Catoe.

Peggy Kirby in the death of her brother, Jerry Proctor.

The family of Joann James.

#### DNA Ministry

Our **Disciples in Action (DNA)** ministry team is looking for church or community members who have one of the following needs but can't pay for professional services: light construction, plumbing, electrical, painting, yard work, or transportation to church services or events. Contact Ryan Pate if you know of a need, [rpate@bereafbc.org](mailto:rpate@bereafbc.org) or 246-1921.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 3, 8:30 am

Senior Adult Building

# 2024 Ministry Support Budget Proposal

The Proposed 2024 Church Budget will be presented and discussed on Wednesday, November 29. We will vote, without further discussion, on the adoption of the proposed budget on Sunday, December 3, in the morning service.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed 2024 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
Administrators Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Cooperative Program	\$62,000.00	\$60,000.00
Three Rivers Baptist Association	\$31,000.00	\$30,000.00
Community Missions	\$5,500.00	\$5,000.00
CD Ministries	\$200.00	\$300.00
Reaching Center	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Promotion/Advertising	\$0	\$500.00
Communications and Marketing	\$11,750.00	\$3,500.00
Ladies Ministry	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Men's Ministry	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Acts 1:8 Ministries	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Disciples in Action	\$500.00	\$500.00
Good News Club	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Sunday School	\$16,600.00	\$15,600.00
Discipleship Training	\$900.00	\$900.00
WMU	\$650.00	\$650.00
KidzLife	\$2,700.00	\$3,150.00
Music Ministry General Budget	\$25,750.00	\$32,800.00
Music Development	\$4,300.00	\$2,500.00
Music Adult Choir	\$3,500.00	\$3,650.00
Livestream	\$2,800.00	\$1,000.00
Music for Children	\$1,600.00	\$750.00
Music Christmas/Special Events	\$10,350.00	\$11,450.00
Senior Adult Trips	\$600.00	\$600.00
Friendship Group	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Student Activities	\$59,050.00	\$48,500.00
Church Camp	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Children's Ministry	\$4,405.00	\$5,305.00
College Ministry	\$5,250.00	\$4,550.00
Prayer Ministry	\$4,340.00	\$4,340.00
Evangelism Conference	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Vacation Bible School	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
Fellowship Wednesday Nights	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Fellowship Recreation	\$3,900.00	\$6,150.00
Welcome Center/Outreach Ministries	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00
Special Outreach Ministries	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Staff Expenses	\$868,145.76	\$820,433.53
Special Nursery Services	\$4,960.00	\$3,020.00
Mileage	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Pastor Funds	\$2,150.00	\$2,025.00
Gift Fund/Speakers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Printing	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Special Programs	\$12,775.00	\$14,625.00
General Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Postage	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
Office Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Flowers	\$500.00	\$500.00
Envelopes	\$7,000.00	\$6,500.00
Audit Expense	\$6,500.00	\$6,000.00
Security Systems	\$1,610.00	\$1,520.00



<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed 2024 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
Computer ACS	\$7,200.00	\$6,600.00
All Copier Contracts	\$6,950.00	\$6,950.00
Addressing System	\$900.00	\$900.00
Utilities	\$125,450.00	\$125,450.00
Transportation	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
Insurance	\$70,433.00	\$60,700.00
County Taxes	\$1,100.00	\$870.00
Online Giving Charges/CCLI Copyrights	\$14,520.00	\$14,000.00
Computer	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
New Equipment	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Computer Equipment and Software	\$5,600.00	\$4,700.00
Cleaning and Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Cleaning Service	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$60,700.00	\$55,700.00
Lawn Care	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Security Support	\$8,320.00	\$8,320.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,623,118.76</b>	<b>\$1,540,168.53</b>

**2024 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$31,213.82**

**2023 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$29,618.63**

# LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER

**DECEMBER 3-10**

**OUR GOAL  
\$20,000**

## What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem — LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence. She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

