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NEWSLETTER

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Children's Christmas Musical



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

Visit the **BAKE SALE** in the Welcome Center following the musical and help our kids raise money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00 am (note time correction)
Senior Adult Building

Grandmothers in Prayer

Sunday, December 3, 4:00 pm
Senior Adult Building

Ecuador Mission Trip INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 3, 4:30 pm
Conference Room

Deacons Meeting

Monday, December 4, 7:00 pm
In the Chapel

Reflections

THIS SUNDAY AT Berea First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Connect Groups at 9:00 am

Morning Worship Service at 10:15 am

*A Church Conference will be held at the end of the service
to vote on the 2024 Ministry Budget without discussion.*



Presented by the Berea First Baptist Worship Ministry Featuring the Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Orchestra

What comes to mind when you think of Christmas? Lights on a tree or strung up outside a home? Candy canes and beautifully decorated wreaths? Or is it a warm mug of hot chocolate on a snowy day? The Christmas season can be so many things to so many people. More than anything else, Christmas time is filled with memories.

The memories are, in fact, what really makes it Christmas to us. The memories cuddle up on the couch with us and warm our hearts. Sometimes, too, their joy is bittersweet, mixed with a harsher seasoning of lost loved ones and memories past which will never be repeated. Yet, whatever the memories are, Christmas is a time where they leap to our hearts and ignite our passions.

Luke 2 tells the story of a memorable night for the shepherds in a field, startled by the host of heaven. The angel of the Lord declared to the shepherds, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." And this is how one of the oldest memories of Christmas was born, shepherds finding the Christ-child lying in a manger.

The long prophesied one humbled in the hay of a lowly stable.

This Christmas, we would love for you to come and remember with us. Let us—together, as the people of God—remember the promises God made to his people and how he fulfilled those promises in the coming of a little child. Come and join us as we celebrate God's provision in Christ. Let us resurrect memories more than two millennia old, of angels and shepherds and wisemen, of a little baby who would one day save us all from the curse of sin. And even as we take time in the present to remember the past, these memories will orient us into the future, empowering our hope in God's promises.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Bowen Martin (Erik, Amanda & Sadie)
123 Jones Kelly Rd., TR, 29690



Wesley Duncan
1517 W. Parker Rd., Greenville, SC 29617



Drew and Jamie Reese
Tripp and Emerson Cowart
(Carter, Ford, Tate)
3721 Earls Bridge Road, Easley, SC 29640

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

WEEK OF PRAYER, DECEMBER 3-10

Our Goal, \$20,000



100% of the money you give goes
to send and support missionaries.

Senior Adult Friendship Group Luncheon

Tuesday, December 5, 11:00 am
Musical Program by Josh Durham
Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice and Gravy,
Broccoli Casserole, Fruit, Dessert
Cost: \$8
Reservations due by Thursday, Nov. 30.
Call the office at 246-1921.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Harold Batson.

Mike Dobbins in the death of his mother,
Martha Dobbins.

Ladies Trip Downtown

Friday, December 8th at 6:45 PM

All ladies are invited to meet at the BFBC
Crosswalk parking lot to load the bus to
tour the Christmas trees together at the
downtown Greenville Hyatt. Stop inside
Kilwins or Starbucks for a sweet treat,
coffee, or cocoa while there. Buses
depart church at 7:00.

Angel Tree Ministry

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

Christmas Eve Ministry

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 we receive. 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. If you would be willing to make a donation or even completely sponsor an entire family, we need to know by this Sunday, December 3. Please mark your gifts as Christmas Eve Ministry. If you have questions, please contact Mike Parker at mparker@bereafbc.org or 246-1921.

ADULTS & STUDENTS Operation Christmas Child Workday

OCC Processing Center, Charlotte, NC
Saturday, December 16

7:15 AM—5:00 PM - Meet at the Crosswalk
Sign up in the Welcome Center or text, call or email Ford. Space is very limited so register ASAP. Bring \$15 for lunch—options will be chick-fil-a or pizza. We will pack and process shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Come be a part of this opportunity to serve!

Weekly Opportunities

SUNDAY

9:00 am Connect Groups
10:15 am Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm Small Group Meetings
(reach out to Ryan Pate for more info)

WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:00 Supper
5:55-6:25 Grades 1-5 Choir
6:30-7:30 Kidzlife, Ages 3-Grade 5
Adult Bible Study
Ladies Bible Study
Men's 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 Supper Menu December 6

Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Fries, Slaw
or Chick-fil-a sandwich/nuggets with
chips. Cost: \$5.

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.

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31

8:45 am

Church-wide Breakfast
In the Senior Adult Building
Sign up for breakfast in the Welcome Center or call the office.
NO CONNECT GROUPS
10:15 am
Morning Worship Service