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NEWSLETTER

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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

In place of Connect Groups, we will have a church-wide breakfast at **8:45 am** in the Senior Adult Building. Sign up for breakfast in the Welcome Center or call the office by Dec. 22.

10:15 am

Morning Worship Service



Our Christmas at Berea Worship Services begin Sunday Night!

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and come on out this Sunday, December 17th; Monday, December 18th; or Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm and join us as we celebrate and reflect upon Christ's coming. Come behold our God and enjoy worshipping with us! Special Christmas music by our Adult and Children's Worship Choirs, our Celebration Singers, our band, and a small orchestra. This is a non-ticketed event, free and open to the public. The doors open at 6:30 pm and there will be live preservice music by a harpist.

2024 DEACON MINISTRY TEAM

Ten new deacons were nominated to complete our team for 2024.

They will begin their ministry following the Deacon Organizational Dinner in January.

Chris Baker, David Batson, Josh Berryhill, Joe Blakely, Braden Brock, Gary Brock, Steve Burgess, Sam Childers, Guy Davis, Evans Day, Don Gibson, Ron Granger, Charles Hall, Scott Humphreys, Alan Kay, Andrew Lewis, Don Lewis, Erik Martin, George Miller, Jim Morgan, Anthony Mullinax, Mike Nix, David Pittman, Jeremy Poole, Darrell Reese, Steve Shead, Jim Southerland, Mark Smith, Zach Tatum, Bill Whitfield, Jay Willis

Holiday Schedule WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

December 20:
Prayer service only at 6:30 pm

December 27:
No prayer service or activities

January 3:
Normal schedule resumes

Together

WE'RE ABLE TO DO SO MUCH MORE

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING GOAL: \$20,000 | RECEIVED TO DATE: \$11,468

Your generosity in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering can make an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100% of your gifts support missionaries around the world.



Are you wanting to grow in your relationship with God? Are you wanting to become a better disciple who is a disciple maker? Discipleship Groups will help you take the next steps in your faith. This is an important process for every believer that provides intimate friendships, an environment of accountability, and, most importantly, cultivates a life rooted deeply in God's Word.

A Discipleship Group (D-Group) is a gender-specific, closed group of 3-5 believers who meet together weekly or bi-weekly for the purpose of growing in God's Word together. D-Groups provide believers the opportunity to intentionally develop their spiritual walk with Christ through Scripture reading and memorization, journaling, prayer, and relational accountability with the purpose of replicating faithful followers of Christ. The time commitment will be 1-1.5 hours per week or bi-weekly for 12 months, with the content being Bible-based, Christ-focused, and Gospel-centered. D-Groups are meant to be done off campus at your work, coffee house, home, or even at a local restaurant.

Expectations for D-Groups: participants should adhere to D-Group covenants and prayerfully consider taking an active role in future group replication. The end goal would be for participants to replicate themselves and start new D-Groups in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

If you would like to lead a D-Group or just be a part of a D-Group, please see Ryan Pate. **We will have a D-Group Launch Event on January 4, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Senior Adult Building.** The D-Group Launch Event will help train leaders and members for the D-Groups. We will begin our D-Groups on January 8, 2024.

Christmas Decorations Coming Down

and we need your help!

Please plan to help us
Saturday, January 6, 9:30 am.
Meet in the Sanctuary

Friendship Group Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, January 16, 11:00 am
Senior Adult Building
Reservations required by
Thursday, January 11, 246-1921.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Cory Lewis and Emili Blanchard in the death of their grandmother, Jackie Blanchard.

Frances Martin in the death of her sister, Nancy DeAngelis.

Church Office Schedule

We will be closed December 25 through January 1. If necessary, you can reach Tracy anytime at 864-380-4620.

LADIES

Wednesday Nights in January

January 3: Meet in the Patio Room at 6:30 pm for a special focus on International Missions.

January 10, 17, 24: Meet at 6:30 pm in the Patio Room for our new Bible Study as we go through the book of Malachi. See Rebecca Major to pick up your study book.

January 31: Special focus night on North American Missions.

All Ladies are Invited!

Grace Lyn Shockey WMU Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 1:00 pm
Senior Adult Building
Soup Luncheon



All Ladies are invited

Lottie Moon Tea

Saturday, January 13
9:30 am
Senior Adult Building

Cost: \$10

IMB Missionaries will be our guest speakers.

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



Weekly Opportunities

SUNDAY

9:00 am
10:15 am
6:00 pm

Connect Groups
Morning Worship Service
Small Group Meetings
(reach out to Ryan Pate for more info)

WEDNESDAY

6:30-7:30

Prayer Service

THURSDAY

7:00 am

Men's Prayer Time

OUR NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER IS JAN. 3

Menu:

Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese,
Green Beans, New Potatoes
or Chick-fil-a sandwich/nuggets
with chips.

Cost: \$5.

Reservations Required by
Tuesday, January 2, 246-1921

Reaching Center News

- Due to a large amount of clothing donations, we are now only accepting **children's clothes**.
- Food donations are always needed - especially cereal right now.

Student Ministry Winter Retreat

When: February 16-18

Cost: \$150

Registration and more information:

<https://bereafbc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2011054>

(where it is, how much it costs, sample schedule, packing list, and more)

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be here at BFBC on **Tuesday, January 23** offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

- **Call toll-free: 1-844-591-7160**
- **Online: <https://llsa.social/HC>**
- **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**