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NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating the Ministry of Julie Lunsford

For the last 30 years, BFBC has been blessed by the ministry and leadership of Ms. Julie. During her time of ministry as Director of Education and Children's Ministry, she has impacted the lives of thousands of adults and children. Her faithfulness to the Lord and the children of this church is inspiring to everyone who knows her. She has known the name of every child that has passed through our doors. Her love and influence in the lives of our children has continued even when they graduate from the children's ministry. It is with great appreciation that we acknowledge her upcoming retirement. Julie will continue serving through the end of May. We will have a time of special recognition honoring and celebrating her ministry on Sunday, May 5.



D-Group Launch Event

Thursday, January 4, 6:30 pm
Senior Adult Building

This event will help train leaders and members for the D-Groups. We will begin our groups on January 8. If you would like to be part of a group, please contact Ryan Pate at 246-1921.

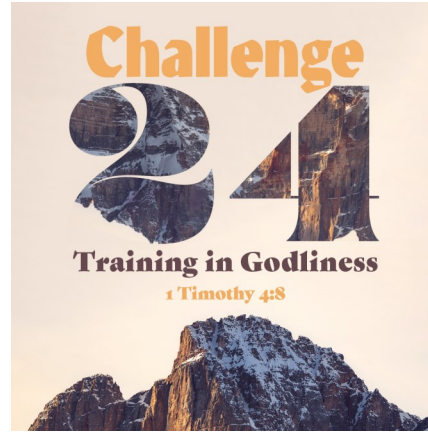
Christmas Decorations Coming Down

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

Ordinance of Baptism

Sunday, January 14, 10:15 am
If you're interested in baptism, contact Pastor Chad at 246-1921.



I love the start of each new year! My heart races with excitement over new opportunities, challenges, and beginnings. Much of what we will experience in 2024 will be determined by our choices and the challenges we accept.

With this in view, I want to invite you to accept **Challenge 24**.

Challenge 24 is a challenge to train yourself for Godliness through developing one spiritual discipline. This challenge is born from Paul's words to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:7b-8: "Exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." If you accept the challenge, you will prayerfully identify one spiritual discipline that you believe needs the most development in your life. Once you have prayerfully identified one of four disciplines, you will be provided a guide that will facilitate your training in that area. Will you take the challenge?

- Chad Rickenbaker

A challenge to READ

A challenge to PRAY

A challenge to WITNESS

A challenge to be on MISSION

WILL YOU TAKE THE CHALLENGE?

Be here Sunday morning to hear more about **Challenge 2024**.

Welcome New Members



**Michael and Michelle Bridges
Makoi and Makyia Garzon**
7 Canvasback Trail
Greenville, SC 29617



John Laderer (Silas and Ophelia)
5 Northwest Crossing
Travelers Rest, SC 29690



Denny and Linda Lilja
445 Patterdale Trail
Greenville, SC 29611

Grandmothers In Prayer

Sunday, January 7, 4:00 pm
Senior Adult Building

All Ladies are Invited!

Grace Lyn Shockey WMU Meeting

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

Deacon/Wife Steak Dinner

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 pm
Senior Adult Building
Sign up by Sunday, January 7
246-1921

Mark Your Calendar

January 28: Missions Fair
February 18: Loving Greenville Dinner

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Nancy Mace in the death of her sister, Connie Speer.

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.

Friendship Group Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, January 16, 11:00 am

Senior Adult Building

Program: Anderson Senior Follies
Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Peaches, Dessert
Reservations required by
Thursday, January 11, 246-1921.

LADIES

Wednesdays in January

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.

DISCOVER BEREALUNCH FOR VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, January 21, 11:30 am Senior Adult Building

Whether you are new to BFBC or have attended worship a few times, we encourage you to join us for the DISCOVER BEREALUNCH. If you are curious to know more about our church, or maybe you'd like to connect further with our staff and community of believers, then this event is for you! We invite you to come, enjoy a free meal, get to know us, and give us an opportunity to know you too.
SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER or call 246-1921.

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 JANUARY 10

Beef Stew over Rice, Fried Okra,
Pinto Beans, Cornbread
or Chick-fil-a sandwich/nuggets
with chips. Cost: \$5.

Reservations Required by
Mondays at 11:00 am, 246-1921.

Reaching Center News

Items needed during January:
Soup and Canned Pastas

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)

Deadline is January 24

Everyone Is Invited!

Mackinac Island, Michigan
May 19-25, 2024. Cost: \$948

Deposit are due now! Brochures are available in the church office or the Welcome Center.

Life Line Screening

Tuesday, January 23 @ BFBC

Three ways to register:

Call toll-free: 1-844-591-7160

Online: <https://llsa.social/HC>

Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607
Brochures available in the Welcome Center