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First Baptist Church

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NEWSLETTER

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BFBC PRAYER CONFERENCE - MARCH 10 & 11

Sunday Morning, 10:15 am, Sunday Afternoon, 5:00-7:00 pm (light snacks),
Monday Evening, 6:30 pm

*Childcare for birth—grade 5 will be available at all sessions.
Please sign up with Julie at 246-1921 or jlunsford@bereafbc.org.*

Guest Speaker: Dr. Don Wilton

Dr. Wilton served as senior pastor for First Baptist Spartanburg for 30 years. He also served as a personal pastor to Dr. Billy Graham for 25 years.



Vote to Call Pastor Nahun Gil as Hispanic Minister of BFBC

Over the last two years, we have been blessed to partner with LaRoca Baptist Church in Hispanic ministry and outreach. God has used this time to help us better see the beauty of multiethnic ministry. Our mission as a church is to make disciples by helping people connect with Christ. Jesus defined the scope of our mission when He said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

While we are still under His mandate to go and make disciples of all nations, God has brought many nations to us. It is not uncommon to have 6 to 8 different nationalities represented on our campus each week. When we have combined with LaRoca for worship, the scene reminds us of John's vision in Revelation 7:9, "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.'" What a great blessing and joy it is to see this representation of the coming Kingdom among us!

As we progressed through the last two years, our vision for Hispanic ministry has become clearer. During this time, Pastor Nahun Gill has been serving as the interim Pastor of LaRoca. Through much prayer, the Lord has led Nahun to step down as interim Pastor. The vision to which the Lord has led us is calling Nahun to serve as part of our ministry staff. This model of ministry will allow us to be one church. Through conversations with denominational leaders and other pastors, this model is proving to be the most successful model for advancing Kingdom work among the Hispanic population.

With the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, we will be voting to call Nahun Gil as our Hispanic Minister on March 17th during our 10:15 service. During the service, you will have the opportunity to hear Nahun share his testimony and vision for making disciples among our Hispanic population. As we have gotten to know Pastor Nahun and his family, their devotion to ministry and reaching the lost has been most evident. With an affirmative vote of our church family, Nahun will begin leading our Hispanic services and ministries immediately.

As this new model of ministry begins, our partnership with LaRoca has concluded. LaRoca Baptist Church will continue as its own autonomous church in a new location. It has been a privilege and joy to partner with them!

The Lord has been faithfully guiding us toward this exciting new addition to the ministry of Berea FBC. We look forward to how the Lord is going to grow His church through this ministry model! The Lord has placed our church here for just such a time as this. Please be in prayer for our special day on March 17th. -- Pastor Chad



Nahun and Belly Gil
Nahybell (17), Nahomy (15), Saarony (10)

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 3-10

The Week of Prayer is observed each year by SBC churches to specifically pray for missionaries on the field, the needs of their ministries and the needs of their families. Prayer guides will be inserted in the Sunday bulletin on March 3.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. 100% of your gifts go to support more than 2,900 missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

OUR GOAL: \$12,000

Softball & T-Ball Registration

NOW through Wednesday, March 6

Forms available in the Welcome Center or church office. Cost is \$25 for youth and children, and \$45 for adults.

Discover Berea Luncheon

For New Members and Visitors

Sunday, March 3, 11:30 am

Senior Adult Building

Reservations Required

Grandmothers In Prayer

Sunday, March 3, 4:00 pm

Senior Adult Building

Deacons Meeting

Monday, March 4, 7:00 pm

In the Chapel

Friendship Group Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, March 5, 11:00 am

Reservations due by

Thursday, February 29. 246-1921.

Sign up extended until March 6!

Ladies Retreat at Edisto Beach

April 12-14

Cost for 2 nights and food is \$150 plus money for 1 meal out on Friday evening. If you need financial assistance or more details, please reach out to Shelly Haddon at 864-905-0923 or Dianne Batson at 864-270-2775.

Easter

at Berea First Baptist Church

EASTER HOPPENING

Sunday, March 24, 4:00-5:30 pm

BFBC Ballfield & Back Parking Area

Invite your friends and join us for a fun-filled afternoon. We will have games, a petting zoo, bouncy slides, egg hunt, snowcones, candy, popcorn and much more!

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Good Friday, March 29, 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 MORNING

March 31

7:30 am - Sunrise Service

8:00 am - Breakfast

9:00 am - Connect Groups

10:15 am - Morning Worship Service

Remember to bring flowers (real or artificial) to church on Easter 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.

Easter Lilies

Each year we give you the opportunity to purchase an easter lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$12 and they will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may pick up your lily after the morning worship service on that day. Forms are available in the Welcome Center or church office.

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

5:15-6:00

5:55-6:25

6:30-7:30

Supper

Grades 1-5 Choir

Kidzlife, Ages 3-Grade 5

Adult 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

Reaching Center

Items needed during March

FRUIT

Wednesday Supper Menu March 6

Fried Chicken, Red Potatoes, Steamed

Broccoli, Yams

or Chick-fil-a sandwich/nuggets

with chips. Cost: \$5.

Reservations or cancellations are required by Mondays at 11:00 am,

246-1921.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Elcainey Baker in the death of his brother, Charlie Baker.

Gloria Weaver in the death of her mother, Gloria Elledge.

Jerry Weaver in the death of his sister-in-law, Christa Weaver.

CAMP CHERAW FOR GRADES 2-12

REGISTRATION FOR CAMPERS & COUNSELORS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 5:45-7:45 PM

Senior Adult Building

Camp registration is completely virtual but we will be on the stage in the Senior Adult Building from 5:45-7:45 pm on March 13 if you need help. **Free registration T-shirts** for the first counselors and campers to register, as long as supplies last! To register please go to <https://bereafbc.churchcenter.com/registrations> or text the word REGISTER to 864-660-7739. You will not see this event online until midnight, March 12. You will be able to take care of all of your camp needs at this one location. There is a \$75 registration fee. The total cost of camp is \$200 for those who register **on March 13**, or \$225 for those who register after March 13. Counselor cost is \$40.

Cheraw Senior Week (Grades 6-12): June 2-7 (Sunday-Friday)

Cheraw Junior Week (Grades 2-5): June 9-13 (Sunday-Thursday)