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N E W S L E T T E R

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## Thanksgiving Dinner

This Sunday, November 24 at 5:30

In the Crosswalk

\$8 per person

If you registered to attend our Thanksgiving dinner, please remember to bring any of the following food items for our Reaching Center: macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned meat, soup, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and cereal.

## Church Conferences

Wednesday, December 11

*Discussion of the 2025 Budget*

Sunday, December 15

*Vote on the 2025 Budget without Discussion*

## Baptism

Sunday, December 15, 10:15 am

If you're interested in learning more about baptism, please contact Pastor Chad at 246-1921 or [chad@bereafbc.org](mailto:chad@bereafbc.org).

## Christmas Eve Ministry

Christmas is approaching, and while many are excited, some families face stress about providing for the holidays. For over 45 years, our church has delivered gifts and food to those in need on Christmas Eve. This year, we've already received many requests for help. We aim to assist as many families as possible, but our capacity depends on donations and volunteers. The average cost to support a family is \$300, covering a Christmas meal, clothing, and toys. **We urgently need donations and sponsors by Sunday, December 1st, to commit to helping families.**

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. The number of families we can assist relies on your support. Please label donations as *Christmas Eve Ministry*. If you have any questions, contact Ryan Pate at 246-1921 or [ryan@bereafbc.org](mailto:ryan@bereafbc.org).

# Reflections



## Let's Decorate for Christmas!

Sunday, November 24 at 1:00 pm

Meet in the Sanctuary

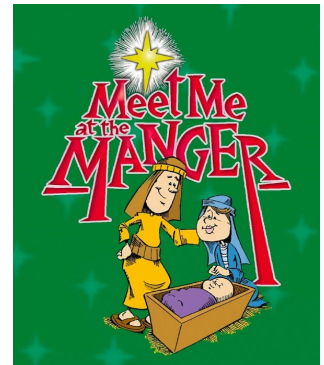
*Everyone is invited to help us decorate our buildings for the Christmas season.*



Sunday, December 15, 6:00 pm

**Kidz Praise Choir**

GRADES 1-5



*Presented by the Berea First Baptist Worship Ministry*  
Featuring the Adult Choir, Kidz Praise Choir and Orchestra

# Christmas at Berea

**BEREA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
529 FARRS BRIDGE RD., GREENVILLE, SC

DECEMBER 8TH (4PM) • DECEMBER 10TH (7PM)

## Welcome New Members



**Cierra Washington**  
105 Dreamland Way  
Greenville, SC 29609



**Mildred Duffie**  
416 Westcliffe Way  
Greenville, SC 29611



**Shane and Corbin Hardee (Pam)**  
329 Thomas Mill Rd.  
Easley, SC 29640

## Volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox Processing Center

Charlotte, North Carolina  
Saturday, December 14  
Bus will leave at 7:30 am & return at 5:00 pm. Bring \$15 for lunch (pizza or chick-fil-a). All volunteers must be at least 13. Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office.

## Widows Christmas Outing

Thursday, December 5 at 11:30 am  
*Festival of Trees at the Downtown Hyatt and lunch at Olive Garden.*  
Meet at the Crosswalk parking lot at 11:30 and we will travel on church buses. Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office at 246-1921.

## Ladies Trip Downtown

Friday, December 6 at 6:30 pm  
*Festival of Trees at the Downtown Hyatt and sweet treats at Kilwins.*  
Meet in the BFBC parking lot at 6:30 and we will ride the church buses. We will return by 9:00 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office, 246-1921.

## Grandmothers In Prayer

Sunday, December 1, 4:00 pm  
Senior Adult Building

## Deacons Meeting

Monday, December 2, 7:00 pm  
In the Chapel

## Weekly Opportunities

### SUNDAYS

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)

### WEDNESDAYS

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  
Bible Study in Spanish  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
ESL Class

Students: Doors open at 5:45, Service at 6:30, Pick up at 7:45.

### THURSDAYS

7:00 am Men's Prayer Time

## Thanksgiving Schedule

There will be no supper, services or activities on Wednesday, November 27.

## Wednesday Night Supper Reservations

We offer several options for reservations:

- Scan the QR code
- Text the word MEAL to 864-660-7739
- Sign up in the Welcome Center
- Call the office, 246-1921



**Dec. 4:** Hotdogs, Baked Beans, French Fries, Coleslaw or Chick-fil-a Nuggets or Sandwich.

## D - Groups @ BERE A FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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 6 months or 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: Group 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 or text the word REGISTER to 864-660-7739. We will have a D-Group Launch Event on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Senior Adult Building. The D-Group Launch Event will help train leaders and members for the D-Groups.