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Christmas Shoeboxes are due this Sunday, November 10!

Please keep your boxes with you, and during the worship service, we will all bring them to the front for a special time of prayer and dedication.

**CHURCH-WIDE
THANKSGIVING
Dinner**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
5:30 PM
IN THE CROSSWALK**

\$8 PER PERSON

Traditional Thanksgiving Meal,
Worship, Message, Lord's Supper,
Testimonies, and Remembering
our Homebound

Text **REGISTER** to 864-660-7739 or
sign up in the Welcome Center.

Each year at our Thanksgiving Dinner we collect canned goods to help support our Reaching Center. **Please bring any of the following food items:** macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned meat, soup, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, and cereal.

Volunteer at the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox 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.

Reflections

Christmas at Berea

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

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

The first chapter of John's Gospel contains a beautifully lyrical explanation of the incarnation. When he declares "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14, HCSB), the apostle is pointing out that He who was from the beginning - the eternal God of the universe - had become a human in the flesh, just like you and me. Christmas is a celebration every year, but what do we celebrate? Friends and family, time together with those we love, beautiful music and candlelit nights. These things may make up your Christmas. Or it may, instead, be made up of less than joyful memories. The Word became flesh and walked among us, even in our brokenness and shame. He shared our joys, but he also shared our tears. God came among us, not because we deserved it, but because he desired to make a way for us to be with him forever.

The theme of the Christmas program this year is "Here With Us" - that the God of the universe took on flesh and in his full divinity became fully human. He came because he promised he would, and Christmas marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to save us from our sins. This year, 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.

Let's Decorate for Christmas!

Sunday, November 24 at 1:00 pm
Meet in the Sanctuary

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

Welcome New Member



Steven Harris
16110 Amble Trail
Greenville, SC 29609

Veteran's Day Program and Reception

Monday, November 11, 2:30 pm
Berea Friendship
United Methodist Church
Sponsored by the Friends of Berea High
School, Inc. and Berea Friendship UMC.

Deacons Meeting

Monday, November 11, 7:00 pm
In the Chapel

Book Club

Monday, November 11, 6:00 pm
Welcome Center Music Suite

WMU Group Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 12:30
Meet in the Senior Adult Building

Church Conference

Wednesday, December 11
Discussion of the 2025 Budget
Sunday, December 15
Vote on the 2025 Budget without Discussion

Friendship Group Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, November 19, 11:00 am
Senior Adult Building
Cost: \$8
Music Program by the Whitten Brothers
Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Sweet Potato
Souffle, Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce
Reservations required by
Thursday, 11/14. Call 246-1921 or sign
up in the Welcome Center.

NEW Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Meet in the Bykota Classroom in the
Senior Adult Building

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Randall Wynn.
The family of Gloria Justice.
The family of Norma Brewton.
Steve Shead in the death of his aunt,
Beulah Addison.
Don Kauffman in the death of his dad,
Don Kauffman Sr.
Sherry Craze in the death of her brother,
Lamar Craze.

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.

Widows Christmas Outing

All widows are invited to join us as we travel downtown to the Hyatt to see the *Festival of Trees* and have lunch at Olive Garden on Thursday, December 5. We will travel on church buses and will meet at the Crosswalk parking lot at 11:30 am. Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office at 246-1921.



ALL MEN! Join us for a time of prayer on Thursday mornings at 7:00 in the Welcome Center Music Suite. Following our prayer time we visit a local restaurant for breakfast.

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
Bible Study in Spanish
7:35-9:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
ESL Class

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

THURSDAY

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



Nov. 13: Baked Chicken, Yellow Rice, Broccoli Casserole, Mixed Vegetables or Chick-fil-a Nuggets or Sandwich.

Nov. 20: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Peach Cobbler or Chick-fil-a Nuggets or Sandwich.

Reaching Center

For the month of November we are asking for food donations of **MACARONI AND CHEESE OR INSTANT POTATOES.**

We are also collecting **NEW AND GENTLY USED BLANKETS.**

Thank you BFBC!
Your donations make a difference.

Stay Informed!

Make sure you register for text messages and/or emails to stay informed about important church announcements. Simply text the keyword UPDATE to (864) 660-7739.