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N E W S L E T T E R

# Reflections

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## Announcement from Children's Ministry Director Search Team

Church family, it is with excitement and gratitude to the Lord that we announce our unanimous recommendation of Dawn Maness for Children's Ministry Director. Since Ms. Julie's retirement last year, Dawn has served in this role in an interim capacity. During these last eight months, we have seen our children's ministry continue to build on the wonderful foundation already in place.

During the interview process, Dawn expressed her vision for our children's ministry, which is to help children come to faith in Jesus and give them regular opportunities to do so. Dawn has exemplified serving the Lord with joy and enthusiasm. Her leadership has included clear lines of communication and relationship building. She has not only served our children within the weekly programming of our church but also by being present for their extracurricular activities.

Dawn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Education degree. She has extensive experience working in children's ministry. On February 23rd, during our morning worship service, Dawn will share her salvation testimony and call to ministry. At the conclusion of the service, we will have a church conference to vote on calling Dawn as Children's Ministry Director.

Sincerely,

*Children's Ministry Director Search Team*

Brandon Ellison, Jennifer Shumpert, Elaine Styles,  
Michelle Michael, Joie Brown

## Upcoming Church Conferences

Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm

Vote on the new committees for 2025

Sunday, February 23 during the 10:15 Service

Vote on Dawn Maness as  
Children's Ministry Director

## A CALL TO ACTION FOLLOW JESUS LUKE 9:23-25

### STEP ONE

**Praying for the strength to follow Jesus (January-February):** We are completely and totally dependent on God for the strength to follow Jesus. Step one is all about praying for the strength to follow Jesus. Come and join us as we pray that God would give us the strength to follow Him!

### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN ACCEPT THE CALL TO ACTION:

**Wednesdays:** Join us for the Wednesday Night Prayer Service every week at 6:30pm in the sanctuary where we'll spend intentional corporate time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to strengthen us as we follow Jesus. (Dates: 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12)

**Special Time of Prayer on Sunday Mornings:** We will gather every Sunday morning at 8:15am in the Senior Adult Building to pray for the morning service, asking the Lord to move powerfully in our church as we explore what it means to follow Him. (Dates: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9)

**Sunday Morning Worship Services:** In each week's worship bulletin, you will find specific prayer prompts leading you to respond to that week's focus. Use these prompts each week as you respond to God's Word. (Dates: 1/26, 2/2, 2/9)

### REGISTER FOR STEP TWO TODAY!

On February 16th we will begin Step two by working through Distinctive Discipleship for 8 weeks in our Sunday Morning Connect Groups. Will you take the second step in following Jesus? Register today so that we can plan for your participation!

#### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER

1. text **ACTION** to 864.660.7739
2. use this link: [berea.church/action](http://berea.church/action)
3. sign up at the **NEXT STEPS** desk



Step 1 January-February • Step 2 February-April • Step 3 April-May

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 9 (Super Bowl Day)

After the morning service, our Reaching Center volunteers will be at the exits where you can give your monetary donations toward our Reaching Center Ministry. All of your gifts will help to continue this ministry to our community. Look for our volunteers after the service on February 9!

## Welcome New Members



**Lynchell Njoki**  
187 Marbella Cir.  
Greenville, SC  
29617



**GW and Carol Allen**  
725 Quail Run  
Greenville, SC  
29605



**Mike and Nancy Barnes**  
2 Russell Ave.  
Greenville, SC  
29609



**Lindsey Kicklighter  
Trey, Cora Belle,  
Landon**  
108 Camille St.  
Easley, SC 29642

## Children & Student Events

To keep up with our activities for children and students, text the word UPDATE to 864-660-7739 to sign up for texts and emails regarding upcoming NextGEN events. You can also connect with us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.

### FACEBOOK

Berea Student Ministry  
Berea 1st Baptist Children's Ministry

### INSTAGRAM

bereastudentmin  
bereafbc\_children

## Sympathy

*Sympathy is extended to:*

The family of Mike Lathem.  
The family of Harold Chastain.



## Friendship Group Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, February 18 at 11:00 am  
Fellowship Center  
Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Salad,  
Garlic Bread, Cheesecake  
Program: Joel Powell, Vocalist

## BFBC Book Club

Monday, February 10 at 6:00 pm in the  
Welcome Center  
*Unsinkable* by Jenni L. Walsh

## WMU Meeting Grace Lyn Shockey Circle

Tuesday, February 11 at 12:30  
in the Fellowship Center  
Two daughters of IMB missionaries  
will be our guest speakers.  
Light refreshments provided

## Ladies Spring Retreat Edisto Beach, SC

April 3-6th  
3 night stay \$160  
2 night stay \$130

All meals included except one dinner out. Bible Study will be led by Belly Gil. Transportation is not included and carpooling is encouraged. Full payment is required when signing up with no refunds. Deadline is March 2. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

## Weekly Opportunities

### SUNDAYS

8:15 am Special Time of Prayer  
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  
7:35-9:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Students: Doors open at 5:45, Service at 6:30,  
Pick up at 7:45.

### THURSDAYS

7:00 am Men's Prayer Time

## Wednesday Night Supper

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



**February 12:** Glazed Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Squash & Zucchini Mix, Rolls or Chick-fil-a Nuggets or Sandwich with chips.

**February 19:** Baked Chicken, Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Rolls, or Chick-fil-a Nuggets or Sandwich and chips.

## Reaching Center

For the month of February we are asking for food donations of **CANNED SOUP**.

## How Can We Pray for You?

Our Intercessory Prayer Ministry is always confidential and staffed by trained volunteers. To request prayer:  
Email - prayerrequest@bereafbc.org  
Voicemail - (864) 246-9182, Ext. 1



## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Make your appointment Sunday in the Welcome Center or call the church office at 246-1921.

### Photography Appointments:

**Friday, Feb. 28, 12:00 — 8:00 pm**

**Saturday, Mar. 1, 10:00 am — 8:00 pm**

**Saturday, Mar. 8, 10:00 am — 8:00 pm**

Pictures will be taken for directory pose only with no need to return to view and select portrait packages. You will have the option to view and purchase online at a later time. Each family photographed will receive one free printed directory, a free 8 x 10 picture and access to an online directory.

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## INTRAMURAL T-BALL

AGES 3-6

**REGISTER NOW**  
THROUGH  
FEBRUARY 23

**COST: \$20**  
**INCLUDES T-SHIRT**

Sign up by texting the word  
REGISTER to 864-660-7739.

All games will be played on Saturday mornings at BFBC beginning in April.

## BASKETBALL BANQUET

**ALL TEAMS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES ARE INVITED!**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**6:00 PM**  
**IN THE CROSSWALK**  
**COST: \$5 PER PLATE**

To sign up text the word REGISTER  
to 864-660-7739

