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# Reflections

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## Stewardship

The word 'stewardship' seems somewhat uncommon today. Yet, the Bible has much to tell us about its meaning. In the Bible, the word stewardship refers to someone who 'manages' someone else's belongings or resources. In the Bible, we realize that as the Creator of the heavens and the earth, God is the owner of the universe. Everything belongs to Him!

The doctrine of biblical stewards affirms God's ownership and man's accountability to God as steward or manager of His resources. We see this accountability to God in Jesus' Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). You'll remember in this parable that the Master entrusted three of his servants with a certain amount of money or resources before leaving on a journey. After a lengthy trip, he returned, and the stewards gave an account of what they had done with his resources. Two of the three invested his resources and gave back to him double the amount originally given. The third steward had not invested his Master's money and gave back the same amount he had received. The Master celebrated the faithfulness of the first two stewards and rewarded them. The third steward lost what had been entrusted to him and was cast out.

As we consider the biblical doctrine of stewardship, let's consider who is managing the resources God has entrusted to us. Are we using everything He's entrusted to us on ourselves? To what extent are we investing His resources in Kingdom work? If our Master were to return today, would He be pleased with how we currently steward the resources He's entrusted to us? Considering stewardship means we can adjust how we manage what the Lord has entrusted to us.

- Pastor Chad

## New Members and Visitors Are Invited

### Discover Berea Class

**Sunday, May 25 at 9:00 am**

This Discover Berea Class will be held during the Sunday School hour. It is designed for all new church members, individuals contemplating membership, and those who have been visiting and wish to learn more about BFBC, our staff, and ministries. Sign up in the Welcome Center or online at [bereafbc.org/register](http://bereafbc.org/register).

**MOTHER'S DAY AT BFBC**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 11 AT 10:15 AM**  
All Ladies will Receive a Flower  
Baby Dedication  
Special Music by the Preschool Choir  
Message by Pastor Chad

## Graduating Seniors

Text REGISTER to 864-660-7739 to sign up.

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION: MAY 18

We want to celebrate your accomplishments as you graduate from high school or college! Register for the Graduate Recognition Service and mark your calendar for a morning of celebration!

**8:30 am** - Rehearsal (bring cap and gown)

**9:05 am** - Breakfast in the Crosswalk Café

**10:15 am** - Graduate Recognition during the Main Service

## Children's Spring Musical

### *Spend a While at the Nile*

**Sunday, May 18 at 6:00 pm**

In the Sanctuary

Make plans to be here to cheer them on!



## VBS 2025

**When:** June 22-25, 6:00-8:00 pm

**For:** K3-5th Grade

**Cost:** FREE!

A FREE dinner will be provided each evening at 5:30!

(dinner registration closes June 15). **To register to attend or to volunteer, text REGISTER to 864-660-7739.**

## Welcome To Our New Member



**Gabe Spearman**  
1511 W. Parker Road  
Greenville, SC 29617

### Camp Meeting for all Campers, Parents & Counselors

Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm in the Crosswalk  
*All counselors are required to  
attend the meeting*

### Mexico Informational Meeting

Sunday, May 4

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE  
If you're interested in learning more about  
our Mexico trip, please come to the choir  
room for a very brief meeting.

### Grandmothers In Prayer

Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm  
In the Fellowship Building

### Deacons Meeting

Monday, May 5 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

### Grace Lyn Shockey WMU Group Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 at 12:30 pm  
In the Fellowship Building  
Covered Dish Luncheon—Bring anything!  
This is our last meeting until September  
so we hope you can attend.

### Friendship Group Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, May 20 at 11:00 am  
In the Fellowship Building  
Menu: Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad,  
Tomato Slice, Brownie & Ice Cream  
Program: Emile Pandolfi and Dana Russell

## Children's Ministry Volunteer Sign-Up

Our Children's Ministry is growing, and  
there is a place for you! Stop by the Wel-  
come Center this Sunday, **May 4** to learn  
about all the opportunities and where you  
would fit in best!

#### Areas of Service:

- **SUNDAY MORNINGS**
  - Sunday School (Babies-5th Grade)
  - Nursery (Babies-K3)
  - Dock (K3-K5 or Grades 1-5)
  - Check-in
  - Subs
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**
  - KidzLife (K3-K5 or Grades 1-5)
  - Choirs (K3-K5 or Grades 1-5)

Thank you for considering helping with this  
vital ministry of Berea FBC! If you would  
like to sign up but you can't make it to the  
Welcome Center on Sunday, you can sign  
up online, [BereaFBC.org/register](http://BereaFBC.org/register).

### NextGen Pool Parties

Wednesday, May 21

Join us for our end-of-year pool parties  
as we wrap up our Wednesday night  
programming!

#### Preschool - 3rd Grade KidzLife

5:30-7:30 pm  
Partridge Ridge Pool  
Must have one parent/adult guardian stay

#### Preteens (Grades 4-5)

5:00-7:30 pm  
Josh & Kayla Westbrooks' house

#### Students (Grades 6-12)

6:00-8:00 pm  
Felipe & Kari Garzon's house

Stay connected with us on social media  
to receive all the latest updates for  
kids and students!

*Berea 1st Baptist Children's Ministry  
Berea Student Ministry*

### Widows & Friendship Group Trip

Strawberry Hill, Chesnee SC  
Thursday, May 29  
We will leave from the Crosswalk  
parking lot at 10:00 am.  
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
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### Wednesday Night Supper

Text the word MEAL to 864-660-7739 or  
call the office at 246-1921.

**May 7:** Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Corn,  
Applesauce or Chick-fil-a Nuggets or  
Sandwich with Chips.

**May 14:** Country Fried Steak, Mashed  
Potatoes, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese or  
Chick-fil-a Nuggets or Sandwich and Chips.

### Reaching Center

For the month of May we are asking  
for food donations of

**MIXED VEGETABLES OR DICED TOMATOES**

### Life Line Screening

**Monday, May 12**

Life Line Screening will be here at Berea  
First Baptist Church offering safe, painless,  
non-invasive preventive health screenings  
that are typically not a part of a routine  
physical. Two ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo  
code HSCA001
- Text: the word CIRCLE to 216-279-1607

### How Can We Pray for You?

Our Intercessory Prayer Ministry is  
confidential and staffed by trained  
volunteers.

Email - [prayerrequest@bereafbc.org](mailto:prayerrequest@bereafbc.org) or  
Voicemail - (864) 246-9182, Ext. 1.

### Next Week is National Teacher Appreciation Week!

If you know a teacher, be sure to give them a warm hug or a heartfelt thank you. We are so grateful for the faithful teachers who serve in our schools and in the teaching ministry of our church. Thank you for pouring into our lives each week with dedication and love. We love and appreciate you!

### Sympathy

*Sympathy is extended to:*

The family of Deanie Presnell.

Ronnie Durham in the death of his sister-in-  
law, Glenda Durham.