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N E W S L E T T E R

# Reflections

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## Praying for our Children and Grandchildren

As you are aware, we live in a culture that is increasingly disconnected from biblical truth. Helping our children and grandchildren navigate a secular culture with a personal faith and biblical world view is challenging. But we can be assured that God loves the next generations even more than we do! Seeking God's heart for our children and grandchildren is at the heartbeat of two significant prayer ministries of BFBC: "Moms in Prayer" and "Grandmothers in Prayer".

We have unique opportunities to pray for the next generations, to have influence and invest in their lives. I agree with Deana Johnson who directs our "Grandmothers in Prayer" ministry. She shared "Needs are different for different situations and at different ages, but we can have an amazing influence on the next generation(s). I'm always amazed when hearing a testimony from someone at how often they will reference the influence of a grandparent.... especially a grandmother who prayed for them. So, I encourage you to find ways to BE that influence and be intentional in leaving a Godly legacy with your grandchildren or great grandchildren."

Deana's words echo the heartbeat of both "Moms in Prayer" and "Grandmothers in Prayer", spending time together specifically seeking God's heart for the next generations. I challenge you today as moms and grandmothers to become a part of one of these ministries. I am listing contact info so you can reach out to the leaders if you have questions or need additional info. Each group meets monthly: Rebecca Major (864.421.4405) leads a Moms in Prayer group in her home on Friday morning. Magda Sommers (864.417.0335) leads a Moms in Prayer for Hispanic speakers in her home on Friday evening. Deanna Johnson (864.901.0394) leads Grandmothers in Prayer on the church campus at 4:00pm on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. Contact any of these leaders for additional information.

What will our legacy be as parents and grandparents? As Deanna shared, "One truth is certain, we need to cover our children and grandchildren in prayer and do all we can to be the godly influence God may use to help guide them."

Let's continue building BFBC into a "house of prayer"!

Rick Fisher  
Prayer Ministry Coordinator

## Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation and Enrichment

**Sunday, August 3, Following the Service**  
In the Senior Adult Building

We are so incredibly thankful for all of our Children's Ministry Volunteers who serve on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Tuesday afternoons, and for special events! We want to take time to thank you with lunch and prepare you for the upcoming year! Lunch will be hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert. If you serve in any of the following areas with preschoolers or children, please plan to attend: Sunday School, Nursery, Dock, KidzLife, Children's Choir, Good News Club. Please register by July 28 at [bereafbc.org/register](http://bereafbc.org/register).

## PROMOTION SUNDAY

**August 10**

*Preschoolers, Children & Students*

It's time to move up to your new Sunday School class! If you need help finding a class room, please come to the Welcome Center and we will be glad to help you.

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER TIME

**Sunday, August 10**

During the morning service we will invite all of our students, teachers/faculty to gather at the front of the sanctuary. This will give us an opportunity to pray for them as they begin a new school year.

## DISCOVER BEREA CLASS For Visitors and New Members

**Sunday, August 17 at 9:00 am**

The Discover Berea Class 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).

## Welcome New Members



**Nolan Granger**

(Son of Brian and Megan Granger)  
204 Crimson Glory Way  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690



**Zac and Maddox Buchanan**

9 W. Sable Ct.  
Greenville, SC 29617

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would be willing to serve during  
our Splash Bash, please register at  
[bereafbc.org/register](http://bereafbc.org/register).

Mark Your Calendar!

## BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH BASH

Inflatable Water Slides, Water Games,  
Music, Food, and More!

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6**  
**5:45-7:45 PM**

BALLFIELD & BACK PARKING AREA



Chicken Tenders or  
Chicken Sandwich,  
Baked Beans, Chips

**Register for dinner  
by JULY 31.**  
[bereafbc.org/register](http://bereafbc.org/register)



## Church Directory Update

We apologize for the delay in receiving  
the new church directories. The company  
has informed us that an unforeseen  
maintenance issue has caused a setback  
for all orders. They are expected to be  
shipped to us next week, and we will  
keep you updated as soon as they arrive!

## Otter Creek Water Park

*For Rising K5-5th Graders*

Thursday, July 31, 9:30 am—3:00 pm

\$10 for admission and lunch

Meet at the Crosswalk at 9:30 am and  
we will return by 3:00 pm.

Register at [bereafbc.org/register](http://bereafbc.org/register)

## Reaching Center Backpack Packing Day

Monday, July 28 at 10:00 am

We need your help packing school sup-  
plies into backpacks for distribution at  
our Reaching Center. If you can help us,  
please meet in the Patio Room.

## BFBC Fall Choir Launch 2025

Sunday, August 10, 12:00-2:00 pm

Senior Adult Building

Are you interested in joining the Choir? If  
so, don't miss this event! We will go over  
the music and schedule for the Fall and  
Christmas seasons. Lunch will be provided  
(Cheeseburgers & French fries), and your  
family is welcome to join us - please just let  
us know how many to prepare for when  
you register. Register at [bereafbc.org/register](http://bereafbc.org/register)!

## All Ladies!

A new "Doctrines, Apologetics, and  
Worldview Class" is coming this fall on  
Wednesday nights!  
More details coming soon.

## Wednesday Night Programs

**Begin August 13**

*Supper, Children's Choir, KidzLife,  
Student Worship, Adult Bible Study,  
& Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal*  
More details in the next newsletter

## Wednesday Night Supper Reservations

We offer three ways to sign up for  
Wednesday night suppers:

- \* Go to [bereafbc.org/register](http://bereafbc.org/register)
- \* Call the office at 246-1921
- \* Sign up on Sundays in the Welcome  
Center

## Weekly Opportunities

### SUNDAYS

8:15 am

9:00 am

10:15 am

6:00 pm

### WEDNESDAYS

6:30-7:30

### THURSDAYS

7:00 am

Special Time of Prayer

Connect Groups

Morning Worship Service

Small Group Meetings

Adult Bible Study

Men's Prayer Time

## Ministry Opportunities at Armstrong

### CAR-LINE GREETERS NEEDED

August 11, 7:00-8:00 am

We need volunteers to meet at Armstrong  
on the first day of school to open car doors  
and welcome the kids back to school.

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

*Food Bags for Kids in Need*

\$40 per month or \$360 a year

Our backpack food program provides  
children in need with bags of non-  
perishable food to take home and eat  
during weekends when school meals are  
unavailable. Your donations help us buy  
and pack food bags for those who need  
assistance. Ways to help: donate money,  
pack bags, deliver bags to Armstrong.

### GOOD NEWS CLUB

Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm

Beginning mid-September

Spending time with these children once a  
week and sharing the Good News of Jesus  
with them is a true privilege. You will not  
need to lead a formal lesson; simply  
engage with the kids, chat about their day,  
assist them in learning a Bible verse, help  
with snacks, and most importantly, show  
them love.

**YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR ALL 3 EVENTS  
IN THE WELCOME CENTER!**

**OCTOBER 10-12**  
**CAMP FOREST IN CHERAW**

## MEN & BOYS RETREAT

Bible Study, Fellowship, Great Food & Fun!

**COST IS \$60 WHICH INCLUDES  
LODGING, FOOD AND ACTIVITIES**

*Leave at 5:30 on Friday and return mid-  
afternoon Sunday. This event is available  
for men and boys. All boys, 5th grade and  
under, will need a chaperone/sponsor.*

**REGISTER AT**  
**[bereafbc.org/register](http://bereafbc.org/register)**