



Reflections

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NEWSLETTER

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Exciting News!

As the Lord has continued to bless our church with young adults and young families, we have followed His leading by creating the position of **Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Next Gen**. This position replaces the Discipleship and Missions Pastor position. This new position will allow our church to provide meaningful discipleship, ministry, and mission opportunities to our young adults. It meets a need that has existed in our church for quite some time.

Our Personnel Team has approved the creation of this new position as well as the transition of Ford Pfister from Associate Pastor of Students and Ministry Development to Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Next Gen Ministries. Ford will continue in his current role until we have a new Student Pastor. The Personnel Team and Deacon Body will recommend a Student Pastor Search Team for church vote at the conclusion of our morning service on August 31.

We are thankful to the Lord for His continued providential guidance. Please be in prayer for Ford as he begins this exciting new ministry. Also, pray that the Lord would providentially guide us to the Student Pastor He has prepared to lead our Student Ministry.

Preschoolers, Children & Students

We have an exciting lineup of activities planned for the fall! Stay connected with us on social media to keep up with all the happenings. Here's a glimpse of what you can look forward to:

Soccer, Skytop Orchard, Skate Night, Lock-In, Men & Boys Retreat, Family Discipleship Weekend, and More!

Family Discipleship Weekend

Families That Follow Jesus

September 5-6

Join us at Berea FBC for our **FREE Family Discipleship Weekend**, designed to equip families of all stages with practical tools for discipling children of all ages.

fellowship - food - worship - teaching & breakout sessions

Whether you're parenting young children, teenagers, or navigating empty nest years, this weekend offers **biblical guidance** and **practical strategies** to help you create a **culture of discipleship** within your family while building **meaningful connections** with other families in our church community.



REGISTER NOW
berea.church/family-text
FAMILY to 864.660.7739



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

REGISTER AT
bereafbc.org/register



Widows' Fall Retreat

Friday, October 3, 5:00-7:00 pm
Saturday, October 4, 9:00-11:00 am

SENIOR ADULT BUILDING

Guest Speaker: Ruth McWhite
We will also enjoy special music, great food and fellowship!

SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER OR
CALL THE OFFICE AT 246-1921.

Transportation to and from the church is available if needed. Contact Julie at 864-420-1494.

Back-to-School and Fall Ministries PRAYER WALK

Join us at 9:00 am Saturday, August 23 in the Welcome Center as we focus on praying for our schools as well as the fall ministries of BFBC. We will have prayer guides available for schools, for the fall ministries, and as a first this year, a specific prayer guide for praying on college campuses. What a great opportunity for us to join God's heart for our church and schools.

How Can We Pray for You?

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

Welcome New Members



Jerry Christians
612 Watkins Rd.
Greenville, SC 29617

Faith & Support Sewing Day

Saturday, August 23, 9:00 am-12:00 noon
Senior Adult Building
If you plan to attend, contact
Sandra Owens at 864-683-8187.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 31
We will vote on a new
Student Pastor Search Team

Grace Lyn Shockey Circle Meeting

September 9, 12:30 pm
Senior Adult Building
Speaker: Sandra Tapp, Retired Executive
Director of SC WMU. Refreshments to follow.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Faye Aiken.
Barbara Weatherford in the death of her brother, Harold Fuller.
Cynthia Woodruff in the death of her brother, Tony Waters.
Anne Linder in the death of her cousin, Sally Deese.

Children's Soccer

Saturday Mornings
September 13—October 25
Ages 3-6 (boys and girls)

This is a relaxed, drop-in style soccer experience! There are no set teams or complex schedules to follow. Simply show up on Saturday mornings and your child will be divided into teams with other kids who arrive that day. This informal approach means less commitment stress for families while still providing all the fun and learning benefits of organized soccer. For more information contact Greg Somers at 864-275-3972. **Register at bereafbc.org/register**

Weekly Opportunities

SUNDAYS

8:15 am Special Time of Prayer
9:00 am Connect Groups
10:15 am Morning Worship
6:00 pm Small Group Meetings
(reach out to Pastor Chad 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 Prayer Service
Bible Study in Spanish
Student Worship
Doors open at 5:45,
Pick up at 7:45.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS

7:00 am Men's Prayer Time

Wednesday Night Suppers

We offer three ways to sign up for supper:
Go to bereafbc.org/register; call the office at 246-1921; or sign up on Sundays in the Welcome Center. The cost for a meal is \$6. You can choose from a home cooked meal or chick-fil-sandwich or nuggets & chips.

Wednesday Night Discipleship Classes

These classes will begin on September 10. Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office at 246-1921.

DEFENDING THE FAITH - DOCTRINE, APOLOGETICS & WORLDVIEW

We love God, but can we defend our faith? In our ladies study this fall, we will address some key doctrines about Christ and salvation as well as learn to better articulate our defense of Biblical authority beginning in Genesis and why it is foundational to the Gospel and evangelism. Come be challenged as we grow together!

7 Week Class | Leader: Rebecca Major | Location: Room 207 | Nancy Cooper Class (down from the offices); No Cost (no curriculum)

FINANCIAL PEACE

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is a comprehensive course designed to empower individuals to take control of their finances by implementing Biblical stewardship principals. The program focuses on practical steps for budgeting, saving, and investing. This course appeals to all age groups 18 and older.

7 Week Class | Leader: Don Lewis | Location: Room 104 In the Senior Adult Building | Cost: \$80 per couple with BFBC refunding the cost if all sessions are attended

UNLIMITING GOD

People have their limits. Some choose to ignore them. God's power and love have no limits. So why do Christians put limits on their relationship with Him? We could be pursuing greater knowledge, experiencing deeper intimacy, and abiding in freer joy... and yet we routinely settle for mediocrity in our spiritual lives. By contrasting mediocrity with the spirituality of the great "heroes of the faith," this study shows you that you need not settle for less than God intends for you. God can do extraordinary things through ordinary people...but only when we allow Him to enlarge our spiritual capacity and overcome your self-imposed limits.

7 Week Class | Leader: Rick Fisher | Location: Sanctuary | Books are optional: \$10 each

GRIEF SHARE

A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

13 Week Class | Leader: Laurel Page | Location: Conference Room | Cost: \$20

INSTRUCTING A CHILD'S HEART

This study equips parents with the biblical framework for shepherding the heart of their children. While being biblically sound, the teaching will also be intensely practical. Instructing a child's heart is not simply transferring data from parent to child. It is impressing the heart with truth. We should impress truth on the hearts of our children, not to control or manage them, but to point them to the greatest joy and happiness that they can experience—delighting in God and the goodness of His ways.

7 Week Class | Leader: Chad Rickenbaker | Location: Patio Room | Books are optional: \$12