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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT PASTOR Blake Patton



Berea First Baptist Church is thrilled to announce that we have called Blake Patton to serve as our new Student Pastor, effective November 3, 2025. Blake currently serves at Boiling Springs First Baptist Church, where he has been the Campus Associate for their Peach Valley campus and the Middle School Pastor for their main campus. He is a graduate of North Greenville University with a Bachelor's Degree in Youth Ministry (2019) and a Master of Divinity (2023). Over the years, Blake has invested deeply in student ministry, including several summers serving with Lifeway's FUGE Camps, where he served as camp director for some of our students in 2021. Blake will be joining our church family alongside his wonderful fiancée, M'Lyn. They are preparing to celebrate their wedding on November 22, 2025, and are excited to begin this new season of ministry together. Please join us in welcoming Blake and M'Lyn to the family of BFBC and in thanking God for His faithfulness in bringing us a Student Pastor who is called, qualified, and passionate about reaching students for Christ.

Families of Preschoolers & Children Are Invited FAMILY DAY @ SKYTOP ORCHARD

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

Saturday, October 18

We will meet in the Skytop Orchard parking lot at 9:00 am. This event is for families of children, birth-prenees, and adults must stay on site for the entirety of the event!



Join us for a faith-filled Halloween Celebration!

Wednesday, October 29, 6:30-8:00 pm

Come experience an evening of Halloween fun as we transform our parking lot into a Biblical wonderland! Families will enjoy trick-or-treating from creatively decorated car trunks featuring beloved Bible stories, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship. This is a fantastic opportunity to serve our community while sharing God's love in a fun and engaging way.

We're looking for volunteers to help make this event unforgettable. Register to help in one of the following ways:

- Decorate your car and hand out candy
- Help serve food
- Walk around and greet our community members
- Direct our visitors on where to park
- Prayer Tent Ministry

Text the word register to 864-660-7739 or sign up in the Welcome Center.

We also need candy donations. You can drop off the donations at the Welcome Center on Sunday or at the church office during the week. Note: If you are decorating your car, please bring candy to give out. We are collecting candy to try and make sure no one runs out, but we will not be able to supply every car with candy.



Pink Sunday

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

Wear pink this **Sunday, October 19**, as we remember those who have lost their battle with cancer, celebrate the courage of those who have fought through it, and uplift those who are currently battling this disease.

Stay informed!

Make sure you register for text messages and emails to stay informed about important church announcements. Simply text the key word UPDATE to 864-660-7739.

Save the Date
Annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 23



It's Time to Pack Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Pick Up a Box in the Welcome Center

Fill the box with gifts (suggestions are provided in the brochure), enclose a \$10 donation and return your box to church on Sunday, November 9.

Boxes will be delivered by Samaritan's Purse to children around the world!

Deacon Nominations Due this Sunday, October 19

Please give prayerful consideration to ten men you would like to nominate to serve as a deacon for the next term. You will receive a ballot Sunday morning. Return your cards to the Next Steps Desk in the Welcome Center or drop it in the ushers baskets at you leave the service.

Please do not nominate the following men who are currently serving as deacons: Victor Aquino, Chris Baker, Braden Brock, Jim Cagle, Sam Childers, Guy Davis, Evans Day, Ron Granger, Patrick Haddon, Charles Hall, Don Kauffman, Andrew Lewis, Don Lewis, Steve Marlow, Jim Morgan, Billy Moseley, Anthony Mullinax, Mike Nix, David Pittman, Jeremy Poole, Steve Shead, Larry Skinner, Jim Southerland, Mark Smith, Shep Tallon, Barry Tatum, Zach Tatum, Danny Taylor, Bill Whitfield, Jay Willis.

Faith and Support Ministry Sewing Day

Saturday, October 25, 9:00 am—12:00 noon
In the Senior Adult Building
If you're planning to attend, please contact Sandra Owens at 864-683-8187 or sowens19422@gmail.com

Best Wishes!

Jonathan Grabowski and Mackenzie Bishop were married on September 20. Mackenzie is the daughter of Tanya Bishop and granddaughter of Charles and Brenda Hall.

Abbey League and Cason Whitmire were married on October 4. Abbey is the daughter of David and Sonya League.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Mark Smith in the death of his father,
Howard Smith.

Robbie Cassell in the death of her mother,
Frankie Bailey.

Friendship Group News LUNCH

Tuesday, October 21, 11:00 am

Senior Adult Building

Program: Dana Russell

Menu: BBQ, Baked Beans, Coleslaw

Catered by Lawson's Creek Smokehouse

Cost \$8. Reservations Required.

DAY TRIP

Friday, October 24

The Farmer's Daughter, Chuckey, TN

\$25 per person (paid in advance)

Sign up in the Welcome Center or
call the office.

Upcoming Training Go & Tell

Saturday, November 8

9:00 am—12:00 noon

In the Crosswalk

Child Evangelism Fellowship is coming to our church to provide training to our volunteers so we will be equipped to teach children how to "Go and Tell," sharing the Gospel everywhere they go!

Text "REGISTER" to 864-660-7739.



LADIES FALL FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

SENIOR ADULT BUILDING

6:30 - Arrive for appetizers,
finger foods and desserts

7:00 - Crafting activities
and games begin

Everyone is invited to enjoy free food, fellowship, and games; simply bring an appetizer, finger food, or dessert to share.

Optionally, sign up for \$5 to craft at one of three different stations: either painting or card-making (with unlimited spots available), or pottery (with 20 spots available).

Sign up in the Welcome Center.



Weekly Opportunities

SUNDAYS

8:15 am

9:00 am

10:15 am

6:00 pm

Special Time of Prayer

Connect Groups

Morning Worship

Small Group Meetings

*(reach out to Pastor
Chad for more info)*

WEDNESDAYS

5:15-6:00

5:55-6:25

6:30-7:30

Supper

Grades 1-5 Choir

Kidzlife, Ages 3 - Grade 5

Adult Discipleship Groups

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, October 29

No Supper or Activities

due to Trunk 'n Treat

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.

October 22: Baked Chicken, Red Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans

Deadline to register is noon, Mondays.

Reaching Center

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

MAC & CHEESE OR INSTANT POTATOES

Berea Friendship Methodist Church invites you to their special program to honor our Veterans and to remember our veterans no longer with us.

Annual

Veterans Day Celebration

Tuesday, November 11, 2:30 pm

Berea Friendship Methodist Church
8001 White Horse Rd.

Presentation of colors by Berea High Air Force JROTC and program prepared and presented by Friends of Berea.

Reception in social hall after program.