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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-preteens, 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.

### **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.

### 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 Discipleship Groups  
Bible Study in Spanish  
6:30-7:45 Student Worship  
Doors open at 5:45,  
Pick up at 7:45.  
7:35-9:00 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](http://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.**



**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.*

### 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.