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# Reflections

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NEWSLETTER

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## LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

PRAYER CONFERENCE 2026

MARCH 27-28

### Friday Night

**5:45 PM – Chick-fil-A Meal** (*reservations required*)

*Fellowship Center*

**6:30 – 7:15 PM – Main Session 1**

Led by Rick Fisher - *Sanctuary*

*Preschoolers and children will leave together during the main teaching and go to the Dock/Gym*

**7:25 – 8:15 PM – Breakout Session 1** (choose one)

- Increasing the Effectiveness of Your Prayer Life  
Led by Rick Fisher (*Sanctuary*)
- Prayer and Fasting  
Led by Joye Rickenbaker (*Choir Room*)
- Praying for Your Grandchildren  
Led by Deanna Johnson (*Music Suite*)
- Building Blocks of a Daily Prayer Life  
Led by Blake Patton (*Conference Room*)

### Saturday Morning

**8:15 AM – Doughnuts and Coffee**

*Welcome Center*

**9:00 – 9:50 AM – Main Session 2**

Led by Ford Pfister - *Sanctuary*

*Preschoolers and children will leave together during the main teaching and go to the Dock/Gym*

**10:00 – 10:50 AM – Breakout Session 2** (choose one)

- Increasing the Effectiveness of Your Prayer Life  
Led by Rick Fisher (*Sanctuary*)
- Praying for Your Children  
Led by Joye Rickenbaker (*Choir Room*)
- Praying for Your Grandchildren  
Led by Deanna Johnson (*Music Suite*)
- Praying for Missions  
Led by Natalie Cannon (*Chapel*)
- Building Blocks of a Daily Prayer Life  
Led by Blake Patton (*Conference Room*)

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Main Session 3**

Led by Chad Rickenbaker - *Sanctuary*

*Preschoolers and children will remain in the main session.*

## Prayer Ministry Day

Sunday, March 29

Over the past years, we have seen God at work in many ways in and through the BFBC family. One of those is establishing a culture of prayer. Jesus tells us we are to be a house of prayer, and Paul teaches that we are to be a people devoted to prayer. The BFBC Prayer Ministry exists to unite our congregation as people of prayer by teaching, equipping, and mobilizing us to pray. One special area of equipping is the Prayer Ministry Resource area in the Welcome Center, providing scripture prayer guides and prayer helps on various topics.

As part of our annual Prayer Ministry Conference, on Sunday, March 29, we will take time during the worship service to celebrate how God is deepening the culture of prayer and to give each person an opportunity to engage in one or more prayer opportunities at BFBC. While you will be given more information on Sunday, here are some areas of prayer focus to prayerfully consider:

- **Intercessory Prayer Ministry:** a ministry of intercession for our church and community, missions, government, and world concerns, and numerous submitted confidential prayer requests.
- **Ministry Prayer Partners:** a ministry of intercession for our staff ministry leaders.
- **Men's Weekly Prayer Group:** a group of men who pray together every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. The focus of this prayer group is to read and discuss God's Word and respond in prayer.
- **Moms in Prayer:** this prayer ministry focuses on moms gathering to intentionally cover their children in prayer. (Groups are available in English and Spanish)
- **Grandmothers in Prayer:** a group of grandmothers who pray together monthly for their grandchildren.
- **Prayerwalking:** a ministry of intercession on site. Individuals or small groups will pray on various sites throughout our community, on the church campus, and at our schools.
- **Students:** a ministry of intercessory prayer for BFBC students, grades 6-12.
- **Widows:** a ministry of intercessory prayer for our widows.
- **Homebound Members:** a ministry of intercessory prayer for our church members who are homebound.

Prayer is not only the heartbeat of our relationship with God, it is the conduit for His power and provision to enable us to help people connect with Christ and to see His Kingdom be realized on earth as it is in heaven! Would you be thinking and praying how you can be involved in the prayer life of BFBC through Prayer Ministry? May God continue to grow us as a House of Prayer!

Rick Fisher – Prayer Ministry Coordinator

## Welcome New Members



**Charli McCall**  
141 Scalybark Rd.  
Greenville, SC 29617



**Kaleigh Barton**  
110 Xander Ct.  
Greer, SC 29650



**Macon Southerland**  
12 Notre Dame Dr.  
Greenville, SC 29617

## Easter Lilies

Each year we give you the opportunity to purchase an easter lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$12 and they will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may pick up your lily after the 10:15 service on that day. Forms are available in the Welcome Center or church office. The deadline to purchase is **Sunday, March 29**

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our Goal: \$12,000

Please consider giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. 100% of your gifts go to support thousands of missionaries serving in church planting and compassion ministry in the US and Canada.

## Widow's Outing

On Thursday, April 16 at 8:50 am we will go the Golden Strip Career Center for a relaxing spa day. You can choose from a manicure, pedicure or hair wash and style. Lunch to follow at Cracker Barrel. Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office.

## 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  
Discipleship Classes  
Adult Bible Study/Spanish  
Student Worship  
Doors open at 5:45,  
Pick up at 7:45.  
ESL Class  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:45

7:30-8:30  
7:35-9:00

### 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](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.

**April 1:** Country Style Steak, Rice and Gravy, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans or Chick-fil-a Nuggets/Sandwich and chips.

**April 8:** Hotdogs, Fries, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans or Chick-fil-a Nuggets/Sandwich and chips.

**The deadline to register is noon, Mondays.**

## Volunteer To Be a Part of Our Exciting Easter Celebration!

We are excited about Easter this year! God is growing our church, and it's an incredible time to be a part of what He is doing. Would you consider serving in one of these areas?

- **Hospitality Team** – Serve coffee and doughnuts.
- **Parking Attendant Team** – Help guests find a parking space.
- **Greeter Team** – Welcome everyone with joy and kindness.
- **First Impressions Team** – Greet guests outside as they arrive with a friendly sign.

**SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER**

## A Beautiful Easter Tradition

Remember to bring flowers (real or artificial) to church on Easter Sunday to cover the outside cross with life and beauty. The Living Cross is a beautiful act of celebration to share with our children and it's a great background for Easter family pictures.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Candi Boone in the death of her dad, Tom Stanford.

## Celebrate Easter with Us at Berea First Baptist Church

**Easter Hopping**  
Sunday, March 29, 4:30-6:00  
Event Kick-Off in the Sanctuary

*Dinner, sno-cones, face painting, petting zoo, egg hunt, and a walk-through of the Easter story!*

In your registration, please let us know how many children and adults will be eating and searching for eggs! This will help us ensure we have enough food and eggs! Dinner will consist of hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

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

**TENEBRAE SERVICE**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 3 at 6:30 pm

This service is a time of somber reflection on Christ's sacrifice on the cross. It will consist of rhythms of reading from God's Word and musical reflections, culminating in Communion together as believers.

JOIN US FOR  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday, April 5**

**7:15 am:** Sunrise Service at the fountain by the cemetery

**8:15 am:** Easter Joint Worship Service with Spanish Translation

**10:15 am:** Easter Worship Service

*Enjoy doughnuts and coffee served between all services.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**We will not have Sunday School**