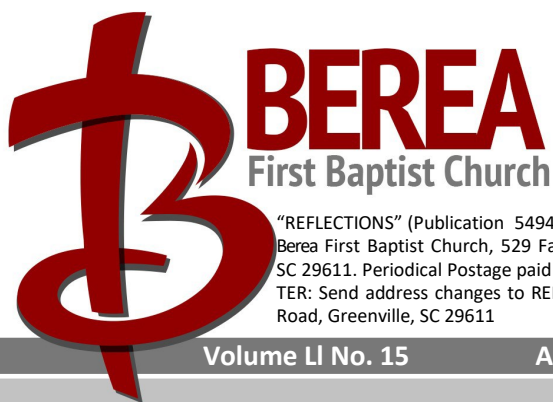




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Joe Blakely Facilities and Recreation Director

Please join us in welcoming Joe Blakely as our new Facilities and Recreation Director. Joe and his wife Angie are long-time members of our church. They have three adult children: Tanner, Kendall, and Jackson. Over the years, Joe has served in numerous capacities within our church. He has been a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, R.A. leader, basketball coach, and member of several committees. Joe is known for the quiet and humble way he serves and follows Jesus. Joe is a wonderful addition to our Berea FBC ministry team!

We Exist to Glorify God and Make Disciples!

One aspect of glorifying God is giving. In Psalm 68 we read these words, "Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples. Give to the Lord glory and strength. Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts" (Vs 7-8). In 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 we learn that God is glorified not only when we give but the attitude with which we give. "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

With these passages in our hearts we will **collect an offering** during our worship time on **August 30**. If you give online please continue to do so but consider bringing a special offering that morning too as part of your worship of God. Let's give as God has blessed us.

I Corinthians 16:2

Pastor Chad

Family Discipleship Weekend



Small, faithful moments spread outward, shaping generations to come.
That's THE RIPPLE EFFECT.

Family Discipleship Weekend is a weekend built around that idea.

Friday: dinner, games, worship, bonfire

Saturday: two teaching sessions with an activity break and lunch

Sunday: morning service (no Dock)

August 28-29

Cost: \$5 per person | All activities on BFBC campus

Register at bereafbc.org/register

Wednesday Night Adult Equip Classes | 6:30 pm

It's Not Too Late to Join!

"Walking With God Through Pain and Suffering"

Led by Chad Rickenbaker—Sanctuary

"Christian Worldview"

Led by Ford Pfister—Fellowship Center

"Experiencing God in Everyday Life"

Led by Rick Fisher—Chapel



October 2-4, 2026 | Awanita Valley

The cost is \$90, which includes lodging, food, Humvee rides, and activities.

This event is open to all men and boys.

Boys 5th grade and under will need a chaperone/sponsor present for the duration of the event.

Register at bereafbc.org/register

Sermon Based Small Groups

Do you have thoughts about the Sunday morning sermon? We all do! How would you like to have the opportunity to discuss what you heard with a group of friends who listened to the same sermon? Well, you have just such an opportunity when you join one of our **Sermon-Based Small Groups**. Our groups meet on Sunday evenings but there could be an option for another night of the week. Each group is provided a list of ten application oriented questions from the sermon text. A group facilitator then leads a discussion from those questions. You'll be amazed by the spiritual growth and depth of relationships formed around the discussion and fellowship. If you would be interested in joining a group or hosting a group there will be a sign-up sheet at the Next Steps Desk in the Welcome Center. You can also register online at bereafbc.org/register.

Welcome New Members



Carsyn Conway
280 Finley Way
Travelers Rest, SC
29690



Adam and Brandy
Cooper
Abigail and Paisely
14 Bilbury Way
Travelers Rest, SC
29690



Robin Cox
9000 Eubank Ave.
#9112
Travelers Rest, SC
29690



Estefania Gutierrez
1490 Roper Mtn. Rd.
Greenville, SC
29615



Marlee Rickenbaker
200 Tugaloo Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC
29690



Justin and Hayes
Wallen
(Kelli and Peryn)
3 Dreamland Way
Greenville, SC 29609

ESL Volunteers Needed Wednesdays at 7:35 pm

Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact
Belly Gil for more information,
980-417-1652.



Ministry Opportunity at Armstrong

THE GOOD NEWS CLUB

Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm at Armstrong
Beginning September 29

Do you have an extra two hours on Tuesday afternoons? We need additional volunteers for the Good News Club at Armstrong. Everyone is welcome to join: high school students, college students, adults, and seniors! Engaging with these children weekly and sharing the Good News of Jesus is a wonderful opportunity. You won't be required to lead a formal lesson; simply connect with the kids around the table, discuss their day, assist them in learning a Bible verse, help with snacks, and most importantly, show them love.

Sign up in the Welcome Center on Sunday
or reach out to Dawn 864-483-7732
or Tracy 864-380-4620!

Grace Lyn Shockey Circle Meeting Women's Missionary Union (WMU)

"God's Mission, Our Passion"

Tuesday, September 8 at 12:30 PM

In the Fellowship Center

Refreshments will be served

All ladies of the church are welcome and invited. The WMU Circle focuses on missions and missionaries.

Speakers will share stories and lead in ways to pray and support.

Mark Your Calendar! Widow's Luncheon

Sunday, September 27

In the Fellowship Center

Following the Morning Service

Sign Up in the Welcome Center!

How Can We Pray for You?

Our Intercessory Prayer Ministry is confidential and staffed by trained volunteers. To request prayer, leave a voicemail at 864-246-9182, ext. 1 or send an email to prayerrequest@bereafbc.org.

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

WEDNESDAYS

5:15-6:00 pm
5:55-6:25 pm
6:30-7:30 pm

Supper
Grades 1-5 Choir
Kidzlife, Ages 3-Grade 5
Adult Discipleship Classes
Spanish Bible Study
Student Worship
Doors open at 5:45,
Pick up at 7:45.
ESL Class
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

6:30-7:45 pm

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

THURSDAYS

7:00 am

Men's Prayer Time

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Margaruite Turner.

Joyce Maness in the death of her sister,
Peggy Wood.

Wednesday Night Supper Reservations

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

- * Bereafbc.org/register
- * Call the office at 246-1921
- * Sign up on Sundays in the
Welcome Center.

The cost for a meal is \$6.

Registration Required!

Menu for August 26: Hotdogs,
Baked Beans, Fries, Slaw.

Menu for September 2: Baked Chicken,
Yellow Rice, Mac and Cheese, Sweet Peas.

Each week you also can choose to have
Chick-fil-a nuggets or sandwich & chips.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOON
ON MONDAY EACH WEEK!**



August Collection Item

FULL SIZE
COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS

(Graph or grid paper if possible)

& SMALL NOTEBOOKS



Collection bins are located throughout the
church. Please help us reach our monthly
goal of 1000 items!