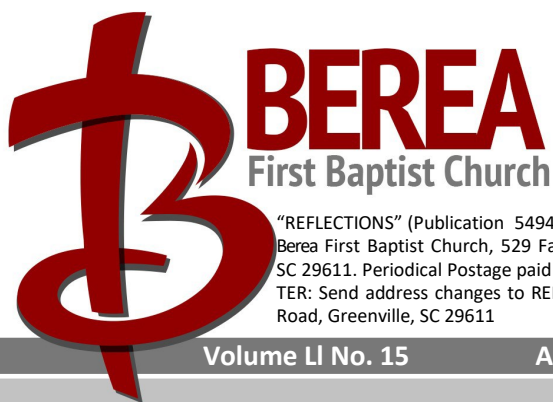




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N E W S L E T T E R

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VISION₂₀₃₀

I am excited to announce that on **August 16th** during the morning worship service, I will be presenting **Vision 2030**. Vision 2030 is the culmination of many months of prayer and conversation among the church staff. We have evaluated where we perceive the Lord is working in our church and where we believe He is leading us over the next few years. On August 16th, I will answer the following three questions: Why do we exist? What convictions shape how we will fulfill our mission? What do we believe God is calling us to in the next few years?

As we look forward to this presentation on the 16th, please be praying that God would unite us around this vision and His calling! Pray that this vision would be a catalyst to a greater participation in discipleship, ministry, and missions. Ultimately, pray that it brings God glory!

-Pastor Chad

Promotion Day

Sunday, August 9, 9:00 am

Preschoolers, Children & Students

It's time to move up to your new Sunday School class! If you need help finding a class room, please come to the Welcome Center and we will be glad to help you.

Back to School Prayer Time

Sunday, August 9, 10:15 am

During the morning service we will invite all of our students, teachers and faculty to gather at the front of the sanctuary. This will give us an opportunity to pray for them as they begin a new school year.

Church-Wide Prayer Walk for Schools and Fall Ministries

Saturday, August 15 at 9:00 am

Join us at 9:00 am on August 15 in the Welcome Center as we focus on praying for our schools as well as the fall ministries of BFBC.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS

BEGIN AUGUST 12

SUPPER: 5:15-6:00

Each week, you can choose from a home-cooked meal or a Chick-Fil-A sandwich/nugget meal. The cost is \$6. Reservations are required. bereafbc.org/register

PRE-SCHOOLERS: KIDZLIFE 6:30-7:30

Kids, ages 3-5 will meet in the Patio Room for KidzLife.

CHILDREN: CHOIR 5:55-6:25, KIDZLIFE 6:30-7:30

Grades 1-5 will begin with choir in the Choir Room and then move to the Gym for KidzLife.

STUDENTS: STUDENT WORSHIP 6:30-7:45

Grades 6-12 will meet in the Crosswalk. Doors open at 5:45 pm. Worship at 6:30 pm. Pick up at 7:45 pm.

ADULT CLASSES: 6:30-7:30

On our first Wednesday night, we will all meet together in the Fellowship Center from 6:30-6:40. During this time, we will pray together and launch our fall equip classes. At 6:40, the classes will be dismissed to their meeting locations for the next 8 weeks.

"Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering" led by Chad Rickenbaker

"Christian Worldview" led by Ford Pfister

"Experiencing God in Everyday Life" led by Rick Fisher

Wednesday Night Suppers Begin August 12 | 5:15-6:00 in the Fellowship Center

We offer three ways to sign up for Wednesday night suppers: Go to 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 12: Fried Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw or Chick-fil-a Nuggets or Sandwich with chips.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOON ON MONDAY EACH WEEK!

Welcome New Member



Matthew Hagan
4 Mauldin Cir.
Greenville, SC 29609



Stay Informed!

Make sure you register for text messages and/or emails to stay informed about important church announcements. Text the keyword UPDATE to 864-660-7739.

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. Sign-up this Sunday!



THE RIPPLE EFFECT
A Legacy of Faith

Family Discipleship Weekend 2026 • August 28–30 • Berea First Baptist Church

One choice doesn't stay where you make it. A prayer at bedtime, a question asked at the dinner table, a parent who keeps showing up. All of these small, faithful moments spread outward and forward, shaping people who won't be born for another fifty years. That's **THE RIPPLE**. And Scripture is full of it: Joshua planting a flag for his household, Josiah's reforms echoing into a foreign court decades later, Timothy's faith traced straight back to his grandmother.

Family Discipleship Weekend is a weekend built around that idea. There are no age-based breakouts. Parents and kids stay in the same room, hear the same teaching, and leave with the same language for what they're building at home.

Friday evening starts with dinner, games, and worship, and ends around a bonfire with marshmallows. **Saturday morning** brings two teaching sessions with a long, active break in between (gaga ball and dodgeball for anyone with energy to burn), followed by lunch and an afternoon of egg toss, water balloon toss, cornhole, tug-of-war, pickleball, and volleyball. We gather back for a song and a prayer and send you home by 2:00. **Sunday morning** we finish the weekend together in our regular worship service.

Everything happens right here on campus. A Spanish-language session covering the same material will be offered for our Hispanic ministry families, and nursery care is available for portions of the weekend.

Early Bird Registration includes a free t-shirt! Register by August 13th to get a free t-shirt. **Registration is \$5 per person** and that includes food on Friday night and Saturday!

Bring your family. Bring the family down the street. Come see what a **RIPPLE** looks like when it starts on purpose.

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

6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAYS

7:00 am Men's Prayer Time

Baptism

Sunday, August 16, 10:15 am

If you're interested in learning more about baptism, contact Pastor Chad at 864-246-1921 or chad@bereafbc.org.

Church Conference

Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 pm

We will vote on Sunday School Teachers for the new year.

Reaching Center

For the month of August we are asking for donations of

BOXED CEREAL OR INSTANT OATMEAL



October 2-4, 2026 | Awanita Valley

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



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!