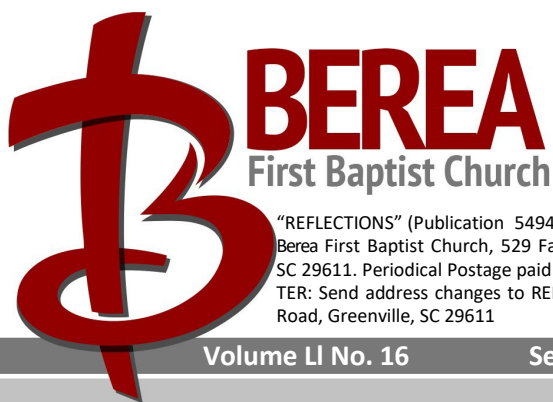




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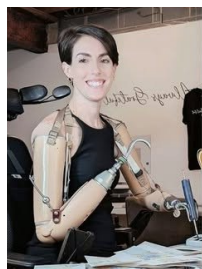
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N E W S L E T T E R

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BFBC Women's Ministry Fall Lunch

with Guest Speaker
CIARA DIERKING

Saturday,
September 26
12:00—2:30 pm
In the Crosswalk

In late 2023, Ciara's life changed forever. After a sudden illness led to septic shock and weeks on life support, she survived against overwhelming odds—but lost all four limbs in the process. Through unimaginable hardship, she discovered that God's faithfulness is not dependent on our circumstances. Today, Ciara shares a powerful testimony of courage, perseverance, and unwavering faith that has inspired thousands. Whether you're walking through a difficult season, searching for hope, or simply looking to be encouraged in your faith, you won't want to miss this unforgettable afternoon. Sign up in the Welcome Center or at bereafbc.org/register.



Week of Prayer for State Missions

September 6-13

**Our Goal for the Janie Chapman
State Missions Offering**

\$6,000

Make a Difference Through the Janie Chapman Offering

Your gift to the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions helps:

- **Plant new churches** and reach more people with the Gospel.
- **Make disciples** and strengthen churches across South Carolina.
- **Equip believers** to reach the 4 million South Carolinians not connected to a local church.
- **Support pastors and churches** as they live out the Great Commandment and Great Commission.
- **Meet needs in local communities** and show God's love through practical ministry.

Together, we can reach South Carolina—and beyond—with the hope of Christ!

Ways to Give to BFBC and the Janie Chapman Offering

You have several options for giving your tithes and special gifts:

Online: Visit www.bereafbc.org/give.

Welcome Center: Use the black offering box located behind the Next Steps Desk.

After the Sunday Service: Place your offering in one of the ushers' baskets at the exits as you leave the service on Sunday mornings.

BEREA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

BASKETBALL

Registration

SEPTEMBER 21
THROUGH
OCTOBER 5

COST:
\$65 - CHILDREN & YOUTH
\$70 - ADULTS

K4 - ADULTS

Our season tips off with practices in October and games begin in early November.

REGISTER AT BEREAFBC.ORG/REGISTER

MEN & BOYS'

RETREAT 2026

OCTOBER 2-4

Registration Deadline: Sept 16

Register:
berea.church/Retreat26

You don't want to miss this special weekend of Bible study, fellowship, great food, Humvee rides, and more at Awanita Valley! For a better understanding of all that Awanita offers, you can check out their website, www.awanita.org.

We will leave from the church at 5:45 pm on Friday, October 2, and return on Sunday, October 4, at 12:00 pm. 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. Deadline is Wednesday, September 16!

Welcome New Member



Karlle Satterfield
(Daughter of Krystal Satterfield)
111 Elizabeth Dr.
Piedmont, SC 29673

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

Tuesday, September 8 at 12:30 pm
In the Fellowship Center
Refreshments will be served and
Martha Hodge will share about her
recent mission trip to Utah.

Deacons Meeting

Monday, September 14
7:00 pm in the Chapel

Friendship Group Senior Adult Luncheon & Program

Tuesday, September 15, 11:00 am
In the Fellowship Center
Menu: Chicken Tenders, Potato Salad,
Steamed Broccoli, Peach Cobbler
Program: Anderson Folies
Call the office to sign up by Thursday,
September 20. 246-1921

Sewing Ministry Day

(note day change)

Friday, September 25 at 9:00 am
in the Fellowship Center
Sign up in the Welcome Center on Sunday
or contact Sandra Owens at
864-683-8187.

Volunteers Needed for Good News Club at Armstrong High School Students, College Students, Adults, and Seniors!

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. The Good News Club meets at Armstrong Elementary School on Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. We begin on September 29. Sign up in the Welcome Center Sunday or reach out to Dawn at 864-483-7732 or Tracy at 864-380-4620 for more information.

Upcoming Student Ministry Events

Text REGISTER to (864) 272-7472

Middle School Mini Golf: September 5

Cost: \$10

Where: Take Off Mini Golf

Lock-In: September 19

Cost: FREE

Where: at BFBC

High School Carowinds Trip: October 10

Cost: \$10

Registration closes: October 3

For details about our Children's and Student Ministries be sure to register for text messages and/or emails so you can receive info and announcements. You can also follow us on social media!

- @Berea 1st Baptist Children's Ministry
- @Berea Student Ministry

To register for texts and/or emails text the keyword UPDATE to 864-660-7739.

Widow's Luncheon

Sunday, September 27
In the Fellowship Center
Following the Morning Service
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

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

THURSDAYS

7:00 am

Men's Prayer Time

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Debbie Fisher in the death of her mom ,
Helen Batson.

Sonya League in the death of her dad,
John Hill.

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 September 9: Beef Stew over
Rice, Fried Okra, Pinto Beans

Menu for September 16: Baked Spaghetti,
Salad, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Toast.

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!**



SAVE THE DATE! WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for a fun, faith-filled Halloween event as we transform our parking lot into a Biblical wonderland! Decorate your car trunk with a Biblical theme and bring candy to hand out to lots of trick-or-treaters! Not sure what theme to choose?

We'd be happy to help you come up with a creative idea!

Come decorate, serve, and share the love of Jesus with our community!



September Collection Items



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