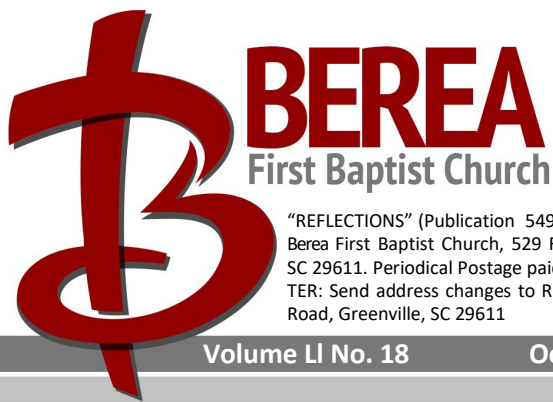




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Pink Sunday

Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Sunday, October 18

Wear pink this Sunday as we remember those who have lost their battle with cancer, celebrate the courage of those who have fought through it, and uplift those who are currently battling this disease. The Pink Fire Truck will be in the parking lot before the service.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP

6:30-7:30 pm

Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering

Led by Pastor Chad | Sanctuary

Christian Worldview

Led by Ford | Fellowship Center

GOSPEL CONVERSATION WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 1 SANCTUARY 2-3:30

Join us at our Gospel Conversation Workshop on Sunday, November 1, from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Sanctuary. As part of **Vision 2030**, our church has a goal to have 10,000 Gospel Conversations, and you are going to be one of the reasons we achieve it! You will leave the workshop encouraged and equipped to share the Gospel consistently, effectively, and boldly in every moment.

We will begin together in the main session where we'll learn about the 3 Circles Gospel method. Then, you'll choose from several breakout sessions designed to help you put what you learn into practice.

Register for the workshop at bereafbc.org/register or sign up in the Welcome Center.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 28 | 6:30-8:00 pm

Join Us for a Faith-Filled Halloween Celebration!

Join us for an evening of faith-filled 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
- Serve at our prayer tent

Register at bereafbc.org/register 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.

Discover Berea Class

A 4-Week Class for Visitors
and New Members
**October 18, October 25,
November 1, November 8**
9:00 am

All new members of our church are encouraged to participate in a Discover Berea Class. If you're new and have only attended a few services, we welcome you to join us also! This is a great opportunity to learn more about our church ministries and connect with our staff.

**Register at bereafbc.org/register
or in the Welcome Center.**

Deacon Nominations

Ballots will be given out this Sunday, October 18. Please give prayerful consideration to ten men you would like to nominate to serve as a deacon for the next term. Return your cards on Sunday, October 25.

Please do not nominate the following men who are currently serving as deacons: Victor Aquino, Josh Berryhill, Joe Blakely, Duane Brock, Gary Brock, Steve Burgess, Jim Cagle, Lee Clanton, Guy Davis, Evans Day, Ron Granger, Patrick Haddon, Scott Humphreys, Don Kauffman, Alan Kay, Andrew Lewis, Don Lewis, Steve Marlow, Erik Martin, Billy Moseley, Adrian Pelaez, David Pittman, Jeremy Poole, Atilio Sifontes, Larry Skinner, Mark Smith, Jim Southerland, Shep Tallon, Barry Tatum, Zach Tatum, Danny Taylor, Bill Whitfield, Tim Williams.

Friendship Group Senior Adult Luncheon & Program

Tuesday, October 20, 11:00 am
Fellowship Center

Menu: Pork Loin, Mac and Cheese,
Green Beans, Apple Cobbler

Cost: \$8

Reservations required by October 15.
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Faith and Support Ministry Sewing Day

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 am—12:00 pm
In the Fellowship Center

If you're planning to attend, please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Sandra Owens at 864-683-8187.

Churchwide Annual Family Thanksgiving Dinners

Sunday, November 22

5:00 in the Crosswalk

6:30 in the Fellowship Center



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Help Us Finish Strong!

Thank you, church family, for your faithful generosity throughout the year! As we enter our final month of collecting items for Operation Christmas Child, we praise God for all He has provided!

We have collected **487 reusable bowls, cups, and utensils!** We still need **56 soccer/small balls, 305 notebooks, and 242 pairs of flip-flops.** Let's finish strong!

Our church's goal is to pack and send **1,000 shoeboxes**, which means we need to raise **\$10,000 for shipping and ministry costs.** Each \$10 donation helps cover shipping, gospel materials, and training for local churches to share the love of Jesus with children and families around the world.

Donations will be collected throughout October, with a special churchwide offering on Sunday, November 15. Please prayerfully consider how you can help!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 15 at 3:00 PM

CHURCHWIDE PACKING PARTY

Bring your favorite Christmas snack and join us as we pack shoeboxes, pray over them, and enjoy a time of fellowship!

December 12

OCC PROCESSING CENTER DAY TRIP

Come see and serve where shoeboxes are prepared for delivery around the world!

Register at berea.church/OCCTrip.

Thank you for helping share the love of Christ around the world, one shoebox at a time!

Help Us Restock The Reaching Center!

We need your help! Our Reaching Center food supply is low, and our community is counting on us.

Please consider bringing **non-perishable food items** to church this week. We can use items such as: canned goods, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, soup, and boxed meals.

Remember, every donation makes a difference. Together, we can fill the shelves, feed our neighbors, and share God's love in a practical way.

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

Wednesday Supper Reservations

Menu for Oct. 21: Hamburger, Fries,
Baked Beans, Coleslaw

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!**

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Sympathy

To the family of Joye Garraux.

To Elaine Styles in the death of her sister,
Carolyn Coates.

Parent/Baby Dedication

*A meaningful and reverent
service where the parents
commit their child to the Lord.*



November 15, 10:15 am

*Our next Baby Dedication will be
held on Mother's Day.*

REGISTER

BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE
OR SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER

Veterans Day

*26th Annual Community Salute
Honoring All Who Have Served
in the Armed Forces of the US*

Program and Reception

Wednesday, November 11, 2:30 pm
Berea Friendship United Methodist Church

Please join us in honoring and
remembering generations of veterans
and their families.

Sponsored by the Friends of Berea High
School, Inc and congregation of
Berea Friendship UMC