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# Reflections

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September 11th is a day that many of us will always remember very vividly. It was the worst terrorist attack on American soil in American history. Thousands of innocent people lost their lives on that clear September day. I can still remember the images of law enforcement officers, Firefighters, and EMTs heading toward the towers as others were fleeing to safety. Those brave men and women put their lives in harm's way in order to help those in need.

Though it may not garner as much media attention as the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup> there are still today men and women who make sacrifices and put their lives in harm's way as public servants. On this September 11<sup>th</sup> we want to take a moment to express our appreciation to our local Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, and EMTs. During the 10:30 service on the 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having **Public Servants Day**. I want to encourage you to be in attendance on this special day and if you know someone who serves in Law Enforcement, Fire Service, or Emergency Response please invite them to be our special guest.



### This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

Encounter Service, 8:15am  
 Cornerstone Service, 10:30am  
 Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker  
 Baptism Service, 6:00pm

### Fall Semester Small Groups

The Fall Semester of our Sermon Based Small Groups will begin on the evening of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of sermon based small groups is to allow our church family to gather in relational small groups in order to discuss the further application of the morning message. Each group is provided a list of questions drawn from the Sunday morning sermon. Most of the questions focus on how each person senses the Lord leading them to apply the message to their lives. It is in the context of these groups that relationships are built and lives are transformed through fellowship and the focus on God's Word. Some of the groups will meet here on the church campus while others will gather in homes.

Sign-up for the small groups will begin this Sunday. There will be sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center. At the top of each sheet you will find the facilitator's name and the location where their group will meet. The Fall Semester will run approximately 8 weeks.

### Prayer Resources

Just a reminder!! There is a Prayer Resource File at the Welcome Center Desk that contains scripture prayer guides and articles on prayer that you may take for your personal use. Please check these out periodically, as new ones are being added. Displayed each month beside the file is a featured book on prayer to help us grow in our understanding and practice of prayer. Prayer cards are also available in a basket. As you intentionally pray for various people you come in contact with each day, you are encouraged to give them one of these prayer cards to remind them of your prayers. May God continue to grow us as a people devoted to prayer! **2017 Prayer Conference: February 19 & 20, 2017**



### Christmas Kick-off Party!

On Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:35pm, we will be having a choir kick-off party to unveil the music for "What a Glorious Night featuring The Living Christmas Tree". We will all celebrate the beginning of the season with a festive party with food and refreshments. Childcare will be provided every Wednesday night during choir rehearsal, starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to consider your involvement in the choir this year. We need your voice and leadership as we celebrate and worship Jesus Christ this Christmas! Invite your friends to participate as well! All are welcome!

## Welcome New Members



**Will Kauffman**

(Son of Don and Jennifer Kauffman)  
106 Lake Robinson Pt.  
Greer, SC 29651



### FALL RETREAT October 28-30

Are you ready for an epic couple of days with all your friends? We're heading to Look Up Lodge for a weekend full of ziplines, giant swings, kayaking, rock-climbing, mudpits, campfires, and more! Plus, we'll be digging deep in the Word through small groups and incredible times of worship. You don't wanna miss this! Register online today or drop your payment off at the church office or Welcome Center.

Early Registration: \$120(through Sept. 21)  
Regular Registration: \$145(through Oct. 16)

All students will need a *signed and notarized* Berea FBC Permission and Medical Release Form and a signed Look Up Lodge Health and Liability Release Form in order to attend.



Our International Missions Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24 with all of the proceeds going to offset the costs of our Nicaragua and Uganda Mission Trips 2017. If you want to help lower the cost of someone from our church family going on a future trip, donate quality items to this sale. Items should be dropped off at the Crosswalk but **due to the ongoing student ministry events we cannot accept items prior to Monday, Sept. 19.** Call the church office prior to drop-off.



**CHERAW MEN & BOYS  
WEEKEND 2016**

**\$60 per person**

Open to boys 2<sup>nd</sup> grade & up  
Registration Forms will be in  
the Welcome Center in Sept.

**OCTOBER 7-9, 2016**

## Financial Report

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 8-21.....\$19,260.40  
Legacy Gifts.....\$495.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$2,867.69  
Total Deposit.....\$22,623.09  
Attendance  
Sunday Morning Services.....639

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family  
of Ed Ware.

### Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

Charles Granger by:  
Mac and Batsie Styles  
Helen Roberts  
Brenda Kelly  
Berea Public Service District  
Ernest and Betty Reece  
John and Leah Hamilton  
Daniel and Cindy Haygood  
Brenda Benton  
Bill and Donna Hopper  
Frances Martin  
Norman and Betty Willis  
Terry and Donna Anderson  
Betty Garvin  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farrall  
Cheryl Taylor  
James and Doris Davis  
Joyce Clayton  
Alvin and Diane Henson  
Alan and Carol Reddish  
Von and Janice Hallman  
Batson Sunday School Class  
Robert and Kay Dobbins

Liz Pannell by:  
Mildred Tatham  
Gayle McDavid  
Frances Martin  
Ross and Jana Muller  
Terri Waldrop  
Anne Linder  
Norman and Betty Willis  
David and Audrea Watson  
Sallie Taylor  
Alice Faille Mission Group  
Kevin and Elaine Styles

Dean Batson by:  
Jim and Sandra Cagle  
Larry and Jeanne Blakely  
Frances Martin  
Joe and Angie Blakely  
Terry and Donna Anderson  
Joyce Clayton  
Jim and Carolyn Crosby  
Clyde Thompson

Alice Lyons by:  
Ernest and Betty Reece  
Michael Cox by:  
John and Leah Hamilton

## Opportunities

### SUNDAY

8:15am Encounter Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Cornerstone Service  
6:00pm Evening Service

### WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:30pm Supper  
6:00-6:45pm Preschool Choir  
1st-5th Grade Choir  
6:30-7:30pm Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
Youth Worship  
6:45-7:30pm Preschool Mission Friends  
Grades 1-5 G.A.'s  
Grades 1-5 R.A.'s  
Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

### Wednesday Night Supper

#### Reservations

The deadline for reservations is **11:00am**  
**on Mondays** (no exceptions).

Adult Plate: \$5 - Children's Plate \$4  
PBJ Sandwich Plate \$2

#### Menu for August 31:

Pork Tenderloin, new potatoes,  
pinto beans and corn, corn bread.

### Thank you!

Notes of appreciation have been received  
from: Pat and Harold Batson, Cox family,  
Campbell family, Frank Granger, Berea  
Middle School.

### Life Line Health Screening

Tuesday, September 13  
Senior Adult Building

To register call 1-888-653-6441 or visit  
[www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

### The Reaching Center

Food needed this week: canned tomatoes,  
jelly, mixed vegetables, beef stew.

### Memorial Gifts continued

Bill Campbell by:  
Berea Public Service District  
Larry and Jeanne Blakely  
John and Leah Hamilton  
Loyalty Sunday School Class  
Joe and Angie Blakely  
Anne Linder  
Terry and Donna Anderson  
Alvin and Diane Henson  
Charles Jones Sunday School Class

A gift has been given in honor of Michelle  
Michael, Steven Kelly, Gary Brock, and  
Matt Mills by Allison Henderson.