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# Reflections

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## Church at the Park

On October 2, starting at 10:30 a.m., BFBC will be taking our Sunday morning Worship service to Trailblazer Park in Travelers Rest! We will begin the morning with excitement as we worship the Lord together and study His Word. Also, plan to stay after the service, because there will be several activities for all ages! Immediately following the service, there will be a free meal provided for everyone in attendance. We will have plenty of tables and chairs set up at the pavilion, but you are also encouraged to bring your own chair if you would like. Shortly after lunch is served, we will continue with live music, where our very own Jacob Johnson will perform a concert on the amphitheater stage!

There will be inflatable rides for kids, including a bouncy house and a big slide, as well as popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cone machines throughout the afternoon. We will also have field games, like Ultimate Frisbee, for all ages.

This event is a great opportunity not only for our church to worship and fellowship together but also as a way to reach out to the community. Our church's mission is to "Connect people with Christ through Celebration, Community, and Calling." We are called to live on mission by ministering to others and sharing the love and good news of Jesus Christ. What better way to do that than by getting out into the community, worshipping the Lord publicly, and sharing the joy and love of Christ with the new people that we encounter? Please invite friends and coworkers to this event. See you there!



### Combined Service at 10:30am

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.

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.

### New Sermon Series!

This summer we have journeyed together through the series, Gospel United. The series took us verse by verse through the book of Philippians. This Sunday we will have our final message in this series. I pray that God has used this series to help you know Christ better and to see how the Gospel is the foundation of our unity.

I'm excited to announce that our next series will take us to the book of Genesis. In particular we will be studying the life of Joseph. The title of the series is, God Meant it for Good. In this series we will see how God can work all things for our good. Even in the difficulties of life God is at work accomplishing His purposes. We will learn what it means to trust and honor God in the midst of trials and temptations. We will see forgiveness demonstrated.

The new series will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This series will provide great content for discussion groups. You can join one of our sermon based small groups by signing-up in the Welcome Center. The small groups will meet on Sunday evenings.

### Christmas 2016

Join us by participating in the Worship Choir this Christmas as we present "What a Glorious Night featuring The Living Christmas Tree"! This presentation will be a worshipful and energetic celebration of the coming of the newborn King, Jesus Christ

On Wednesday, September 7<sup>nd</sup> at 7:35pm at the church, we will be having a choir kick-off party to unveil the music and celebrate the beginning of the season. There will also be a festive party with food and refreshments. Childcare will be provided every Wednesday night during choir rehearsal, starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

I ask that you consider your involvement in the Christmas Ministry at Berea First Baptist Church this year. We need your voice and participation as we celebrate and worship Jesus Christ this Christmas! Invite your friends to participate as well! All are welcome!

## Season of Prayer for State Missions

September 11-18  
Janie Chapman Offering Goal: \$6,000  
Theme: "Yes, Lord"

### Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday, September 11  
8:00 am  
Senior Adult Building  
Call the church office for reservations by  
Thursday, September 8.

### TeamKID

**Begins Sunday, September 11, 6-7pm**  
TeamKID is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages preschoolers and children to know Jesus Christ and to grow in a relationship with Him. All parts of TeamKID - Bible stories, scripture memory, arts, crafts, missions, and recreation - connect to teach life lessons to preschoolers and children. **K3-K5 meet in the CDC. Grades 1-5 meet in the Dock**

### Life Line Health Screening

Tuesday, September 13  
Senior Adult Building

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries, atrial fibrillation, and a bone density screening. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441.



### FALL RETREAT

**October 28-30, Lock-Up Lodge**

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. 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.

## Financial Report Sunday, August 28, 2016

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 8-28.....\$18,601.93  
Legacy Gifts.....\$233.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$3,102.00  
Total Deposit.....\$21,936.93

### Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....629  
Evening Service.....135  
Wednesday Service.....138

### Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

Ed Ware by:  
John and Leah Hamilton  
Betty Garvin

### Church Conference

Sunday, September 11  
Beginning of the Evening Service



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.

### Thank you BFBC!

On behalf of the Reaching Center and the 158 families we have served this month, we would like to thank you for your generous donations of 215 book bags filled with school supplies. Seeing children walk to their cars with book bags on their backs ready for a new school year was so exciting.

We would also like to thank the 40+ volunteers that came on our workday and other days in preparation for our August opening and book bag give away. It is so inspiring to work side by side with fellow members who truly have a servant's heart.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of food, clothes and household items as we "reach" others with physical and spiritual needs.

## 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  
7:35-9:00pm

### THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

### Wednesday Night Supper

The deadline for reservations is 11:00am on Mondays.  
Adult Plate: \$5 - Children's Plate \$4  
PBJ Sandwich Plate \$2  
**Menu for September 7:**  
Stew beef, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans.

### September Mission Project

**BFBC Child Development Center**  
Items needed: glue sticks, sticky notes, C & D batteries, K-cups, colored copy paper, band-aids, scotch tape, white washcloths.

### BFBC Book Club

Monday, September 12, 6:00pm  
Patio Room  
Book Discussion:  
"Flight Patterns" by Karen White

### The Very Newest

Congratulations to Jan Barton Brown on the birth of a grandson, Stephen Tripp Brown, born August 20 to Andrew and Courtney Brown in New Mexico. He is the great grandson of Jerry and Mary Barton.



**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**

Save the Date!  
Lottie Moon Tea - Nov. 19