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Inescapable Truths

There are certain truths that are inescapable. One such truth is that the Lord has called His followers to share Jesus. This is indeed an inescapable truth for those of us who believe the Bible to be the infallible word of God. In all four Gospels and the book of Acts, the call to be witnesses for Jesus is clear.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

"As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21).

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

This past Sunday we talked about how to make changes in your life. When talking about change we typically think about sinful habits we need to leave behind. Yet, change could be developing a new positive habit. In this case, it would be developing the habit of consistently and regularly talking to others about Jesus.

Before reading any further in this week's edition of Reflections take a few moments to confess if you haven't been regularly sharing your faith, ask the Lord for courage, and resolve to go through your day with an increased sensitivity to the people around you who may need to know Jesus.

For Him,
Chad

Church Conference

Sunday, January 22, 6:00 pm
Discuss and vote on the sale of some church property.

New Study for Men Begins this Sunday

Beginning Sunday night, January 22nd, we are offering a study entitled "The Man God Uses". The first session will begin with a snack supper at 6:00pm in the Patio Room, located on the ground floor directly underneath the church offices. This seven week study by Henry and Tom Blackaby is designed to provide spiritual direction and encouragement for men who desire to go to the "next level" in their walk with God. Topics include: "The Character of the Man God Uses," "How God Shapes a Man," "Made for Times of Crisis," "Being a Kingdom Citizen," and "On Mission with God in Our World."

We have already been praying for God to call the men of our congregation to "come aside" for this 7-week period of time and together, experience what God has in His heart for each of us. Would you be willing to join us in the journey?

If you would like to sign up (so we can have a workbook ready for you), please email Tracy Emory at the church office at temory@bereafbc.org or call her at the church office, 246-1921. There is no cost for the snack supper, and the only cost of the study will be \$10 for your workbook.

Worship Choir "New Music Listening Party"

On Wednesday, January 25th, we will be having a "New Music Listening Party" to hear some of the new music that we will be learning and singing in Spring and the Easter season! We're very excited to reveal this new music as we prepare for the months to come! We will meet at 7:35pm in the Senior Adult Building for dessert and hot chocolate/coffee and take a look at our powerful new music! Please consider being a part of the Worship Choir this year!



Beginning Sunday, January 29

In this new sermon series we will explore the biblical foundations of the family.

We will cover:

What it Means to be Husband and Wife;
Singleness is Not a Handicap; Raising Children;
Caring for Parents;
God's Gift of Intimacy; and several other topics.

Couples Valentine's Banquet

Music, Fun, Food, and
Marriage Principles to Strengthen Relationships

Friday, February 10, 6:30pm

In the Crosswalk

Childcare provided for children up to 5 years old by reservation only.

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Get your \$10 ticket in the church office or in the Welcome Center on Sundays.



Upcoming Student Ministry Opportunities



This is going to be one awesome weekend full of high energy worship sessions, powerful times in the Word and in small groups, crazy fun around town, and a few surprises along the way. Students will be staying in trusted church members' homes with small group leaders. We'll have worship sessions at the church, and there will be some fun activities going on all weekend long. **The cost is only \$65.**

Big Game Party

February 5 @ 6:00 @ the Crosswalk

Cheer for your favorite NFL team as we watch the Big Game on the Big Screens in the Crosswalk! This is a great event for students to bring their friends. We're asking everyone to bring his/her favorite football snack food to share (Ricky likes all the cheesy dips--just FYI). The Student Ministry will provide the drinks.



The cost is \$500 and includes travel, lodging, meals (with the exception of fast food travel meals and 3 meals in the city), a t-shirt, a Broadway show, and visits to the Statue of Liberty and the Ground Zero Memorial.
\$100 deposit due by 4/2.



New Wednesday Series This February
FORGED: The Beauty of God's Plan for Love, Dating, Sex, and Marriage

Financial Report Sunday, January 15, 2017

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 1-15.....\$42,548.87
Legacy Gifts.....1,170.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$2,369.42
Total Deposit.....\$46,088.29

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....554

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Jean Kirby.

Dennis White in the death of his mother, Naomi White.

Ron Turnipseed in the death of his mother, Dorothy Hammock.

Dan Riddle in the death of his brother, Vernon Riddle.

Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift has been given in memory of Jim Burdine by Grace Burdine.

In Need of Prayer?

- Complete the Pew Prayer Request forms and place in offering plate.
- Call (864) 246-9182, ext. 1 and leave a message.
- Email to prayerrequest@bereafbc.org

2017 Prayer Conference

Sunday, February 19

Monday, February 20

Special guest, Dr. Mel Blackaby

Reaching Center

Food needed this week:
macaroni and cheese, peanut butter

January

Mission Action Project

Supplies for Berea House

Canned and boxed drinks and paper products.

Opportunities

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:30pm Supper
6:00pm Praying @ the Dock
6:00-6:45pm Preschool Choir
1st-5th Grade Choir
6:30-7:30pm Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Student Worship
6:45-7:30pm Preschool Mission Friends
Grades 1-5 G.A.'s
Grades 1-5 R.A.'s
7:35-9:00pm Worship Choir

THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

Deacon Banquet and Organizational Meeting

Friday, January 20, 6:30

In the Senior Adult Building

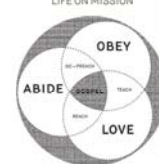
During our session, we will get to know each other better, welcome newly elected deacons to our ministry team, elect officers for the new year, and review our deacon responsibilities.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu for January 25

Stew meat over rice, collards,
pinto beans, cornbread.

Remember: the deadline for reservations is **11:00am on Mondays.**

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



"One Thing" takes a different approach by examining through in-depth Bible study the type of people we should be as we participate in God's mission.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Join us as we discover a simple method that has been used all across the globe for learning what it means to be a disciple.

Wednesdays in January 2017