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# Reflections

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## We Can Grow!

I have entered into this new year with a renewed sense of excitement about what the Lord can accomplish through BFBC. I'm most encouraged by the reality that we can grow! Over the last couple of years, our average worship attendance has hovered around 550. I pray that this will be the year that we see that number begin to climb. I believe and am convinced that we can see BFBC grow! Would it be too big of a goal to strive for 600 in average worship attendance? I don't think so. In 2017 let's give the Lord first priority in our lives. Let's be committed to serving and worshipping the Lord together each week. Let's create a culture of inviting and including newcomers into our fellowship! How exciting to think about accomplishing something great for the glory of God! Let's begin this week by filling our Sunday School classes and the morning worship services. No time like the present. Let's start growing this week!

For Him,  
Chad

## Mark Your Calendar!

### 2017 Prayer Conference

Sunday, February 19  
Monday, February 20  
Special guest,  
Dr. Mel Blackaby

### Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions

Our Goal: \$20,000  
Received: \$13,882.46

## Need Prayer?

Please share any concerns with our Intercessory Prayer Ministry  
**Email:** [prayerrequest@bereafbc.org](mailto:prayerrequest@bereafbc.org)  
**Voicemail:** (864) 246-9182, Ext. 1

## This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

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

## Ladies Soup Supper

Tuesday, January 10  
6:30pm

Senior Adult Building

Program: Chelsey Coleman will share her Uganda Mission Trip experience.  
RSVP by Monday (246-1921).

We will also have a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center Sunday.

## Families of Faith

On Sunday, January 15 we will begin a new morning message series titled, Families of Faith. In this 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.

A great way to process the principles presented in the morning message is by participating in a Sermon Discussion Group. These groups meet on Sunday evenings and provide an excellent opportunity for fellowship and spiritual formation. You will find Small Group sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center this Sunday.

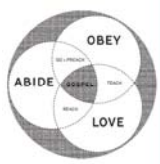
## Valentine's Banquet

Here at BFBC we want to be a part of building and strengthening marriages.

With that goal in mind, on Friday, February 10, we will have a couples Valentine's Banquet. There will be music, fun, food, and principles to strengthen relationships. Childcare will be provided for children up to 5 years old. This is a ticketed event. The tickets are \$20 per couple. The sign-up deadline is February 5. You will not want to miss this special evening!!

# ONE THING

A GOSPEL-CENTERED  
LIFE ON MISSION



"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

Beginning Wednesday, January 11

## 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!

### 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.

Call the church office to sign up!

### Nicaragua Mission Team

#### Training

Sunday, January 8

3:00-5:30pm

Patio Room

### Friendship Group

Tuesday, January 17, 11:00am

Senior Adult Building

Cost: \$6

Program: Level Ground

Call the church office for reservations by Thursday, January 12 at 4:30.

## Financial Report Sunday, January 1, 2017

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 1-1.....\$14,833.50  
Legacy Gifts.....\$340.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$320.00  
Total Deposit.....\$15,493.50

### Attendance

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Mike Nix in the death of his brother-in-law, Larry Poston.

### Memorial Gifts

#### Given in memory of:

Beattie and Gladys Huff by:

Ned and Eugenia Horton

Jerry Wynn by:

Steve and Karen Edwards

Dalone Althouse by:

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman

Charles Mace by:

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman

Eddie Ware by:

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman

Linda Owens by:

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman

Lindsey and Eleanor Owens by:

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman

Doraoh and Lottie Freeman by:

Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman

Ted Dreibrodt by:

Darrell and Amy Reese

Roy Hall by:

Darrell and Amy Reese

Paul Taylor by:

Sallie Taylor

Jessica Taylor by:

Sallie Taylor

### Sanctuary Decoration

#### Memorial Gifts

##### Given in memory of:

Dr. A.M. Alderman by:

Jean Clarke

Ruth Alderman by:

Jean Clarke

Nancy Alderman by:

Jean Clarke

Evelyn Johnson by:

James Johnson

### Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Margaret and Bill Mathis who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 29.

## Opportunities

### SUNDAY

8:15am

9:30am

10:30am

6:00pm

Encounter Service  
Sunday School  
Cornerstone Service  
Evening Worship

### WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:30pm

6:00pm

6:00-6:45pm

6:30-7:30pm

6:45-7:30pm

7:35-9:00pm

Supper  
Praying @ the Dock  
Preschool Choir  
1st-5th Grade Choir  
Bible Study (Sanctuary)  
Student Worship  
Preschool Mission Friends  
Grades 1-5 G.A.'s  
Grades 1-5 R.A.'s  
Worship Choir

### THURSDAY

7:00am

Men's Prayer Group

### Wednesday Night Supper

#### Menu for January 11

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with White Gravy, Green Peas, Corn on the Cob.

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

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

### Winter Weather

In case of winter weather this weekend please go to our website or watch WYFF News 4 for service cancellations.

### Reaching Center

Food needed this week:  
macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes,

### Thank You!

Notes of appreciation have been received from:

Bill and Carol Horne, Paul and Jean Stegall, the family of Teresa Springfield, Keith and Sally Arrowood, Marian Anderson, Dreibrodt Family, Wynn Family, Burgess and Blair Families

### January

#### Mission Action Project

Supplies for Berea House  
Canned and boxed drinks and paper products.