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Going Vertical

When I was in 9th grade, the football coaches wanted to measure our vertical jumping ability by seeing how close we could get to touching the bottom of the goal post. Obviously, some players had terrific vertical leaping abilities or 'hops' and could easily dunk a ball over the goal post. For me, it was more a matter of swatting air in a vain attempt to reach the bottom of the goal post. I'll admit I felt exposed in that drill. So I decided at that moment that I would focus on mastering the horizontal. If jumping weren't in my skill set, then I would concentrate on going fast. That day I set my personal best time in the 40 yard dash. Though I made the team, I decided to pursue other interests.

Over the years I have noticed that I still have a preference for the horizontal. Only now it's not about football but life. In life, we frequently encounter unexpected challenges. Sometimes life just doesn't work out the way we planned or prefer. When this happens, we have the choice to view the situation from a horizontal or vertical perspective. When viewing it from a horizontal perspective, we typically respond negatively and with resentment. We view the unexpected challenge as an intrusion into our lives. We, therefore, resent this intrusion and fight against it. We might even have a pity party. It requires us to change or adapt when we often prefer things the way they have been. This is what it means to go horizontal in our thinking.

On the other hand, when presented with the same challenge we can go vertical in our thinking. To go vertical means that we respond to the same challenge by seeking the Lord. That is going vertical. When going vertical, our attitude changes because we face the situation with a faith presupposition. When looking vertically, we face the situation remembering that God is good and that He could be at work in our problem to accomplish something great. We learn this truth in Romans 8:28 and we also see it in the life of the patriarch Jacob. Could it be that going vertical isn't something just for football and basketball players? This could be a reactionary skill that will enable us to live victoriously even when encountering the unexpected challenges of life.

This Sunday we will see if Joseph's father, Jacob, went horizontal or vertical when confronted with an unexpected challenge. We will be studying Genesis 43.

For Him,
Chad

This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

Encounter Service, 8:15 am
Cornerstone Service, 10:30 am

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker

Special Music by the Children's Choir

No Evening Service



We need LOTS of help from our members! To make this night a success, we must have a lot of people, like you, willing to bring your car and give out candy during this time. This cannot, and will not happen, without your support. **Does it take a lot of candy?** Yes, but it is ok to get small pieces to give out. **Do you have to decorate your car?** No, it is fine just to open your trunk,

pull out a lawn chair, and give out candy as they come to you. For the safety of all those walking around, the parking lot will close at 4:50 pm and will not reopen until after 7:30 pm.

If you would like help Michael Hodge with a wordless book evangelism craft, please come at 4:00 to the front of the Senior Adult Building.

Deacon Nomination Ballots Due this Sunday

Ballots will be available Sunday morning in the Welcome Center.

Do not nominate these who are presently serving: Jerry Alexander, Jerry Barton, Harold Batson, Danny Bayne, Randy Blair, James Blakely, Gary Brock, Steve Burgess, Jim Cagle, Sam Childers, Robert Coleman, Guy Davis, Bob Dobbins, Rocky Dreibrodt, Charles Ducker, Emmett Farr, Jimmy Gillespie, Charles Hall, Von Hallman, John Hamilton, Charles Jones, Don Kauffman, Alan Kay, Chris Looper, Joe Malone, Bill Mathis, Matt Mills, Jim Morgan, Darrell Reese, Steve Shead, Larry Skinner, Edd Stroud, Kevin Styles, Mac Styles, Shep Talton, Danny Taylor, Houston Turner, Kent Vinson, David Watson, Tim Williams, Clifton Wynn.

Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 20

5:00 in the Senior Adult Building or
6:30 in the Crosswalk
*Childcare for birth - grade 3
provided at 6:30 only*
\$7 per person or \$35 max per family
(immediate family only)

**Reservations Required by
Wednesday, November 9!**

Space is limited so register as soon as possible, 246-1921.

Lottie Moon Tea

Saturday, November 19

Cost: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children

Our church is blessed to welcome international missionaries Dottie Smith, who served in the Philippines, and Karen Bennett, who served in Southeast and East Asia, for the Fourth Annual Lottie Moon "Tea" to be held on Saturday, November 19 in the Senior Adult Building from 10:30 to noon. Please contact the church office to reserve your seat to hear about the journey from God's calling to careers in international missions.

Operation Christmas Child Work-day

We have reserved 40 spots for volunteers at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte, NC. We will go on Monday, December 5 and work from 10:00am-2:00pm. Meet at the church at 7:45 and we will leave by 8:00 and travel on the church bus. Cost is \$3 per person for gas. If you would like to be part of this ministry, sign up in the Welcome Center or call the church office. All volunteers must be at least 13 years of age.

Financial Report

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 10-23.....\$18,654.00
Legacy Gifts.....\$688.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$2,425.10
Total Deposit.....\$21,767.10

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....545

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Randy Blair in the death of his sister, Joyce Burgess.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Joyce Burgess by:

Cheryl Taylor
Steve and Janie Marlow

Betty Garvin by:

Steve and Janie Marlow
Susan Herman
Ann Mauldin

Berea Community Plan Open House

Thursday, November 3, 6:00-7:30
BFBC Welcome Center

Comments and feedback on the plan are welcome. The plan can currently be viewed online at gcplanning.org.

October Mission Project

The Reaching Center

Blankets and cold-weather clothing

The Reaching Center

Food needed this week: soup, beef stew, mixed vegetables

Opportunities

SUNDAY

8:15am Encounter Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Cornerstone Service
4:45pm Student Choir
6:00pm Evening Service
Youth
TeamKID

WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:30pm Supper
6:00pm Praying @ the Dock
6:00-6:45pm Preschool Choir
6:30-7:30pm 1st-5th Grade Choir
6:45-7:30pm Bible Study (Sanctuary)
7:35-9:00pm Student Worship
Worship Choir

THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday Night Supper

Reservation deadline is Monday @ 11am.

Menu for November 2

Fried Chicken, Rice and Gravy,
Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans.

Honoring All Who Served
In the Armed Forces of the United States

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Program and Reception
BEREA HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016
2:30 in the afternoon

All veterans, their families, and other members of the community are invited to join us as we say "Thank you" to all who have served our country.

BEREA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Christmas Ministry Presents
**WHAT A
Glorious
Night!**
Featuring
THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

Mark
your
Calendars
Free Ticket Reservations begin Nov. 6th

DECEMBER 8-11
Thursday/Friday (7 pm) - Saturday/Sunday (4 pm)