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# Reflections

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### Joseph Series Celebration!

Please make plans to join us for our Joseph Series Celebration on November 27<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Adult building at 6pm. This will be a time to combine our Sunday night worship service with our Sunday night small groups for fellowship and celebration. Please bring finger foods and/or a dessert to share. We will eat, sing, fellowship and hear testimonies! There will also be a time to review and discuss our 2017 budget.



**This Sunday at 5:30**  
**In the Crosswalk**  
 \$7 per person or \$35 max per family (immediate family only)  
**Reservations Required**  
 Remember to bring a canned food item for our Reaching Center.

**Church Conference**  
 Sunday, November 27, 6:00pm  
 Senior Adult Building

### Christmas Greeters & Parking Assistants Needed

We need volunteers to help as Greeters & Parking Assistants for our Christmas Musical, "What a Glorious Night!". The dates of the musical are December 8 & 9 (Thursday & Friday) at 7pm, and December 10 & 11 (Saturday & Sunday) at 4pm. We will be having a **volunteer meeting on Sunday, November 27th at 5pm in the Senior Adult Building** for all who are interested in helping. We will schedule a rotation of volunteers for each night, based on your availability. All are welcome to help! If you have any questions, please email Trevor Coleman at [TColeman@bereafbc.com](mailto:TColeman@bereafbc.com).

### Fourth Annual Lottie Moon Tea

**Saturday, November 19**  
**10:30am-12:00 noon**

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.

Please contact the church office (246-1921) to reserve your seat to hear about the journey from God's calling to careers in international missions.



### Christmas Decorating and Construction Begins this Sunday at 1:00

We need YOUR help with decorating and set construction for this Christmas season and our Christmas musical, "What a Glorious Night!" featuring the Living Christmas Tree. **Work will begin on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. We will also continue to work on Monday & Tuesday evenings (21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>) until everything is completed.** We need as many hands as we can to make this happen! ALL are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Trevor Coleman in the church office, or at [TColeman@bereafbc.com](mailto:TColeman@bereafbc.com).

**NICARAGUA 2017**  
 April 8-15, 2017



**First Interest Meeting**  
 Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm  
 in the Chapel

### Reaching Center Food Drive Now through November 23

**Clemson:** Green Beans; **Furman:** Diced Tomatoes; **USC:** Corn  
**Other Teams:** Mixed Vegetables (mark with your school's name)  
 Financial contributions (\$1 = 1 can) should be put in an envelope, marked with the name of your team and put in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office.

**OPERATION Christmas Child**  
the power of a simple gift  
Somarian's Purpose

If you forgot to bring your shoebox gift last week you have one more chance this Sunday!

### Children's Choir

Special Rehearsal  
This Friday, 5:30-8:00pm  
Meet in the Dock  
Pizza dinner will be served

### Deacons Meeting

Monday, November 21, 7:00pm  
2017 Budget Discussion

### BFBC Men's Ministry Events

#### Saturday, November 19, 10:00am

This event is for men, women, and children not attending the Lottie Moon Tea this Saturday morning. We invite you to join the BFBC Men's Ministry as we go out into our surrounding community and neighborhoods to knock on doors to personally invite folks to attend our upcoming Christmas worship event, "What a Glorious Night" in early December. Our folks are rehearsing and constructing, and we need to fill seats for them. We will meet in the chapel at 10:00 am to mobilize and pick up flyers to hand out as a reminder.

#### Men's Breakfast

#### Sunday, December 4, 8:00am Senior Adult Building

All of our men and boys are invited to join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a short time of devotion led by Randy Bradley, TRBA Director of Missions. We will meet at 8am in the Senior Adult Building. Please RSVP to Robbie by Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> to let us know you will be there.

### The Very Newest

Congratulations to:

Kayla and Drew Suber on the birth of a son, Kolton Andrew, born October 29. Kolton is the grandson of Kent and Dianne Vinson.

Aubree and Rob Lewis on the birth of a daughter, Pemberly Ruth, born Nov. 2.

### Financial Report

#### Sunday, November 13, 2016

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 11-13.....\$22,310.85  
Legacy Gifts.....\$658.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$4,779.56  
Total Deposit.....\$27,748.41

#### Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....583  
Sunday Evening Service.....98

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Gloria Justice in the death of her brother, Tom Duvall.

### Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

Vera Vaughn by:

Michael and Estelle McKenzie

Guy and Betty Davis

Milton and Annie Grace Mullinax

Robert and Jodie Winchester

Patricia Lake

Betty Garvin by:

Barbara Wood

Hattie Belle Willimon by:

Loyalty Sunday School Class

### Safety Team Training

Saturday, November 19  
10:30am-12:30pm

Beckham Martial Arts & Fitness  
6 Rutherford Rd.

Contact Joe Beckham for details  
270-2919

### Christmas Eve Family Ministry

For over 30 years our church has been providing gifts and food to families in need for Christmas. These gifts and food are delivered to each family's home by volunteers from our church on Christmas Eve. Already this year our church has received numerous calls hoping for help. We plan to help as many families as possible, but we will be limited to how many we can help by the donations we have. The average family costs \$300 to supply a nice Christmas meal and presents for the children. Most of the gifts are made up of shoes, pants, winter coats and a few toys. We need donations and sponsors! If you would be willing to make a donation or even completely sponsor an entire family we need to know by **Sunday, December 4** so that we can make a clear commitment to the families we can help. Please mark your gifts as Christmas Eve Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Parker at mparker@bereafbc.org, or 246-1921.

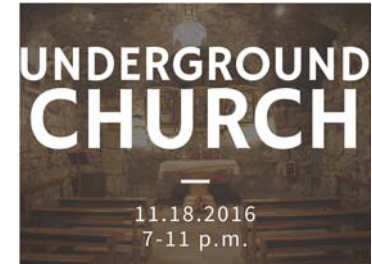
### Opportunities

#### SUNDAY

8:15am	Encounter Service
9:30am	Sunday School
10:30am	Cornerstone Service
5:30pm	Thanksgiving Dinner

#### Wednesday, November 23

No Wednesday Prayer Service, Supper, Choirs, or Mission Organizations.



Ever wonder what it's like to live in a country where it is illegal to be a Christian—where you and your family could be persecuted and even killed for following Jesus? Join the Berea Student Ministry for this epic event as we race to escape secret police and solve a series of clues to find our "underground" worship location. You do not want to miss this. We also need lots of adult volunteers to pull this student ministry event off. If you are interested in participating, email Ricky at [rstark@bereafbc.org](mailto:rstark@bereafbc.org).



Are you Seeking to Serve in missions right here at home? We have a great missions opportunity just around the corner here at BFBC. On **Saturday, December 3rd (10:30am - 1:30pm)**, we will be hosting the "Down Syndrome Family Alliance Christmas Party" at our church. We need missions minded workers to come and serve in lots of different ways at this event. Will you join us in this missions opportunity?

### November Mission Project

#### Christmas Packets for Prisoners

Details available in the Welcome Center or Church Office