

2017 Thanksgiving Offering

Each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving we participate in a Thanksgiving Offering. In years past this offering has been tied to our church's anniversary. Our church was formally constituted on December 23rd, 1843. This year we will celebrate our church's 174th birthday.

Our church began with 22 charter members. Those eight men and fourteen women followed and obeyed a God given vision for reaching this part of Greenville with the Gospel message. 174 years later we are still carrying out that divine calling.

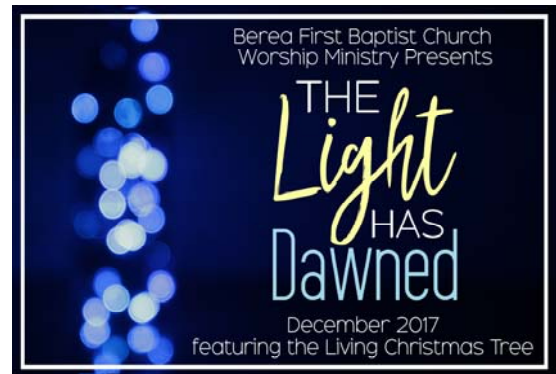
Like any organization, it is easy to drift from our purpose over time. Therefore we are always making adjustments to maintain our focus on Kingdom work. Over the last few years, we have made adjustments to our church budget to prioritize Kingdom work. As we have given more to local, national, and international missions, God has blessed us with greater resources. With His abundant provision, we have been able to send even more for international missions and address many capital improvement needs here at BFBC.

This year our Thanksgiving Offering will go towards remodeling the house at the front of the Crosswalk property. The remodeled home will be specifically used as a Missionary Home. This project will meet two needs. First, the house needs to be remodeled in order to be preserved. Second, as a Missionary Home it will allow us to meet the need of various International and North American Mission Board missionaries who are home on furlough.

A nicely remodeled home will provide furloughed missionaries a place of rest and renewal. It will also allow us the opportunity to serve those who are working to carry the Gospel message to unreached peoples around the world. This ministry will allow our church families the opportunity to get to know and pray for our SBC missionaries on a first name basis. Imagine the blessing of being able to provide care for those who have followed in the steps of the Apostle Paul. Imagine our RA's and GA's meeting the missionary families they learn about in our missions programs.

Please pray about what the Lord would have you to give toward this great project. The gifts will need to be above our regular tithes and offerings! Consider giving a gift that reflects our church anniversary. Children could bring 174 pennies, nickles, dimes, or quarters. Adults could bring 174 one dollar bills or 1740 dollars etc. **Our goal for this Thanksgiving Offering is \$60,000.** This will allow for the remodeling work and the purchase of furniture so that the home is move-in ready.

Request Your Tickets THIS SUNDAY



Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 16 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 am* and 4:00 pm

(*morning worship service—ticket not required)

Gathering to Give Thanks Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner and Service

Sunday, November 19, 5:30 pm

In the Crosswalk

Cost: \$7 per person (\$35 max per family)

Space is Limited!

Sign up this Sunday in the Welcome Center or in Sunday School. Childcare provided for birth-5th grade after dinner (must have reservation). Everyone is asked to bring canned goods for the Reaching Center.

Christmas Construction and Decorating Sunday, November 19th

We need YOUR help with set construction and decorating for this Christmas season and our Christmas musical, "The Light Has Dawned featuring the Living Christmas Tree". **Work will begin on Sunday, November 19th at 1pm. We will also continue to work on Monday & Tuesday evenings (20th & 21st) if there is more work to complete.**

Just show up to work and we'll get you plugged in! We need as many hands as we can to make this happen. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Trevor Coleman at the church office, or at T Coleman@bereafbc.org.

Welcome New Member



Keith Page

15 Derwood Cir.
Greenville, SC 29617



Deacons Meeting

Monday, November 6, 7pm
Choir Room



Boxes and brochures are still available in the Welcome Center.

Return boxes by **Sunday, November 12.**

BFBC Book Club

Monday, November 13, 6:00 pm
Welcome Center
Book: "Any Dream Will Do"

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Ekatarina Miller and Rashaun Barksdale who were married October 28 at Table Rock.

The Reaching Center

food items needed this week:
diced tomatoes, fruit,
peanut butter, oatmeal

Financial Report

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,353,255.76
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 10-29.....\$19,481.05
Legacy Gifts.....\$319.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....13,179.00
Total Deposit.....\$32,979.05

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....678

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Tony Stone in the death of his niece, Debbie Lollis.

Safety Team Members Needed

Please see, or call,
Joe Beckham, 270-2919.

Heartland Helpers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Sunday morning worship service at Heartland from 9:00-10:00 am. We need speakers, directors, pianists, and those who can transport patients from their rooms to the service. For more information or to volunteer please contact Linda Emory at 246-7428, Frank Woodruff at 246-6927, or the church office at 246-1921. You will only serve once a quarter.

Operation Christmas Child Work-day

Thursday, November 30

OCC Processing Center, Charlotte, NC

Leave church at 7:45 am.

Work from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Cost: \$3 (to cover gas for church bus)

All volunteers must be at least 13.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or

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

Program and Reception

Berea High School

Friday, November 10, 2:30 pm

All veterans, their families, and other members throughout the community are invited to attend.

Opportunities

SUNDAY

8:15 am Encounter Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Cornerstone Service
6:00pm Evening Service
Small Groups
Youth Bible Study
TeamKID

WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:30pm Supper
6:00-6:45pm Preschool Choir
1st-5th Grade Choir
6:30-7:30pm Bible Study
Christ Centered Parenting
Student Worship
7:45-7:30pm 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

Wednesday Night Suppers

Menu for November 8

Hamburger Steak/Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Corn
or Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Chips
Reservations or cancellations must be made by 11am on Monday.

WMU Group Meeting

Grace Cunningham Group
Monday, November 6
In the Reaching Center

Lottie Moon Tea

Saturday, January 13

November Mission Project

Christmas Prisoner Packets

Due by November 12

- 1—Black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color pen)
- 1—writing tablet no larger than 5x8 (no wire bound or composition books)
- 1—ADULT toothbrush (individually factory sealed, no multi-packs)
- 5—first class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes (From US Post Office—no regular stamps)
- 2—rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- 1—3.2 oz. to 6 oz. bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
- 1—4 oz to 6 oz. toothpaste (no travel size)
- 1—gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted)