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# Reflections

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Make sure you’re here to support our 1st-5th grade choir as they present “The Power of the King” this Sunday night in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm.

**Grades 1-5 Choir Dress Rehearsal**  
 Friday, December 2, 5:30-8:00pm  
 Dinner provided

### Christmas Season at BFBC

**Saturday, December 3, 10:30am**  
 Down Syndrome Family Alliance  
 Christmas Party hosted by our  
 Youth In the Crosswalk

**Sunday, December 4, 6:00pm**  
 Children’s Christmas Musical

**Monday, December 5**  
 Samaritan’s Purse Workers travel  
 to Charlotte Processing Center

**December 8-11**  
 “What A Glorious Night!”

**Sunday, December 18, 10:30am**  
 Christmas Under the Tree

**Saturday, December 24**  
 6:00 and 11:15pm  
 Christmas Eve Communion and  
 Prayer Services

**Sunday, December 25**  
 10:30am Worship Service only

**Sunday, January 1**  
 9:00am, Churchwide Breakfast  
 10:00am, Worship Service



### Special Services in December

For the month of December we will have combined morning worship services. This will be a great opportunity for our entire church family to be together for this special season of the year. Each Sunday in December our service will

#### 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. Call the church office for reservations.

**Called Church Conference**  
 On Sunday evening November 27 our budget was discussed in a called meeting. We will vote, without discussion, on the proposed 2017 church budget this Sunday during the morning worship service.



**“What A Glorious Night!” begins Thursday, December 8.**

#### Tickets are still available!

Thursday, December 8, 7pm  
 Friday, December 9, 7pm  
 Saturday, December 10, 4pm  
 Sunday, December 11, 4pm



### Thank you!

Thank you BFBC for giving 471 shoebox gifts to Operation Christmas Child! If you forgot to bring your box by the deadline you can still bring it Sunday and our group will take it to Charlotte on Monday.

### Sanctuary Decoration Memorial Gifts

Each year we give you the opportunity to give a \$12 donation "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one. Through these donations we are able to refurbish many of our decorations. These gifts will be listed in a special edition of "Reflections." The deadline to make a donation is Sunday, December 18.

### 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.

### 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

### Financial Report

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97  
 Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 11-27.....\$16,623.02  
 Legacy Gifts.....\$395.00  
 Designated/Reimbursement.....\$4,946.00  
 Total Deposit.....\$21,964.02

#### Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....452  
 Sunday Evening Service.....131

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Roy Hall.

### Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

Ted Dreibrod by:

Brenda Kelly  
 Jerry and Mary Barton

John Hall by:

Jerry and Mary Barton  
 Vera Vaughn by:  
 Oscar Masters  
 Terry and Donna Anderson

### BFBC Book Club

Monday, December 12, 6:00pm  
 Patio Room  
 "A Low Country Christmas"  
 Author: Mary Alice Monroe

### Angel Tree Gifts Due by Thursday

This year our church has partnered with the Salvation Army to help make Christmas a little brighter for children in the Berea area. Please follow the instructions below.

- Take a card from one of the trees in the Welcome Center, Senior Adult Building or breezeway.
- Purchase 2 or more **new** items from your child's list.
- Do **not** wrap your gifts.
- **It is most important that you put the code beginning with GVL and number along with the child's name on each gift.**
- Return gifts to the church no later than Thursday, December 8.
- Pray for your child and their family situation.

### December Mission Project

Toys for the Reaching Center and Angel Tree

### Opportunities

#### SUNDAY

9:30am Sunday School  
 10:30am Morning Worship Service  
 6:00pm Evening Worship Service

#### WEDNESDAY

6:00-8:30pm Dress Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

### Wednesday, December 7

"What A Glorious Night"

DRESS REHEARSAL

6:00-8:30pm

No Supper, Choirs, Mission Activities or Prayer Service.

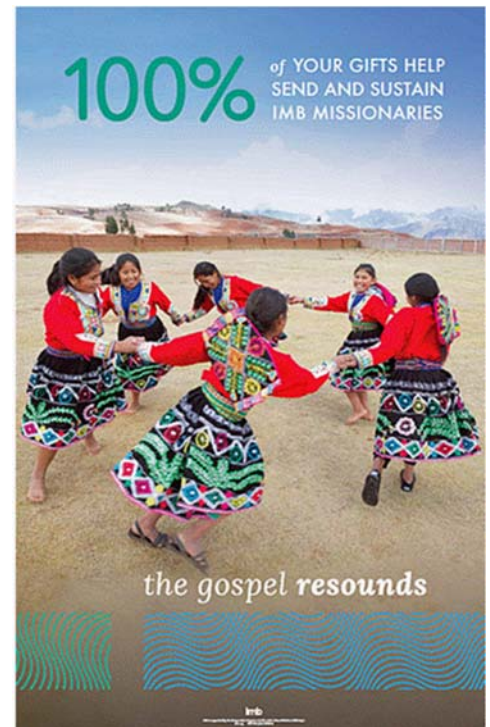
Wednesday, December 14

Regular Wednesday Activities & Supper

Save The Date  
 April 28-30, 2017

### Family Weekend Retreat Cheraw, SC

Details to follow soon!



### Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 4-11

Our Goal for the Lottie Moon Offering  
 \$20,000