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Families of Faith:

God's Plan for Relationships

This Sunday we will continue our series, Families of Faith. In this week's message, we will talk about how to pray for our family members. We will hear a moving testimony from Mark and Lisa Smith as they share how God has been at work in their lives through Lisa's journey with cancer. We will hear from them how prayer has been an instrumental part of their encounter with God. We will be blessed, encouraged, and challenged by their testimony. This will be a Sunday you don't want to miss! Let's come with open hearts as we learn how to more effectively pray for one another.

Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

Encounter Service, 8:15 am
 Sunday School, 9:30 am
 Cornerstone Service, 10:30 am

Families of Faith - God's Plan for Relationships

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker

6:00 pm
 Student Choir presents
Broadway!
 In the Crosswalk
 Tickets Required

Intercessory Prayer Ministry Commitment Day

Sunday, March 5

The BFBC Intercessory Prayer Ministry is an organized ministry of intercession based on the belief that *"the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."* (James 5:16) This ministry undergirds who we are as a church and everything we do for the Kingdom of God. It is a Kingdom focused prayer support for our staff, every church member and ministry, national and international missions, and for our community, state, nation, and the world. By serving in the Intercessory Prayer Ministry, we have the unique joy of going before God on behalf of others so that the power and purposes of God will become a reality in a life or situation. Through prayer, God has given us the tremendous privilege of joining Him in His redemptive work on earth.

During both worship services on Sunday, March 5, there will be a time of focus on our Intercessory Prayer Ministry. You will be given the opportunity to make a one year commitment to serve on the Intercessory Prayer Ministry Team. There are several ways to serve, such as praying one hour per week in the IPM prayer room, being a substitute for a weekly intercessor when available, or praying one hour per week on a rotating schedule with your Sunday School class, friends, spouse, etc. Being a BFBC member, attending one orientation session, committing to confidentiality, and believing that God works through prayer are the only prerequisites.

During an hour of prayer in the IPM prayer room, there are many areas in which to pray such as the confidential prayer requests that people have submitted; BFBC members, ministries, and current prayer needs; missionaries and various ministries; government; community, national, and world concerns; urgent/crisis needs; a weekly highlighted salvation request; and prayer requests submitted through Good News Club and our Reaching Center. Records of answered prayer and notes received are posted on the Praise Board for prayers of thanksgiving. Time is also spent writing prayergrams (notes of encouragement). Many scripture prayer guides are available to help us pray according to God's Word. There is a small lending library of books on prayer as well as monthly handouts on prayer to read for personal prayerlife enrichment.

To the right is a sample of the commitment card that will be made available on March 5 for indicating a commitment to the IPM or a desire to learn more about the ministry. A required orientation session will be offered in the Intercessory Prayer Room on Sunday, March 12 at 4:00 pm or Monday, March 13 at 6:30 pm for those making a new commitment to the IPM. Please prayerfully consider joining the Intercessory Prayer Ministry Team of BFBC. May God continue to grow us as a house of prayer!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

(One Year Commitment)

- I commit to serve in the Intercessory Prayer Room
 _____ One hour per week (Day and time preference _____)
- _____ As a substitute for a weekly intercessor (Available times _____)
- _____ I would like more information about the Intercessory Prayer Ministry

I understand that by making this commitment, I agree to cover my assigned hour in the Prayer Room. I will try to obtain a substitute when I cannot be there. I also make a commitment to keep every prayer request completely confidential.



Beginning this Sunday our Sunday School classes will begin a Sunday School Attendance Contest. The competition will continue through the entire month. Points will be scored, tallied and announced each Sunday in the Cornerstone service and in the following week's Reflections. To make the competition fair, some classes may be combined.

Points are scored from free throws, field goals, and three-pointers:

- Free throw (1 point) for each person attending Sunday School each Sunday.
- Free throw (1 point) for each contact (card, letter, phone call, visit) reported each Sunday.
- Free throw (1 point) for bringing your Bible each Sunday.
- Free throw (1 point) for bringing your offering each Sunday.
- Field goal (2 points) for each guest in attendance each Sunday.
- Three-pointer and free throw (4 points) for each new person enrolled.

Our celebration and "High Attendance" Sunday will be Sunday, March 26.

TeamKID
will not meet this Sunday

Deacons Meeting

Monday, March 6, 7:00pm
Choir Room

Basketball Banquet

Tuesday, March 7
6:00pm in the Crosswalk
Cost is \$3.50 per person
Reservations Required

Connections Class

For Visitors and New Members
Sunday, March 12, 9:30am
In the Senior Adult Building

This class is for anyone who would like to learn more about BFBC and how to get connected. An overview of the various ministries of the church will also be presented. If you know of someone who has been visiting our church and is interested in learning more, please invite them to attend.

Ordinance of Baptism

Sunday, March 19, 10:30am

Financial Report

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,353,255.76
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 2-26.....\$21,302.10
Legacy Gifts.....\$265.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$14,213.00
Total Deposit.....\$35,820.10

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....682

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Aileen Pannell by:

Cheryl Taylor
Richard and Mary Ellen Jones
Norman and Betty Willis
John and Vickie Scott
Joyce Clayton
Harriet Baker Sunday School Class
Ethel Sparks
James and Shelby Story

Carol Ann Horne by:

Guaranteed Supply Co.

Gene Brock by:

Norman and Betty Willis

Ken Baker by:

Helen Felder

CAMP REGISTRATION

Wednesday, March 22, 5:45-7:30
In the Senior Adult Building
Grades 2-6 Camp : June 18-22
Grades 6-12 Camp: June 25-30

The Very Newest

Congratulations to Laura and Matt Watson on the birth of a son, Ryan Michael, born February 23. Ryan is the grandson of Evelyn and Walter Watson.

Hygiene Bags for Nicaragua

Would you help us open doors for evangelistic presentations in Nicaragua? You can do that by packing hygiene bags for our Nicaragua team. We will take these bags out into the communities as a free gift to the families. Then, as they receive that gift, we will seek to share Christ and the story of salvation. Please pack the following items in **quart-sized bags** (as many as you can fit): toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, soap, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, band-aids, antibacterial gel, razors, and any kind of basic toiletries that you can easily pack. You can place filled bags in the container in front of the Missions Mobilization table in the Welcome Center. All bags are due by Sunday, March 26.

Opportunities

SUNDAY

8:15am Encounter Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Cornerstone Service
6:00pm Dinner Theater

WEDNESDAY

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

**Host Homes Needed
For DNow Weekend**

Are you interested in hosting a group of students in your home for DNow Weekend? Email Ricky at rstark@bereafbc.org for more details.

Student Ministry

More details are available online at thecrosswalk.info

Disciple Now Weekend

March 24-26
Register Now. Cost is \$65.
Deadline to register is Wed., March 8

New York City

July 18-24
\$100 deposit due by April 2

Family Weekend Retreat

Camp Forest, Cheraw SC
April 28 – 30

Games, Campfires, Fun-time Skits,
Worship Time Together
\$100 per family

For complete details visit
www.bereafbc.org
Deadline to register is April 9

Reaching Center

Food needed this week:
beef stew, pasta sauce with meat, soup

WMU Group Meeting

Grace Cunningham Group
Monday, March 6, 6:00pm
Reaching Center

Wednesday Night Supper Menu for March 8

Hamburger Steak/Gravy and Onions,
Mashed Potatoes, Corn, English Peas