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Living for Jesus

In the weeks leading up to Easter, I generally start reading Scripture related to Jesus' death and resurrection. This is a time that causes me to reflect on the magnitude of God's love as demonstrated in the sacrifice of His Son. During the Easter season, it is important to reflect on all that was accomplished by Jesus on our behalf. It is also very important to consider what implications those accomplishments should have on our lives today.

In 2 Corinthians we read, "He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." One thing that flows out of Jesus' death and our salvation is that we have a new reason to live. As Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians we are now to live, not for ourselves but for Him, who died and was raised for us.

What does it mean to 'live for Christ'? Consider these words by John Piper, "What Christ died for is not that we might help him, but that we might see and savor him as infinitely valuable. He died to wean us from poisonous pleasures and enthrall us with the pleasures of his beauty." In light of Christ's crucifixion are we savoring Jesus more than any earthly thing? As we contemplate His sacrifice for us are we moved to live each day treasuring His beauty and glory?

As Easter approaches let us seek ways to live out the achievements of the crucifixion and resurrection.

For Him,
Chad



Division Winners from March 19
 Preschool – 1 and 2 Year Olds
 Children – 2nd Grade
 Youth – 6th and 9th Grades
 Adults – Smith and Hodge

Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

Combined Worship Service at 10:30 am

Led by DiscipleNow Students

6:00 pm

Evening Service

TeamKID

(No youth activities)

Hygiene Bags for Nicaragua Due This Sunday, March 26

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.

Children's Day

Sunday, April 2, 8:15 and 10:30

The Children's Choir and Preschool Choir will sing and many of our 1st-5th grade children will serve as ushers and greeters, read scripture, and lead us in prayer.

Easter Sunday Morning

April 16

7:00 am — Sunrise Service

7:30-8:30 am — Breakfast

9:30 am — Sunday School

10:30 am — Worship Service

The Living Cross

Remember to bring flowers (real or silk) to church on Easter Sunday and cover the cross with life and beauty. The Living Cross makes a great background for an Easter family picture.

Summer Camp 2017

Register NOW in the church office or in the Welcome Center.

Registration Fee: \$50

Total cost if registered by March 26: \$190

Total cost if registered after March 26: \$215

Counselor Fee: \$40

Camp Forest, Cheraw State Park

Junior Week, Grades 2 – 5, June 18–22

Senior Week, Grades 6 – 12, June 25–30



Welcome New Member



Randy Shelton

111 Tall Pines Rd.
Fountain Inn, SC 29644

Wanna get your hands on some Berea Student Ministry swag and support Student Missions at the same time?

Check out our DNOW Store this Sunday in the Welcome Center!
Drawstring Bags: \$5
Nalgene Water Bottles: \$12
Exclusive Bonus DNOW T-shirts: \$12
Hoodies: \$20

Student Ministry

More details are available online at thecrosswalk.info

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

If you have never been to camp, this is a great chance to see a little of what we do each summer. For complete details visit www.bereafbc.org.
Deadline to register is April 9

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 11:00am

Home of Willa Faye Dacus

461 Hester Store Road, Easley

Hotdogs * Candy * Games * Sno Cones
Babies through grade 5 and their families are invited.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Easter Lilies

You may purchase an Easter lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$12 and a list of these gifts will be printed in Reflections. Deadline to purchase a lily is Sunday, April 2.

Financial Report Sunday, March 19 2017

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,353,255.76
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 3-19.....\$19,913.09
Legacy Gifts.....\$399.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$3,575.00
Total Deposit.....\$23,887.09

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....527

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Margaret Mathis and Julie Humphreys in the death of their mother and grandmother, Lois Couch.

Memorial Gifts

A gift has been given in memory of Douglas Neil Baker by Harriet Baker.

Kentucky Mission Trip

\$50 non-refundable deposit
due by March 30

Opportunities

SUNDAY

8:15am
9:30am
10:30am
6:00pm

Encounter Service
Sunday School
Cornerstone Service
Evening Worship
TeamKID

WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:30pm
6:00pm
6:00-6:45pm

6:30-7:30pm

6:45-7:30pm

Supper
Praying @ the Dock
Preschool Choir
1st-5th Grade Choir
Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Student Worship
Preschool Mission Friends
Grades 1-5 G.A.'s
Grades 1-5 R.A.'s
Worship Choir

THURSDAY

7:00am
6:30pm

Men's Prayer Group
Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday Night Supper Menu for March 29

Country Fried Steak with White Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans,

Secret Church - Friday, April 21 - 6:30 pm

Sign up for this time of discipleship and prayer for the persecuted church.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

The BFBC Intercessory Prayer Ministry serves as one of our church's most vital support ministries. The Intercessory Prayer Room is staffed every day by volunteers who have committed to spend one hour or more each week praying for our church, BFBC family and staff, missions, government, national and world concerns, and numerous confidential prayer requests that have been submitted. Each volunteer is a BFBC member who has attended an orientation and made a commitment to confidentiality. By serving in the Intercessory Prayer Ministry, we have the unique joy of praying on behalf of others in order for the Kingdom of God to become a reality in their lives. God has given us the tremendous privilege of being involved in His redemptive work on earth through prayer.

We are so grateful for the ten new people who have joined our Intercessory Prayer Ministry team. If you were not able to attend either worship service on IPM Commitment Day and would like to

join the IPM team as a weekly or substitute intercessor, please contact Debbie Fisher at 313-9516 or rtfisher@bellsouth.net to set up your orientation and begin serving. You may see the schedule below to find an hour you would like to pray in the Intercessory Prayer Room. Sunday School classes may also sign up to cover one hour with SS members praying on a rotating basis. If you would just like to learn more about the IPM and see the prayer room, please contact Debbie. May God continue to grow us as a House of Prayer!

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