

NEW SERMON SERIES

There is Help:

The Holy Spirit Has Come

We need help. I wonder if in the privacy of this moment you would silently confess to God that you need help. Fight back the pride just long enough to be transparent with the Lord. The truth be told we all need help. Life is filled with obstacles and opportunities. There have probably been times in all of our lives when we thought, "If only Jesus were here He would help me."

Well I have great news! When He ascended into heaven after His resurrection He sent the Holy Spirit to live inside of every believer. He promised His disciples that when He returned to the Father that He would send the Helper. The Helper Jesus was referring to is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has come to help us! He helps us with assurance in times of doubt, guidance into God's will when we are uncertain, gifts for effective service to the Lord when we feel like we don't have anything to offer, courage to overcome our fears, effective praying when we don't know what to say, and in many other ways. Yet, if we are not familiar with the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives we will miss out on much of what God wants us to experience as we follow Jesus.

I invite you to join us this Sunday as we begin this new message series!

For Him,
Chad

Kentucky Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, April 22

5:00 pm

In the Chapel

\$50 non-refundable deposit due NOW.

This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

8:15 am

Encounter Service

10:30 am

Cornerstone Service

6:00 pm

Nicaragua Missions Presentation

Join us as our BFBC team shares about the great work in Nicaragua. This inspiring hour will feature an interview time, lots of laughs, stories of God at work, and a video capturing the many ways this team served. You are encouraged to be here for this powerful evening of missions and ministry.

New Music Associate/Accompanist, Gwen Starling



We are excited to announce the addition of new Music Associate/Accompanist, Gwen Starling to the BFBC family. We know that the Lord has directed Gwen and her family to become a part of this church and community as she desires to serve Him. She has a clear calling to ministry and a desire to point others to the Lord through Music & Worship. She will begin serving at BFBC on May 1st.

As a Charleston, S.C. native, Gwen has been involved in Christian ministry and music education for over 20 years. At the age of six, she dedicated her life to Christ - a decision that guided her early years as a musician. By middle school, she had begun accompanying church services, having studied piano privately from the age of eight.

Gwen holds a Music Education degree from Winthrop University with a concentration in choral music and applied piano and vocal studies. In addition, she earned a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from Converse College.

A versatile musician, Starling has served as Director of Music Ministries in churches throughout South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. She has also worked at the collegiate level teaching church music courses, directing college choirs and off-campus music ministry teams.

Over the past nine years, Gwen has also been an active music director and conductor in the greater Greenville area. In 2010, she founded the Fountain Inn Symphony Orchestra where she was later selected as a Fellow for the Conductor's Institute at the University of South Carolina School of Music. She has served as music director and conductor for over 20 main stage musicals for community theater and churches (in Fountain Inn, Greenville, Greer and Landrum). Of all her musical opportunities, Gwen most enjoys sharing her accompanying gifts in ministry and collaborating with others in worship.



RSVP to rstark@bereafbc.org with the following by May 7;

- number from your family attending the breakfast, service, luncheon
- digital copies of graduate's senior picture and baby picture
- name of graduate's high school and his/her future plans
- graduate's favorite Bible verse

College Graduates

If you are a college graduate and plan to participate in the graduation recognition service on May 21, please contact Ricky at 246-1921 or rstark@bereafbc.org.

Grades 1-5 Choir Extra Rehearsals & Dinner

Friday, April 21, 5:00-8:00 pm
Friday, May 5, 5:30-8:00 pm
Remember to send \$10 for t-shirt by this Friday, April 21.

Heartland Ministry

Our Students will be going to Heartland this Sunday. We will meet at the Crosswalk at 9:00 am and will return in time for the 10:30 service.

National Day of Prayer Service

Thursday, May 4, 12:00pm, in the Sanctuary
Chick-fil-a Lunch at 12:30pm in the Senior Adult Building
Please call the church office to sign up for lunch by Monday, May 1.

Will you pray for America? Will you aim to engage in focused, intentional prayer on behalf of our country and our leaders?

As we pray for our leaders with humility, our hearts are softened, and we realize that they need God's grace just as we do. As we pray for our nation with hope, we are encouraged knowing that it is ultimately in the hands of our Father—

God Almighty is His name!

**WILL YOU COMMIT TO PRAY?
IT BEGINS WITH YOU!**

Financial Report Sunday, April 16, 2017

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,353,255.76
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 4-16.....\$21,554.36
Legacy Gifts.....\$863.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$3,814.00
Total Deposit.....\$26,231.36

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....698

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Aileen Pannell by:
James and Irene Hammond
Jean Ammons by:
Steve and Janie Marlow

A gift has been given in honor of
Michael McGuinn by Marion Roper.

Berea House Ministry

This week our Berea House Ministry kicked off a new partnership with the Heller Service Corps at Furman University. Thank you, Nancy Cooper, for connecting us with a great group of students who have already started volunteering on Mondays and Wednesdays. What an answer to prayer!

Mark Your Calendar! Vacation Bible School

June 5-9, 9:00 am-12 noon
3 Year Olds—Grade 5
(Must have turned 3 by Sept 1, 2016)

Opportunities

SUNDAY

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

Encounter Service
Sunday School
Cornerstone Service
Evening Service
TeamKID
Youth

WEDNESDAY

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

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 April 26

Beef Stew over Rice, Collard Greens,
Pinto Beans, Cornbread
Cancellations or reservations must be made by **9:00 am Monday**.



Come Listen - A Foreign Missionary Shares

Tessa Shockey serves in Thailand with the International Mission Board. She will be speaking on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm in the Senior Adult Building. The WMU Groups, Women's Ministry Group, GA's and teachers, and ladies in the church are invited to attend. Mark your calendar to hear her life's journey from missionary kid to a commit-

