

## Knowing Christ

In our journey through Paul’s letter to the Philippians, we discovered that Paul had a passionate desire to know Christ. Paul first met Christ on the Damascus Road. From the time that Paul encountered Jesus on the Damascus Road to the time that he wrote to the Philippians, approximately thirty years had passed. During that span of time God had used Paul as the greatest missionary of the first century. Yet, Paul expressed a strong desire to know Jesus.

It would seem that what Paul desired at this point in his life was to know Jesus better. For Paul knowing ‘about’ Jesus wasn’t enough. He wanted to know him in a deeper way. This growing intimacy with Jesus was so important to Paul that he counted all of his other religious accomplishments as rubbish.

How would you rate the strength of your desire to know Jesus better? It is easy for us to substitute religious activities for the actual pursuit of knowing Christ better. Let’s devote ourselves this week to pursuing a deeper intimacy with Jesus. Let’s pursue this in our quiet times, in our places of ministry, and in our times of worship.

In Him,

### Berea Community Meeting

Thursday, July 28, 6:00pm  
Berea First Baptist Church Sanctuary

### Deacons Meeting

Monday, August 8, 7:00pm  
In the Choir Room

### In Memoriam

Bill Campbell  
November 3, 1929 - July 26, 2016

## This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

10:30am

One Combined Service

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker



6:00pm

Kentucky Mission Trip Celebration

## Good News Club

Again this year we will sponsor a Good News Club at Armstrong Elementary School. Our church is able to share the Good News through Bible lessons and songs. Last year our club had an enrollment of 102 children and several received Jesus as their Savior! This is your opportunity to serve as a missionary in your own community. This is one of the greatest ways you can invest your time in Kingdom work.

Our club will meet on Monday afternoons beginning September 12.

Volunteers will arrive at 2:00 and conclude at 4:00.

Sign up to volunteer in the Welcome Center this Sunday!

## Family Fun Fair

Sunday, August 21

5:00-8:00pm

In the Crosswalk and Crosswalk Parking Lot  
We will kick off our Family Night Ministries with a FREE community-wide event.

Games \* Inflatables \* FREE Hotdog Supper



## Wednesday Night Activities

Begin August 24

Supper \* Choirs \* Mission Friends \* R.A.’s \* G.A.’s

## Welcome New Members



**Robin and Becky Inabinet**

112 Ridenour Ave.  
Greenville, SC 29617



**Miriam Teague**

17 Quail Meadow Lane  
Greenville, SC 29617



**Sarah Bayne**

643 Pace Bridge Rd.  
Marietta, SC 29661

## The Berea House

The Berea House is a ministry of Berea First Baptist Church located in a low-income neighborhood in the Riverside Community, which is considered part of the larger community of Berea. The church owns this property located at 106 Columbia Avenue, Greenville, SC 29611.

We provide after school programs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the school year from 3:30-5:00pm. The Monday and Wednesday programs focus on tutoring and homework help followed by games, Bible lesson, memory verses, and snacks. Friday programs feature a Backyard Bible Club format directed by an Impact team of North Greenville University Students with supervision by a Ministry team member who serves snacks.

The community attendance is small enough for the children to get individual attention and help. We will begin the 2016-17 programs in mid-September as soon as we receive information about when the North Greenville students are ready to begin their part of the ministry. If you wish to be part of this ministry, sign up in the Welcome Center.

## Financial Report

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,291,427.97  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 7-24.....\$11,623.00  
Legacy Gifts.....\$115.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$927.00  
Total Deposit.....\$12,665.00

### Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....349  
Evening Service.....50

## Sympathy

*Sympathy is extended to:*

The family of Bill Campbell.

Harold and Pat Batson in the death of their son, Dean Batson.

Bob and Kay Dobbins in the death of their brother-in-law, Gene Dedmon.

Charlie Boone in the death of his father, Sam Boone.

Margaret Garren in the death of her sister, Ella Mae Green,

Leah Roach in the death of her sister, Nellie Bailey.

## Memorial Gifts

*Gifts have been given in memory of:*

Dean Batson by:

Joe and Gwen Williams

Alma Malone by:

The Polsons

Liz Pannell by:

Ethel Sparks

Gwen Hicks Williams

Cheryl Taylor

## Sunday School

### Promotion

Sunday, August 21

9:30am

## CDC Employment

Our CDC is now hiring full and part time employees. For more information contact Donna Miller at 294-9001.

## The Reaching Center

Reopens Tuesday, Aug. 2

We are still in need of **school supplies**: book bags, binders, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, pencil holders, glue sticks.

**Food needed:** spaghetti, meat sauce, jelly, peanut butter, jiffy corn muffin mix, beef stew, soup.

## Opportunities

### SUNDAY

9:30am

Sunday School

10:30am

Combined Service

6:00pm

Evening Worship Service

### WEDNESDAY

6:30-7:30pm

Bible Study (Sanctuary)

7:35-9:00pm

Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY

7:00am

Men's Prayer Group

## Summer Stewardship

Please remember that the summer months are the busiest and most expensive months of the year for our church as we offer many special mission and ministry opportunities. Keep our church strong through the summer with your faithful support.

E-giving is a great option when you're on vacation. It can be done from anywhere 24 hours a day. Just go to our website, [www.bereafb.org](http://www.bereafb.org).

## July Mission Action Project

School Supplies for  
Berea House and Reaching Center

## Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Hannah Pace and Ben Southerland who were married in our Sanctuary on July 16.

## Children's Wednesday

### Night Activities

Grades 1-5 will meet on August 10.  
More information will be emailed.



**Welcome to the Student Ministry,  
Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!**

Let's Go to Frankie's Fun Park!

Wednesday, August 17, 3:30-7:00

Cost: \$25 (price includes pizza dinner)

Deadline to sign up: August 11

Register in the church office or online.

**Crosswalk Student Ministry**

**Wednesday Schedule**

Aug 10: Outdoor Movie Night @  
the Arrowoods | 7-10 p.m.