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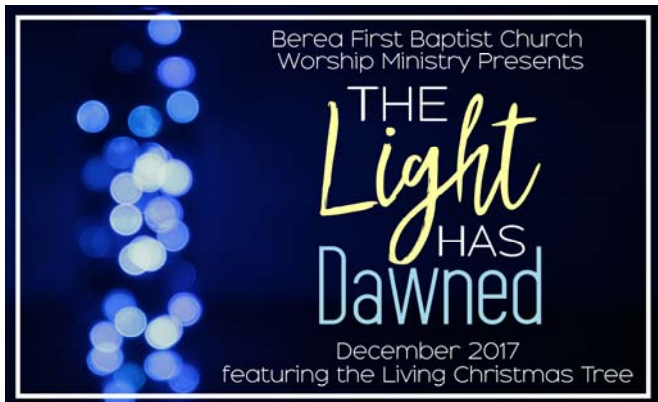
# Reflections

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## "The Light Has Dawned"

Christmas 2017

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned! – from Isaiah 9:2

The people of God had long-awaited the promised Messiah. Through 400 years of oppression, numerous political changes, and silence from the Lord, the nation of Israel was anticipating with hope the coming of the promised King. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His son, born of a woman. This true light, Jesus Christ, has come into the world and we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth!

Join us this Christmas as we present "The Light Has Dawned"! This presentation will be a worshipful celebration of the coming of the newborn King, Jesus Christ.

There will be several ways to participate in this year's Christmas Ministry, and we would love to have you and your family be a part of it! One of the first ways to participate is in the **Worship Choir**. We need as many voices in the choir as possible, so please consider joining us. **The choir will have a Christmas kick-off party on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:35pm.** We'll meet in the choir room as we unveil the music before we eat and celebrate the start of the season. **We will also be providing childcare every Wednesday night during choir rehearsal.**

Let us join together as we prayerfully prepare for the 2017 Christmas season at Berea First Baptist Church, trusting God for what He has in store for our church and our community.

## Fall Kickoff Prayer Service

**Wednesday, August 23**

BBQ Supper, 5:15-6:00

Prayer walk in Sanctuary, 6:00-6:30

Fall Kickoff Service, 6:30-7:00

Ice Cream, 7:00-7:30

**Supper reservations required by Sunday, August 20.**

Sign up in the Welcome Center, Sunday School or call the office.

*Prayer walk will be at your own pace with a prayer guide.*

*You are invited to pray through stations up until 6:30 pm*



## Wednesday Night Bible Studies

Beginning August 30, 6:30-7:30 pm

### ***Called and Accountable***

Though every believer's assignment is unique, discover the one aspect of God's call that is universal to every believer.

Meet in the Sanctuary. Led by Chad Rickenbaker

### ***Unchained***

Discover what it means to experience true freedom in Christ.

Set free to love, live free, and say yes to Jesus.

Meet in the Chapel. Led by Michael Hodge

### Ladies Bible Study

#### ***Breathe by Priscilla Shirer***

One of the greatest challenges facing women in our culture is taking time to cease from all the activities and just breathe. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath will change your life. Woman of all ages are encouraged to come and experience this wonderful study.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or call the office.

## Family Fun at Otter Creek Water Park

This Sunday, August 20  
5:45-7:45 pm  
Invite a friend!  
Concessions will be available



### Sunday School Promotion

**Sunday, August 27, 9:30 am**  
Doughnuts will be served in the  
Sunday School areas.

### Wednesday Night Activities

**Begin August 30**

5:15-6:30

Supper (by reservation only)

6:00-6:45 pm

Preschool Choir (3-5 years)  
1st-5th Grade Choir

6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Studies  
Youth Worship

6:45-7:30 pm

3-5 Year Mission Friends  
1st-5th Grade G.A.'s  
1st-5th Grade R.A.'s

7:35-9:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday Night Supper Reservations

The deadline for reservations is  
11:00 am on Mondays.  
Adult Plate: \$5  
Children's Plate: \$4  
PBJ Sandwich Plate: \$2  
Call 246-1921

### Financial Report

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,353,255.76  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 8-13.....\$23,672.00  
Legacy Gifts.....\$1,023.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$3,175.91  
Total Deposit.....\$27,870.91  
**Attendance**  
Sunday Morning Services.....448

### DO YOU LOVE JESUS AND LOVE TO SMILE?

Well, have we got some good news!  
The Greeter Ministry is looking for  
some new smiling faces of all ages to  
welcome guests and connect them  
to our church family--and we've got just  
the spot for you. Sign up now and help  
us fulfill our mission to  
"connect people to Christ"!  
Call the church office or email  
temory@bereafbc.org.

### Help Us Refill the Shelves at The Reaching Center

food items needed this week:  
canned fruit, mixed vegetables,  
jelly, pasta sauce with meat.

### Baby Dedication

Sunday, September 10  
10:30 am

If you would like to participate in this  
service, call the church office or email  
temory@bereafbc.org

### Opportunities

#### SUNDAY

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship Service  
5:45-7:45pm Otter Creek Water Park

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Bible Study  
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

### August Mission Action Project

#### Christmas in August for the Berea House

To help keep holiday giving from being so  
hectic, we're collecting gifts for children  
(ages 4-18) throughout the month of  
August for the Berea House.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Joyce Eastburn in the death of her  
brother, James Adams.

Kristie Zahm in the death of her uncle,  
Bob Lovvorn.

Kaye Smith in the death of her uncle,  
Keith Alverson.

### Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Martha Woodruff by:

Shady Grove Baptist Church  
Bill and Susan McKinney  
Jessie Blanton  
CM and Marilyn Williams  
Don and Linda Abbott  
Edd and Nan Stroud  
Kathy McBrearty  
Gerald and Janice Williams  
Danny and Joyce Abercrombie  
Walt and Christine Brashier  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, Jr.  
Springbrook Behavioral Health  
Steve and Janie Marlow  
Jimmy Smith Sunday School Class  
Harold and Pat Batson  
Anne Linder  
Jim and Diane Harrill  
Norman and Betty Willis  
College of Charleston Athletic Fund  
Bill and Judy Wyatt

John Lezan by:

Cheryl Taylor

Carolyn Aiken by:

Von and Janice Hallman

Lois Barton by:

Nancy Keasler

Jim and Diane Harrill

A gift has been given in honor of Norman  
and Betty Willis by Don and Linda Abbott.

