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Let's Celebrate!

Though the church is the body of Christ and not a sports teams we should still celebrate our victories. God has brought us together as a church family and commissioned us to make and grow disciples. As we pray and work together toward the accomplishment of His mission we see His hand at work all around us. I wanted to share with you some of what God is doing in and through our church.

Over the last eight weeks, members of Betania Baptist Church and members of BFBC have been joining together on Sunday afternoons for evangelism training and outreach visitation. Most of the visits that have been made were to those people who visited our Reaching Center. Through this outreach, approximately 12 people have prayed to receive Christ! Through nearly 175 years God has been working through this local body of Christ to reach this community, and the world, with the Gospel. Praise the Lord for those who are coming to Christ!

God has also commissioned our church to help believers grow in their faith. In addition to our Sunday School ministry, we have also added Sunday evening sermon discussion small groups. While we still have a Sunday evening service, there are approximately 75 people who are meeting in 5 different small groups. Some of the groups meet here on our church campus, and others are meeting in homes. Through these groups, people are growing in their walk with Christ. Each group is also being mobilized for community missions. The inevitable outcome of a deeper walk with Christ is participation in His work! Praise the Lord for those who are growing deeper in their walk with Jesus!

Our church will soon be 175 years old. God has certainly been faithful to the fellowship of believers here in Berea. All those many years ago a group of believers felt led of God to plant a new church in this community. We have all benefited from their obedience to God's call and plan. We want to continue our charter members legacy of church planting. To do so we have entered into a partnership with a new church plant in Washington D.C. We will be able to come along side this church planter with mission teams and financial support. As we have continued to prioritize missions and Kingdom work God has continued to bless us financially. Because of His blessing we were able to set aside \$12,000 to assist a new church plant. These funds will be administered monthly as the new church is getting established.

Space does not allow me to write of all the other areas where God is blessing our church but let me mention one last blessing. While we have increased our gifts to the Cooperative Program and missions each year for the last four years, we have also seen the Lord provide everything we need to maintain and improve our church campus. We have been able to make significant improvements in a number of areas. As we entered into 2017, our next area of need was the parking lot. Our goal was to have enough funds on hand by the end of the year to have the parking lot repaved. I'm thankful to say that we have reached our goal!! Through our Legacy Fund and checking funds available we have what we need to proceed with the parking lot renovation. The Building and Grounds Team has already reviewed the bids and the Finance Team has approved the funds. We are ready to move forward. While we don't have a specific start time for the paving work to begin, you will notice some of the prep work taking place. As a part of this project, all of our parking lot lighting will be updated with new LED fixtures. The total cost of the project including paving, lighting, curbing repair, etc. will be \$361,500. Based on September's financials this should leave us with approximately \$311,000 in non-designated checking funds. This Thanksgiving we will be taking up a special Thanksgiving Offering to help replenish our Legacy Fund so that we will be ready for our next project!

We have so much to be thankful for! Due to space constraints, I have had to leave out many other areas where we see the Lord at work. Let's celebrate what God is doing by continuing to pray, invite, share, give, and participate. If we all commit to faithfully supporting what God is doing at BFBC I believe we will continue to grow, people will continue to be reached, and God will be glorified.

For Him,
Chad

Deacon Nomination Ballots Due This Sunday, October 29

Do not nominate these who are presently serving. Harold Batson, Danny Bayne, Randy Blair, James Blakely, Gary Brock, Steve Burgess, Jim Cagle, Sam Childers, Robert Coleman, Guy Davis, Charles Ducker, Emmett Farr, Marshall Ferguson, Dick Fuzia, Charles Hall, Von Hallman, John Hamilton, Alvin Henson, Wayne Horton, Scott Humphreys, Don Kauffman, Alan Kay, Joe Malone, Steve Marlow, Bill Mathis, Matt Mills, Jim Morgan, Darrell Reese, Kevin Styles, Mac Styles, Shep Tallon, Danny Taylor, Clyde Thompson, Houston Turner, Kent Vinson, David Watson, Tim Williams.

Welcome New Member



Kay "Butch" Hall
4 Overton Ave.
Greenville, SC 29617



We need your help THIS SUNDAY! 5:00-7:00 p.m.

To make this night a success, we must have a lot of people, like you, willing to bring your car and give out candy during this time. This cannot, and will not happen, without your support. **Does it take a lot of candy?** Yes, but it is ok to get small pieces to give out. **Do you have to decorate your car?** No, it is fine to just open your trunk, pull out a lawn chair, and give out candy as they come to you. A lot of people will decorate and have fun doing so, but it is not required. For the safety of all those walking around, the parking lot will close at 4:50 and reopen after 7:30. We will be offering the evangelism craft station again this year. See Michael Hodge if you are interested in helping.

The Very Newest

Congratulations to Kelli and Justin Wallen on the birth of a son, Hayes Michael, born October 14. Hayes is the grandson of Becky and Mike Nix.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Pat and Jack Wood who celebrated their 70th wedding anni-

Financial Report Sunday, October 22, 2017

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,353,255.76
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 10-22.....\$17,173.00
Legacy Gifts.....\$230.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$3,025.22
Total Deposit.....\$20,428.22

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....467

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been received in memory of:

Teresa Clayton by:
Allison Henderson
Walt and Christine Brashier
Edith Evans by:
Loraine Lambert
Edna Smith
Marcy Griffith by:
Walt and Christine Brashier

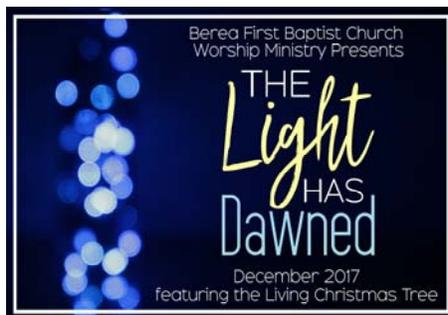
Berea College Ministry THAILAND May 9-24, 2018

Deposit Due at Registration: \$200
This Sunday is the deadline!

Operation Christmas Child Work- day

Thursday, November 30

We have reserved 40 spots for volunteers at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Charlotte, NC. We will travel on the church bus and leave at 7:45 am. We will work from 10:00am—2:00 pm. The cost is \$3 per person. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please sign up in the Welcome Center or call the church office. All volunteers must be at least 13.



Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 16 at 4:00 pm
Sunday, December 17 at
*10:30 am, 4:00 pm
(*Morning Worship Service—ticket not required)

**RESERVE YOUR TICKETS ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Opportunities

SUNDAY

8:15 am
9:30am
10:30am
5:00-7:00pm

Encounter Service
Sunday School
Cornerstone Service
Trunk or Treat

WEDNESDAY

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

Supper
Preschool Choir
1st-5th Grade Choir
Bible Study
Christ Centered Parenting
Student Worship
Preschool Mission Friends
Grades 1-5 G.A.'s
Grades 1-5 R.A.'s
Worship Choir

6:30-7:30pm

6:45-7:30pm

7:35-9:00pm

THURSDAY

7:00am

Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday Night Suppers

Menu for November 1

Baked Chicken, Yellow Rice,
Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans
or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips
*Reservations or cancellations must be
made by 11am on Monday.*

October Mission Action Project

Blankets and Cold Weather Clothing
For The Reaching Center

The Reaching Center

food items needed this week:
diced tomatoes, fruit,
peanut butter, oatmeal

Heartland Helpers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Sunday morning worship service at Heartland from 9:00-10:00 am. We need speakers, directors, pianists, and those who can transport patients from their rooms to the service. For more information or to volunteers please contact Linda Emory at 246-7428, Frank Woodruff at 246-6927, or the church office at 246-1921. You will only serve once a quarter.

Honoring All Who Served in the Armed Forces of the United States

Program and Reception
Berea High School

Friday, November 10, 2:30 pm
All veterans, their families, and other members throughout the community are invited to attend.