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# Reflections

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### Be a Hope-Giver

During this Christmas season, when you are shopping or eating out, would you give a server, a cashier, a Salvation Army bell ringer, or a weary customer service representative a BFBC Prayer card? Assure them you will be praying for them, and even get their name and how you could pray if there is opportunity. Who knows...God may use your act of kindness to be a message of hope they desperately need for that day...even their life. Let's be hope-givers with our prayers this Christmas!

The prayer cards are in the Welcome Center and across from Robbie's office.

### Sanctuary Decoration

#### Memorial Gifts

**Due by this Sunday, Dec. 17**

\$12 donation given in honor or in memory of a loved one

### In Need of Prayer?

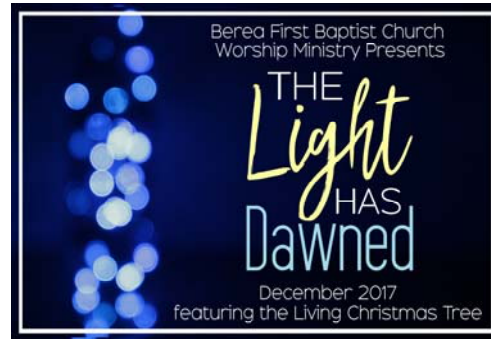
- Complete the Pew Prayer Request forms and place in offering plate.
- Call (864) 246-9182, ext. 1 and leave a message.
- Email to [prayerrequest@bereafbc.org](mailto:prayerrequest@bereafbc.org)

## Special Sundays in December

Please note our schedule for the next 3 Sundays. We hope that you will make every effort to join us for these special services.

### This Sunday, December 17, 10:30 am

(Ticket not required)



Please note: there will be **no Sunday School** and **no Encounter Service**. Child care provided for birth-5 year olds only.

### Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24

Sunday School at 9:30 am

Morning Worship at 10:30 am (including Christmas Under the Tree)

Christmas Eve Services at 6:00 pm and 11:15 pm

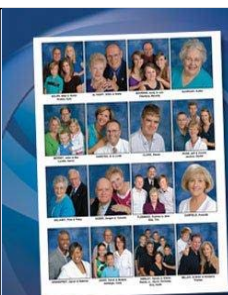
### New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31

Doughnuts/Fruit served in the Welcome Center at 9:00 am

Sunday School at 9:30 am

Morning Worship Service at 10:30 am

No Evening Service



Be a part of our family album

**PORTRAIT SIGN-UP**

You're invited to be a part of our new picture directory. Our last directory was printed in 2014. We have new families, there have been weddings, and babies, and kids who are young adults now. We're changing, and a new directory will help us capture these changes.

**Sign-ups will begin this Sunday in the Welcome Center.**

Photography dates are Jan. 30-Feb. 3, Feb. 6-10, Feb. 26-27.

Every family photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 and a free directory. We want 100% participation and our directory won't be complete without YOU!

**Friendship Group  
Senior Adult Luncheon**

Tuesday, December 19, 11:00 am  
Senior Adult Building  
Program: Handbell Program  
by Kathy Schwartz from  
Taylors First Baptist Church  
Menu: Egg and Sausage Casserole,  
Hash Brown Casserole, Baked Apples,  
Cinnamon Roll.  
Cost: \$6  
Reservations Required by Thursday.  
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**Christmas Under the Tree**

Sunday, December 24, 10:30 am  
We invite our kids to join us on stage  
for a time of singing and sharing the  
Christmas story.

*Be Still,  
and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted  
among the nations,  
I will be exalted  
in the earth! Ps. 46:10*

**Christmas Eve  
Communion & Prayer Services**  
6:00 pm and 11:15 pm

**Church-wide  
Ladies Soup Supper**

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 pm  
Senior Adult Building  
Program: Brittany Dreibrodt Hughes  
will speak about her time in Uganda.  
Call the church office to sign up.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

*Lottie Moon Tea*  
Saturday, January 13

**Financial Report  
Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,353,255.76  
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 12-10.....\$25,751.09  
Legacy Gifts.....\$390.00  
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$3,518.40  
Total Deposit.....\$29,659.49

**Attendance**

Sunday Morning Services.....440

**Year End Gifts**

Remember that all year-end gifts to the church must be received in the office, or postmarked. by December 31 in order to be credited to your 2017 contribution statement.

**Sympathy**

Sympathy is extended to the family  
Paul Stegall.

**Memorial Gifts**

*Gifts have been received in memory of:*

Carolyn Batson by:  
Cheryl Taylor  
Paul Taylor by:  
Sallie Taylor  
Jessica Taylor by:  
Sallie Taylor  
Paul Stegall by:  
Loyalty Sunday School Class  
Mac and Batsie Styles

*Gifts have been given in honor of :*

Barbara Wood by:  
Ed and Nancy Sheriff  
Cheryl Taylor by:  
Mary Sunday School Class

**Thank You!**

Notes of appreciation have been received from: the family of Dick Vickery, the family of Edith Evans, the family of Paul Justice, faculty of Armstrong Elementary, faculty of Berea Middle.

**Opportunities**

**FRIDAY**

7:00 pm The Light Has Dawned

**SATURDAY**

4:00 pm The Light Has Dawned

**SUNDAY**

10:30am The Light Has Dawned  
4:00pm The Light Has Dawned

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30-7:30pm Bible Study

**THURSDAY**

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

**Wednesday Night  
Holiday Schedule**  
December 20  
Prayer Service only at 6:30 pm  
  
December 27  
No Services  
  
January 3  
Regular Schedule  
Supper, Choirs, Mission Organizations,  
& Prayer Service

**December**

**Mission Action Project**

- Christmas Eve Needy Families
  - Angel Tree Ministry

**Help Our Reaching Center**

Please consider donating canned goods every week during December. You can bring them to the church office during the week or leave in blue containers placed throughout the church on Sundays.

**Items needed this week:**

Fruit, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Diced Tomatoes,  
Creamed Corn, Soup,  
Macaroni and Cheese, Beef Stew

Providing financial support to missionaries as they share the gospel overseas.

**Our Goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: \$20,000  
Received: \$4,406**