

## Merry Christmas!

We are aware that the word gospel means good news. When the angel was announcing Jesus' birth to the shepherds, he said, "I bring you good tidings of great joy." He brought good news. This good news was for all people. The sending of Jesus was a display of God's love for us. It was a demonstration of His grace and mercy. As Christians, we are the beneficiaries of His love, grace, and mercy. Because of his love, grace, and mercy, we have been forgiven. Our sins are no longer held against us. In fact, in Jesus, we have been declared righteous, and God relates to us as though we never sinned. Good news, indeed!

As the recipients of the Good News, we have now been commissioned to share it with others. We share it with others in two ways. First, we share it with our lives. Just as we have received love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness, we now show it to others. God showed us grace, and now we extend grace to others. One way you can celebrate Jesus' birth is by showing love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness to someone that has wronged you. Grace is giving favor even when it isn't deserved. Be a messenger of the Good News. Second, we share the Good News by telling others about Jesus. After the shepherds found baby Jesus, the Bible says that they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. They told everyone! The news was too great to keep to themselves. Take a moment now and ask God to give you the courage to show love, grace, and forgiveness to the one who has wronged you. Ask God to give you the courage to tell someone about Jesus.

For Him,  
Chad

## Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24

Sunday School at 9:30 am  
Morning Worship at 10:30 am  
Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker and  
Christmas Under the Tree

**Christmas Eve Communion/Prayer Services**  
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

## Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed December 25-January 1. Our staff will be checking voice mail and email during this time. If you have an emergency, please contact one of our staff members at home.

## Make Your Photography Appointment Now!

### New Church Directory

Sign-up on Sunday in the Welcome Center or on our website,  
[www.bereafbc.org](http://www.bereafbc.org)

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

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!

## Christmas Decoration Memorial Gifts

### In Honor/Memory of:

Michael Lee Aiken  
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 Dr. A.M. Alderman  
 Nancy Alderman  
 Ruth Alderman  
 Richard Babb  
 Douglas Neil Baker  
 Dean Batson  
 Dean Batson  
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Batson  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Batson Sr.  
 Harold and Carolyn Batson  
 Nathan Batson  
 Larry Chapman  
 Wayne and Joyce Clayton  
 Lee Cook  
 Agnes Cox  
 Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davis Sr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis  
 Woodrow and Edith Evans  
 Bob Garren  
 Herbert and Vera Granger  
 Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Hamilton Sr.  
 Red and Winnie Haskins  
 Carol Horne  
 Harold Huffman  
 Julie Humphreys  
 Jesus  
 Evelyn Johnson  
 Paul Justice Jr.  
 Adam and Shelley Koziac

### Given by:

Michael and Faye Aiken  
 Jason and Kristel Aiken  
 Jean Clarke  
 Jean Clarke  
 Jean Clarke  
 Lib Babb  
 Harriet Baker  
 Harold and Pat Batson  
 Eric and Chase Freeman  
 Harold and Pat Batson  
 Harold and Pat Batson  
 Elaine Malcolm, Mandy Alexander  
 Robbie Batson  
 Margaret Chapman  
 Eric and Chase Freeman  
 Ruby Cook, Phillip and Lynn  
 Felton, Larry and Michael Cox  
 Guy and Betty Davis  
 Guy and Betty Davis  
 Benny Evans  
 Margaret Garren  
 Ron and Judy Granger  
 John and Leah Hamilton  
 Sam and Susan Childers  
 Bill Horne  
 Josephine, Dena, Harold Jr.  
 Butch Hall  
 Sunny and John Stroud  
 James and Phylis Johnson  
 Gloria, Paul III and Family,  
 David and Zach  
 Kevin and Elaine Styles

### In Honor/Memory of:

John Lezan  
 John Lezan  
 John Lezan  
 John Lezan  
 Pete Linder  
 Charles, Bart and Dede Mace  
 Alma Malone  
 Ruby Masters  
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 Jim Merritt  
 Shirley Merritt  
 Billy Moody  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mouchet  
 Bill, Aileen, Liz & Joe Pannell  
 Kaylee Richardson  
 Hampton and Sherrilyn Sherrin  
 Charles and Louise Springfield  
 Teresa Springfield  
 Charles Stancil  
 Bill and Charles Stowe  
 Stefan and Emily Styles  
 Peyton Tarrant  
 Floyd Thornton  
 Dick Vickery  
 Hazel Vickery  
 Raylan Watts  
 Ken Williams  
 Jerry Wynn

### Given by:

Iris Lezan  
 Adam and Mary Hellen Lezan  
 Scott Lezan  
 Morgan and Bailey Lezan  
 Evelyn and Anne Linder  
 Nancy Mace  
 Joe Malone  
 Oscar Masters  
 Ronnie, Kathy, Josh, Brandi,  
 Jeremy, Merritt, Marlowe  
 Marty, Mike, Tena, Tom, Christa  
 Marty, Mike, Tena, Tom, Christa  
 Barbara Moody  
 John and Leah Hamilton  
 Dottie Pannell Moskos  
 Butch Hall  
 Kevin and Elaine Styles  
 Bill and Ashley Springfield and  
 Audrey  
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 Audrey  
 Sam and Susan Childers  
 Barbara Jane Stowe  
 Kevin and Elaine Styles  
 Papa and JuJu  
 Patsy Cannon  
 Ron and Judy Granger  
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 Papa and JuJu  
 Gerald and Tammy Waldrep  
 Joyce, Susan and Joel

### 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.

### 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.

### Wednesday Night Schedule

Regular Activities resume on January 3  
 Supper, Choirs, Mission Organizations,  
 & Prayer Service

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:  
 The family of Robert Mann.  
 Melissa Cassell Johnson in the death of her father-in-law, Harley Johnson.

### Big Christmas Breakfast

For Middle School, High School,  
 & College Students & Leaders  
 Sunday, December 24 @ 9:30  
 In The Crosswalk



### Thank You! - "The Light Has Dawned"

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Christmas presentation, "The Light Has Dawned"! We certainly saw God at work this weekend while worshipping Him and sharing the glory and good news of Jesus Christ with our community. God gave us great success in what He had called us to do this Christmas, and it's been a joy to work and lead alongside so many talented people this Christmas season! Thank you to the Adult Choir, Student Choir, Children's Choir, Orchestra, Dianne's School of Dance Praise Team, Nativity characters, Ushers & Greeters, the Tech crew, Construction team, Church decorators, and more for offering your time, talents, and energy to make this presentation a success for God's glory! It's such a privilege to serve with all of you.

Merry Christmas!  
 Trevor & Chelsey Coleman