

We have been called to a great work. God has called us to join with Him in the work of helping people discover a relationship with Jesus. As an added benefit to our calling we have been given the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works in us to guide us into God's activity and to empower us to accomplish God's will. The person of the Holy Spirit is essential to the accomplishment of our calling. Again, the Holy Spirit guides us into the activity of God but He also, is responsible for opening the hearts of those with whom we share the Gospel.

We cannot fulfill our God given calling of making disciples without the help of the Holy Spirit. Yet, the Holy Spirit will often utilize the training we have readily accessible to us. Most evangelical churches offer their members numerous training opportunities, ours is no exception. We are equipped through the systematic study of God's Word in Sunday School. We are equipped through the teaching and application of God's Word as presented in the Sunday morning message. We are equipped by participating in the different classes or small groups that offered. I have found that the more God's Word is committed to our hearts and applied to our lives, the more clearly and powerfully the Holy Spirit uses us.

As we finally move into the warmer days of spring don't miss the equipping opportunities that our church provides. I encourage you not only to be faithful in your attendance but to do so with an open heart to all that God wants to teach you as you grow in your relationship with Him. This growing relationship with the Lord will be something the Holy Spirit can use to make you a great witness for Jesus! We have been called to a great work!

For Him,
Chad

This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker

8:15 am: Encounter Service

10:30 am: Cornerstone Service

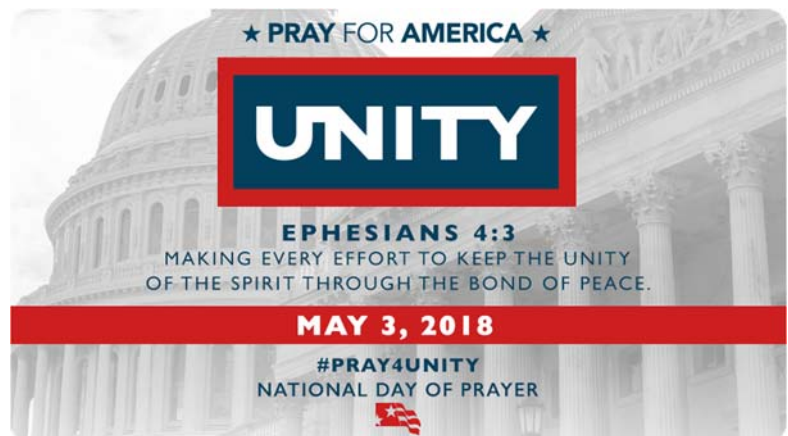
6:00 pm: Evening Service, Small Groups, Student Bible Study, TeamKID

Church-wide Prayer Service

Wednesday, April 25

6:30pm in the Chapel

Some of the most powerful Wednesday night services that we have had are the prayer services. We worshipped through music, read scripture, and prayed throughout the service. It was evident to everyone present that we had met with the Lord. If you are not serving in some other area on Wednesday night, I encourage you to come experience the Lord's presence and power as we worship and pray together next Wednesday night. We meet in the chapel at 6:30 pm.



National Day of Prayer Service and Lunch

Thursday, May 3, 12:00pm, in the Sanctuary

Chick-fil-a Lunch at 12:30pm in the Senior Adult Building

Please call the church office to sign up for lunch by Monday, April 29



Remember our Reaching Center This Week

Items needed:

fruit, corn muffin mix, peanut butter, oatmeal, cornflakes

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Emily Conniff and Zack Williams who were married on April 7.



College Ministry Secret Church
Friday, April 20

Nicaragua Missions Night
Sunday, April 29

National Day of Prayer & Luncheon
Thursday, May 3, 12:00 noon

Children's Choir Musical
Sunday, May 6, 6:00 pm

College Thailand Mission Trip
May 9-21

Baby Dedication
Sunday, May 13, 10:30 am

Pickin' Songs of Faith
Sunday, May 27, 6:00 pm

Graduate Recognition
Sunday, June 3, 10:30 am

Vacation Bible School
June 11-15, 9:00am-12:00 noon

Camp
Grades 2-5: June 17-21
Grades 6-12: June 24-29

Kentucky Mission Trip
July 14-20

Miami Mission Trip
July 28-Aug 4

**Financial Report
Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,356,287.67
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 4-15.....\$16,832.00
Legacy Gifts.....\$105.00
Designated/Reimbursement....\$16,134.28
Total Deposit.....\$33,071.28

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....447

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Cindy Padgett in the death of her daughter, Melanie Blodgett.



Berea College Ministry will provide dinner and coffee. You bring your favorite snack to share.

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11-15 — 9:00 am-12:00 noon
3 Year Olds through Grade 5

VBS is provided for children who were at least 3 years old by September 1

Opportunities

SUNDAY

8:15 am Encounter Service
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Cornerstone Service
6:00pm Evening Service
Small Groups
Youth Bible Study
TeamKID

WEDNESDAY

5:15-6:30pm Supper
6:00-6:45pm Preschool Choir
1st-5th Grade Choir
6:30-7:30pm Prayer Service
Equip Missions Discovery
6:45-7:30pm Student Worship
Preschool Mission Friends
7:35-9:00pm Grades 1-5 G.A.'s
Grades 1-5 R.A.'s
Worship Choir

THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

Wednesday Supper Menu

April 18

Beef Stew, Rice, Pinto Beans, Collards, Cornbread
or Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Chips
Reservations or cancellations must be made by 11am on Monday.

April Mission Action

The Reaching Center

- Socks and underwear for toddlers through teens.
- Personal Hygiene Products

Priscilla SHIRER LIVE

BFBC Women's Ministry Trip
Priscilla Shirer – LIVE
North Charleston Coliseum
July 20-21, 2018
Event tickets \$59.00

Hilton Garden Inn – Airport
Rooms – 2 Double Beds
\$159.00 plus tax

ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT
Please contact Karolyn Morgan
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