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Back to Sunday School & Promotion Day - August 19

Will you plan to get back to Sunday School this Sunday? Will you bring your preschoolers, children and youth with you? If you are not in a Sunday School class please stop by the Welcome Center to learn about your options. Remember that all preschoolers, children, and youth will promote to their new classes this Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday at 9:30 am.

Spiritual Renewal Weekend

Our hearts and relationship with the Lord must be closely guarded. It is easy to drift away from the Lord. When this happens, we can sense it in our hearts. Our hearts grow cool toward the things of God. I think we can all relate to needing spiritual renewal and refreshing from time to time.

With this in mind, we will be having a Spiritual Renewal Weekend on September 15-16. Dr. Francois Carr of *Heart Cry Ministries* in South Africa will be here to lead us that Saturday evening and in all services on Sunday. Dr. Carr has been powerfully used by the Lord to help Christians experience spiritual renewal and refreshing.

Sometimes, to receive the renewal that God would delight to bring you, you must prepare yourself. You can prepare yourself in two ways. First, be prepared by making yourself available to hear what God may want to say to you through Dr. Carr. We don't usually have Saturday evening services, but then again, when we are spiritually thirsty, business as usual, doesn't satisfy. I believe God is going to use Dr. Carr to bring renewal and reorientation of our hearts to God. To experience this, you will need to be available to hear from the Lord. Make plans to be in each service. Second, begin praying that God would prepare your heart and our church to receive His Word and direction.

Service times will be Saturday September 15 at 7 pm, and Sunday September 16 at 8:15, 10:30, and 6 pm.

This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker

8:15 am: Encounter Service

10:30 am: Cornerstone Service

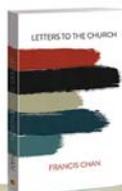


This free Fun Fest is for our church and community and will feature rides, games and food! It's all happening in front of the Crosswalk and will kick off our Fall Ministries.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

On August 22, we will resume our regular Wednesday night schedule. As we resume, I will be teaching a series on sanctification and personal holiness. I confess that I wrestled with finding other words to describe this study for fear that the words 'sanctification' and 'holiness' would not garner much attention or enthusiasm, but ultimately these are the words that best reflect God's plan for our lives as believers. We will be focusing on how you can grow in Christlikeness or holiness. This will be an in depth study that I pray will spur us on toward greater spiritual maturity. We will meet in the Chapel at 6:30. - Chad



Wednesday Bible Study & Discussion Group
"LETTERS TO THE CHURCH"
 Group begins on Sept. 5th in Conference Room
 Discussion Led by Michael Hodge
 The group will discuss the Soon to Release Book by Francis Chan



Children's Worship begins this Sunday, August 19 and will meet during both worship services. Ages 4 years through Grade 5 are invited to attend. We will meet in The Dock.



Financial Report Sunday, August 12, 2018

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,356,287.67
 Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 8-12.....\$16,528.00
 Legacy Gifts.....\$345.00
 Designated/Reimbursement.....937.00
 Total Deposit.....\$17,810.00

The Friendship Group

Tuesday, August 21
 11:00 am
 Senior Adult Building
 Cost is \$6
 Musical Program by Josh Durham
 Menu: Barbeque, Baked Beans,
 Cole Slaw, Brownie
 Call the church office for reservations by
 4:00 pm on Thursday, August 16

Opportunities

SUNDAY

8:15 am Encounter Service
 9:30am Sunday School
 10:30am Cornerstone Service
 5:00-7:00 pm Fun Fest

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

August Mission Action

\$15 Donations for Chromebook Cases

So far we have received enough money to purchase 20 cases for Armstrong students. Please help us reach our goal of 100 by the end of August.

The Reaching Center Needs Food

Our Reaching Center reopened this past Tuesday and helped over 50 families with food. Because of the large crowd our shelves are now empty. Please help us restock before next week.

Items needed this week:

jelly, fruit, peanut butter, soup, diced tomatoes, instant mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, beef stew, pasta sauce with meat, spaghetti, corn flakes, grits, oatmeal.

Wednesday Night Supper Reservations

In addition to our regular home cooked meals, we are offering a second choice: Chick-fil-a Sandwich or 8 Nuggets with chips, drink and ice cream.

Home Cooked Adult Meal: \$5
 Home Cooked Kids Meal: \$4
 Chick-fil-a (8 nuggets or sandwich): \$5

The deadline for reservations is **11:00am on Mondays**.

No additions or changes can be made after 11:00 and if you fail to cancel your meal before 11:00 you will still be required to pay.

Regular Menu for August 22:

Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, New Potatoes, Green Beans

Wednesday Night Activities

Begin August 22

| TIME & EVENT | MEETING PLACE |
|---|--|
| 5:15-6:30 pm Supper (by reservation only) | Senior Adult Building |
| 6:00-6:45 pm Preschool Choir (3-5 year olds) 1st-5th Grade Choir | Big Room - CDC Building Choir Room |
| 6:30-7:30 pm Wednesday Bible Study Student Worship | Chapel Crosswalk |
| 6:45-7:30 pm 3 Year Mission Friends 4 Year Mission Friends 5 Year Mission Friends 1st - 5th Grade G.A.'s 1st - 5th Grade R.A.'s | Room 108 - CDC Building Room 107 - CDC Building Room 106 - CDC Building Children's Hall - Downstairs Team Room - Gym |
| 7:35-9:00 pm | |

Back Pack Ministry

Again this year we will support Armstrong Elementary School by providing food and snacks for children in need to help carry them over each weekend of the school year. You can be part of this in the following ways:

1. **Financially sponsor a child** by giving a one time gift of \$360 for the year or pledging to give \$40 a month for nine months.

2. **Volunteer to pack bags and deliver** to the school each week. This will be done on a revolving schedule so that you should only work once every month. How many children we can help depends on you! Without these needed funds and help we cannot continue this ministry at Armstrong this year. Please sign up now in the Welcome Center or email Mike Parker, Mparker@bereafbc.org.