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Upcoming Bible Studies

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. The study will be held in the chapel at 6:30 pm.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Mark your calendars for September 15-16. This will be our fall Spiritual Renewal Weekend. We all need times for spiritual renewal and refreshing. On this weekend we will be led by Francois Carr. Dr. Carr is the Executive Director of Heart Cry Ministries in South Africa. This ministry exists to glorify God through spiritual revival among believers and spiritual awakening in the world. My prayer is that God would move powerfully on this weekend and that our entire church family would experience a revival in their relationship with the Lord. Please make plans to be here for this weekend and invite as many people as possible.

Ages 55+ You're Invited to THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

of Berea First Baptist Church
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

This Sunday at Berea First Baptist Church

Message by Dr. Chad Rickenbaker

8:15 am: Encounter Service

10:30 am: Cornerstone Service (Baptism)

6:00 pm: Evening Service



"Berea Fun Fest" is happening Sunday, August 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. 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. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors!

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Begin August 22

Supper: 5:15-6:30

Choir for Preschoolers & Children, Mission Friends, G.A./R.A.'s: 6:00-7:30

Student Worship: 6:30-7:30

Adult Bible Study: 6:30-7:30

Sanctuary Choir: 7:35-9:00

NEW SUPPER CHOICE: CHICK-FIL-A!

In addition to our regular home cooked meals, we will be 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

All reservations must be made by 11:00 am on Mondays.

**Mission House Work Continues
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Mulch has been delivered and we need your help this Saturday, August 11 starting at 9:00 am. Bring any tools that you might need.

**Good News Club
Volunteer Meeting**

Monday, August 13, 2:00 pm
Church Conference Room



Let's Get Back to Sunday School!

August 20, 1911, the first telegram was sent around the world in 16.5 minutes and this was the message, "This message sent around the world". August 27, 1955, the first edition of the Guinness Book of World Records was published and printed 50,000 copies in its first year. August 19, 2018, Berea First Baptist Church announces "Back to Sunday School / Promotion Sunday, for all ages.

The message is simple, "Let's get back to Sunday School!" I am not sure that we will break any world records but I am sure that those that attend a Sunday School class will be blessed with Biblical teaching, fellowship with friends and a committed time of prayer.

Will you make Sunday, August 19, a day that you will get back to Sunday School? 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.

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday, August 19, at 9:30 a.m.

Julie

**Financial Report
Sunday, August 5, 2018**

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,356,287.67
Budgeted Gifts Rec'd 8-5.....\$34,270.72
Legacy Gifts.....\$593.00
Designated/Reimbursement.....\$2,239.28
Total Deposit.....\$37,103.00

Attendance

Sunday Morning Services.....460

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given in memory of:

Anna Ferguson by:
Ernest and Betty Reece
Joyce Clayton
Terry and Donna Anderson

A gift has been given in honor of James and Monique Thompson by Sallie Taylor.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to David Lunsford in the death of his father, Bob Lunsford.

Online Church Directory

Remember that you can now access our Church Directory online. Simply type in the link exactly as you see it printed here:

<https://mobiledirectory.lifetouch.com/206044/berea-first-baptist-church>

The access code: 175TH. Be sure to use capital letters when entering the access code. This online directory works on your computer or smartphone. If there are any updates to your information (phone number, address, add email) that you would like to submit, please call or email those changes to Tracy Emory. These changes will only show up on the online directory.

**Volunteering at
Armstrong Elementary**

We are so grateful for the incredible response to the opportunity we have to serve the children and staff of Armstrong Elementary. In our services on Sunday, you heard Stacy McCarson and Tracy Atkins share their passion for loving this community. Get in touch with Michael Hodge to find out how you too can serve through reading, mentoring, as well as serving the staff of Armstrong.

Opportunities

SUNDAY

8:15 am Encounter Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Cornerstone Service
6:00 pm Evening Service

WEDNESDAY

6:30-7:30pm Prayer Service

THURSDAY

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

August Mission Action

**\$15 Donations for Armstrong Students
to provide Chromebook Cases**

Chromebooks (laptop computers) are now being used by 3rd-5th grade students instead of text books. Protective cases are needed for each Chromebook and the cost is \$15. Our goal is to provide at least 100 cases. Your \$15 donations can be given in the offering plate, the church office, or in the Welcome Center during the month of August.

**The Reaching Center
Reopens Tuesday**

Help us fill our shelves so that we can help those in our community. Remember to shop for specific items each week and bring to church with you on Sundays or drop off in the church office.

Items needed this week:

**Soup, peanut butter, fruit, jelly,
mixed vegetables**



STUDENTS: Let's get in one last hurrah before summer ends. Invite a friend or ten! On Wednesday, August 15, we'll meet at the Crosswalk at 8 am and return at 3 pm. Deadline to register is THIS SUNDAY. Price includes lunch. Register online or at the church.