

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

Serve the LORD with gladness.
Psalm 100:2

In last month's newsletter I sent an impressive list of things Bereans would be involved in this Summer. Allow me to recap / report on these things.

June 23-28 - 5 Bereans attended Youth Camp at Cale. Our youth had a wonderful time, lots of fun, but most importantly spent the week with God, drawing closer to Him.

June 27-30 - 2 Bereans joined 2 from Shiloh to serve the campers at Red Springs Mission Camp. They had a wonderful time serving the Lord and serving the campers. For more detail watch our July 7th worship service on our website, or Facebook page.

July 14-18 - We held our first VBS since 2019 with many, many volunteers and many kids in attendance. The highlight of the week was seeing how many Youth were willing to give up their evenings to come and serve God and these little children. For more detail watch our July 21st worship service on our website, or Facebook page.

July 21-26 - 3 Bereans attended children's camp at Cale. They are there as I write this, but I am confident they are experiencing God and His creation in powerful ways!

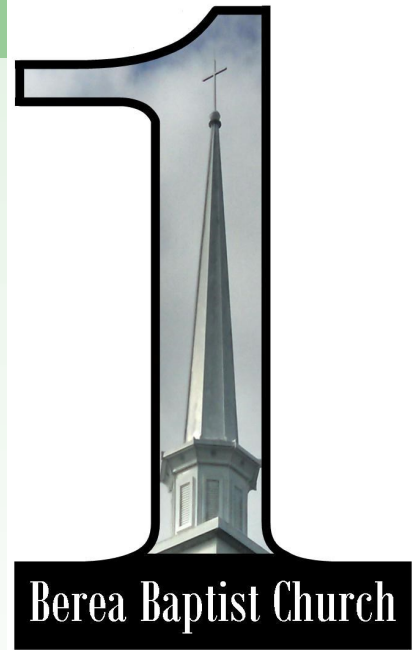
July 28-August 3 - 17 Bereans are, as you read this, serving the Lord in Philadelphia! Pray for them as they lead VBS and serve the many needs of this historic city.

July 28-August 3 - 1 Berean is going back to Red Springs to serve.

August 3-10 - ServeNC is an initiative of the Baptist State Convention of NC to organize our churches to serve their communities in intentional ways during this week. Over 1,100 NC Baptist churches have committed to serve! Berea already has a few projects planned, but what creative way could you serve your neighborhood during this week?

God has called all of us to serve Him. One of the best ways to do that is by serving His church and our community. This is not something you have to feel "called" to do, it's already His will, He wants you to do it! Take time, like right now, to pray and ask how He is calling you to serve.

Love you all,
Jason



August 2024

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Weekly Activities:

Sundays

- ★ 10:00am Sunday School
- ★ 11:00am Sunday Worship
- ★ 6:30pm Youth Bible Study-FLC

Wednesdays

- ★ 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- ★ 6:30pm Children's Summer program

August @ a Glance:

- ★ Business Meeting
8/11 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Deacon's Meeting
8/12 @ 7:00pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
8/21 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Church Council
8/25 @ 12:15pm



Frank Lilly— Chairman
 Steve Durham— Vice Chairman
 Gary Smith— Yeoman
 Mike Hanson— Reflections
 Fahey Harrell
 Bill Durham
 John Gregory
 Ross Tenny

Next Meeting August 12th @ 7:00pm.

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons

Such are the paths of all who make profit dishonestly; it takes the lives of those who receive it.
 Proverbs 1:19

God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.
 2 Corinthians 9:8

Greed and generous giving are polar opposites. You can have a lot of money and be flat broke spiritually. There are a whole lot of miserable rich people. That can happen when money becomes your god. But money is not the problem... it is the greed people have for money.

Some people hold money with the proper perspective. They use it as a gift from God to be used for His glory and our good. The wise have learned to hold it loosely. They are generous and help others. They give to support God's Kingdom work. The important thing to remember is that God knows the motives of your heart.

I think the Bereans have the proper perspective on money matters. Last month we had VBS for the first time in several years. We sent people to the mission field with generous support from the church body. We continue to support other mission fields in our own backyard and overseas (Camp Cale, our favorite Missionary, Baptist on Mission). We are preparing this month to do even more outreach to the community with ServeNC projects. What is God leading you to do? If you listen He will remove even more barriers to your service for His Kingdom.

Handyman Ministry

Berea
 Handyman Ministry



This ramp was built for Richard Humphries (now deceased). It enabled him to get out of the house via a motorized wheelchair.

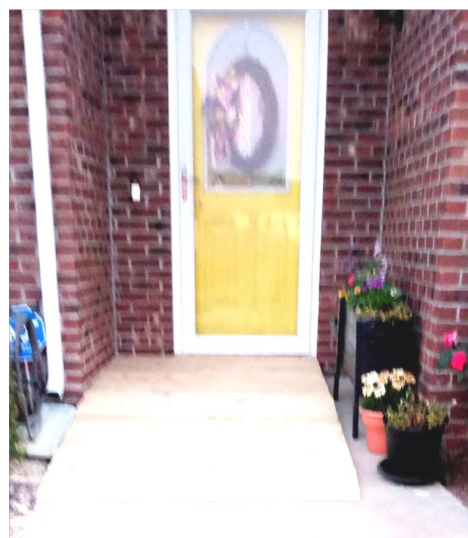


Dear Berea Church Members, Recently I had the good fortune of receiving services from Mr. Fahey Harrell through the Berea Baptist Church Handyman Ministry. I want you to know that the ramps built through this ministry will make an incredible difference in my life. I have been house bound for some time but as the result of your project I can now enjoy my flowers, the fresh air, and simply being outside again. I cannot express in words how grateful I am for this assistance. Your ministry is, and has been, a blessing for so many. Thank you so much for your commitment to others, and a very special thank you to Mr. Harrell and his team. God Bless you All!

With much gratitude,
 Pat Youngblood



We built two ramps for Pat Youngblood. One at her front door and one at her back door so she could get out of her house to enjoy nature.



Children's Ministry News



Fall is right around the corner and with the change in temperature we hope will arrive, comes AWANA! Mark your calendar for September 4 as the kick off for another amazing year in God's Word. Also make a special note that for the first time this year we will be offering dinner to our clubbers starting at 6:15. We can't wait to get started! See you there!



Youth Group News

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10 AM:

Join us as we continue our study of the book of James.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

is 6:30-8:30 in the FLC.

Pray for our Youth Mission Team as they serve in Philadelphia July 28-August 3



Isabelle Biter

Chris Lester

Jared Tenny

Judah Tenny

Noah Troxell

Emma Lee Wise

Timothy Bradshaw

Julia Lester

Jeremiah Tenny

Charlie Troxell

Leia Troxell

Samuel Wise

Dontrel Lee

Ryan Robinson

Joel Tenny

Jessica Troxell

Joshua Wise

Here's Where We Will Be, So You Know How To Pray!

Sunday 7/28

Departing from Berea @ 8am

Expected Arrival @ the Carriage House 3:30pm

Sunday Night - City Experience, Philadelphia Museum of Art

Monday 7/29

VBS Setup & Preparation 10am - 4pm

VBS from 6-8:30pm @ Salvation Army Roxborough

Tuesday 7/30

Share Food Project 1 - 4pm

Tasks include Senior Food Box Program, Produce

Sorting & Car Packing

VBS from 4:30 - 8:30pm @ SAR

Wednesday 7/31

Half Day Off Sightseeing @ King of Prussia

VBS from 4:30 - 8:30 @ SAR

Thursday 8/1

Maguire Residence - 10am - 1pm

Rowan Home - 2:30-4:30pm

Serving Water Ice and Hot Pretzels to

Neighborhood Children

VBS from 4:30 - 8:30pm @ SAR

Friday 8/2

Broad Street Love - 10am - 2pm

Meal Prep and Service

VBS from 4:30 - 8:30pm @ SAR

Saturday 8/3

Departing for Six Flags Bowie, MD - 8am

Return to Berea, Late!

VBS was so much FUN! We had over 40 kids come through the doors and learn about God and **6** that gave their life to Jesus! They learned through Science, Music, Arts & Crafts, Story Time, Play Time, Food Time and of course Assembly time. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that came out to help make it such a great success! Bring on next year!



Josiah, Jezreel, & Jubilee Tenny attended Camp Cale kids week. They look like they made some good friends and had fun!



BAPTISTS ON MISSION

Regional Rally

The Rally will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptist have to be involved in missions across our state, nation, and world. The rally is open to anyone who is interested in missions. This years Region Rally will be held on Monday August 19 with the meal starting at 5:45pm @ Edenton Baptist Church, 200 S Granville Street. Contact Mr. Fahey Harrell to save your place on the church van.

1,000+ Church's Commit to "ServeNC" as part of Statewide Initiative



More than 1,100 churches from across North Carolina have pledged to take part in a statewide initiative in early August that calls on church members to serve their local communities.

The "ServeNC" initiative, scheduled for Aug. 3-10, asks churches to meet the needs of their surrounding neighborhoods throughout that week. As of Monday, July 24, 1,125 churches have committed to participate, the majority of which are churches that partner with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

"'ServeNC' is an opportunity for churches across the state to partner together to love our neighbors as ourselves," said Todd Unzicker, who serves as the state convention's Executive Director-Treasurer. "We want our communities to know that we love them, we're here for them and we're ready to serve them as Jesus would."

The "ServeNC" initiative was announced in September 2023 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the board of directors of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which has facilitated the initiative in partnership with its auxiliary organization, Baptists on Mission. Since then, churches have prepared for "ServeNC" by signing up at servenc.com, where they could receive free resources, training and promotional materials to prepare for the event.

Churches participating in "ServeNC" span from Murphy to Manteo and can be found in 89 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Churches have been encouraged to participate in service projects that meet specific needs in their local communities. The result has been a diversity of projects planned for the week of Aug. 3-10, including back-to-school distributions, wheelchair ramp builds, free yard sales, food pantry projects and more.

Already, churches are reporting ways that "ServeNC" is making a positive impact in their communities. In Cumberland County, one pastor shared how "ServeNC" is acting as a rallying point for churches in the area, allowing churches to unite under a common cause.

"What we're aiming to see ... is unity within our community so that we can better serve and reach our community in Jesus' name," said Andrew Clark, pastor of Arran Lake Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

In May, Arran Lake hosted a regional "ServeNC" rally to give churches the chance to connect with local nonprofit organizations and ministries for opportunities to serve. As attendees heard and interacted with local community leaders, they were encouraged to consider what impact their church could make in the lives of their neighbors.

"If your church ceased to exist, would your community notice? Would they miss you?" Clark asked.

Other churches have found ways to partner through financial generosity. In the eastern part of the state, a church in Moyock partnered with its association, the Chowan Baptist Association, to commit more than \$60,000 to churches in the region that needed support for "ServeNC."

According to James Harrington, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Moyock, a season of financial blessing enabled his church to give \$1,000 to any neighboring church needing financial assistance to complete service projects for the initiative.

"With a little more money than we've had in the past, and being in pretty good shape, I don't think the Lord would be pleased with us ... to just sit and not utilize that money for some kind of ministry," Harrington said.

Churches that plan to participate in "ServeNC" have been encouraged to share their stories on social media using the hashtag #ServeNC. They can also share their stories with N.C. Baptists by emailing submissions@ncbaptist.org.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was established in 1830 as a way for churches to accomplish more for God's kingdom by working On Mission Together. The State Convention's purpose is "to assist the churches in their divinely appointed mission," according to its articles of incorporation. The State Convention works in partnership with its auxiliary ministry, Baptists on Mission, which exists "to glorify God by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name."

For more information about "ServeNC," visit: servenc.com.



THANK YOU!

Berea Baptist Church,
 Thank you all for the kind words, texts,
 phone calls, & messages during our time of
 bereavement. We really appreciate them.
 The Family of Ron Spadie

Dear Berea Family,
 Thank you so much to all of you who sent meals to feed my family
 while I was in the hospital after my surgery. The thoughtfulness and
 generosity helped alleviate a lot of stress! Also, thank you for all the
 texts checking on me and the many cards I received in the mail
 during my extensive recovery at home. Your prayers and
 encouragement were truly appreciated. I am forever thankful for
 our Berea family and the constant love shown!

Thank you so much!!
 Jessica Troxell

Dear Pastor Wise,

We wish to thank you and the members of your congregation for your generous gift made to the United Way's Community Care Collaborative (CCC). Your contributions have a direct impact on the local community and make it possible to provide services and programs to meet the needs of so many people. Every donation helps to fund necessary and life sustaining programs such as emergency and crisis assistance, health and wellness, youth development, and support for families and children. We work hand in hand with our partner agencies to improve and enhance the quality of life for those living in the Albemarle area.

This kindness shows how much you care about making a positive difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors right here in northeastern North Carolina. Please know how much we at the Albemarle Area United Way appreciate your desire to support these important programs and services.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with you into the future. Please accept our gratitude for loving your neighbor the United Way.

Sincerely,

Bill Blake, Executive Director of the Albemarle Area United Way.



ServeNC EVERY CHURCH. EVERY COMMUNITY.

AUGUST 3-10, 2024 Any project. Any day.

ServeNC is an opportunity for every NC Baptist church to love its community in Jesus' name through service projects. So far 1,125 churches signed up to participate!

If your church didn't exist, would your community notice? Whether it's painting a school, cleaning up a yard or serving meals to those in need, your church knows your community's specific needs and can choose the best project to make a difference through **ServeNC**. Berea is committed to being On Mission Together and displaying the gospel.

Please come out and help us serve our community!



GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

Success Stories



Albemarle Area United Way

"Larry" called our office in distress. He had just been released from the hospital and did not have a mattress to sleep on in his home. After making several calls, we were able to locate a mattress for "Larry" and have it delivered by some lovely volunteers to his home so that he had a comfortable place to rest while he recovers.

"Tiffany" suffered emotional and physical trauma from an attack while at her job, resulting in her being hospitalized, and eventually unable to work at her place of employment. While she has found a new job, she had to drain her savings account and now has an almost \$60k reduction in annual salary.

"Tiffany" faces a challenging journey ahead. Her physical injuries may have healed, but she understandably continues to experience fear and anxiety. Confronted with the threat of eviction, she sought assistance from our program.

CCC was able to help "Tiffany" navigate other available resources and prevent the eviction, while she secured a second and even third part-time job to supplement her loss of income and regain financial stability.

Berea partners with the Community Care Collaborative in meeting human needs by providing assistance to those facing temporary emergency crisis. To learn how you can offer additional support visit:

aunitedway.org/communitycarecollaborative.

Please join us in honoring the Beautiful Couple to be!

Amber and Rayman

Saturday August 17th @ 10:30 to 12:30

in the Family Life Center

Please RSVP to Ashley Wilson by August 10th

252-722-3212

The couple would love for you to share your favorite recipe.

Registry at Amazon and Target



We will have an organizational dinner meeting in August. Watch your Sunday bulletin for place and date.

Senior Adult Ministry

Monthly meeting will be on August 5th @ 1:00pm.

We will work on our ServeNC project then enjoy an Ice Cream Social!



CHOWAN BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Chowan Baptist Association Training Day

September 14, 8:30am-1:00pm

Corinth Baptist Church

1035 US HWY 17S. Elizabeth City, NC 27909



Church Business Meeting

August 11st @ 12:15pm

Church Council Meeting

August 25th @ 12:15pm

Church Fundraiser

FISH FRY

August 9th @ 6:00pm



Join us for a Fish Fry Picnic. The Church will be providing the fish and lemonade, please bring a side and/or dessert to round out the menu. We will also have a silent Auction to support Children to attend Camp Cale and Youth to go on the Mission Trip next year. Come on out and join us for fun and fellowship. We would love to see you there!





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| 1 Jay & Pamela Robinson | 13 Kathy Waters |
| Jubilee Tenny | 16 Dominic Thrasher |
| 2 Brittany Stickle | 17 Sam & Aline Mickey |
| 3 Robert Newell | 19 Suzanne Ennis |
| 7 John & Regina Quillin | 22 Cindy Oakey |
| Ed & Becky Winslow | Robin Temple |
| Lou Brickhouse | 24 Eddie Cartwright |
| Jessica Reed | Alice Lewis |
| 9 Matthew & Jessica Reed | 28 Stevie Northwood |
| Duck Chappell | 30 Emma Sue Smith |



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