

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

Serve the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:2

It is a privilege to serve the Lord! I am so thankful for the ways Berea serves Him near & far.

Thank You to the 45 VBS volunteers (15 of whom were teenagers) who faithfully served our children and helped them to be "On the Go with God."

Thank You to the 3 who spent a week in Spruce Pine serving the victims of Hurricane Helene with Baptist on Mission.

Thank You to the Youth and leaders who will be going to Philadelphia, showing us that we have all been "Built to Serve!"

Thank You to our Handyman Team, who continue to serve our area by providing Handicap Ramps for those who need them.

Thank You to the Robinsons (Jay, Pamela & Ryan) who have faithfully served God by serving Berea for these few short years we've been able to serve together. Thanks especially to Pamela for serving as our Church Secretary for 4 years. Your service will be greatly missed!

Thank You, also, to all the other Bereans who faithfully share God's love through acts of service and words of testimony in ways that no one will ever know but God.

Serving God is not only something we are commanded to do, it is something that should come naturally from the overflow of a thankful heart.

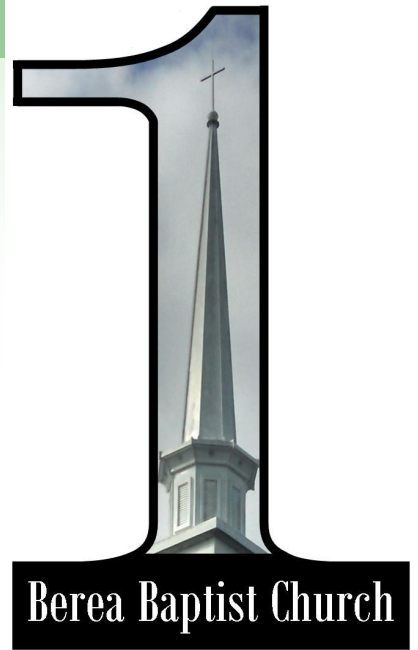
God's servant is reminded constantly of how undeserving they are of His love, how graciously He has forgiven them and how abundantly He has blessed them, and the only fitting response is to worship and to serve.

"We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). And so our love of others (and a willingness to serve them) becomes the evidence of God's goodness in our lives (John 13:35).

I am excited that Berea's service is an outward-facing service. The examples above, and innumerable more, show that we are not a huddled mass of God's children caring only for ourselves, but rather a missionary team God has prepared to be sent out to serve and to share His good news.

Have you been overwhelmingly forgiven and blessed? Have you joined the "team?" Have you heard God's call on your life to "serve [Him] with gladness?"

Love you all,
Jason



August 2025

Inside this issue:

- ★ Deacons' Reflections
- ★ Handyman Ministry
- ★ J Walkers
- ★ VBS In Pictures
- ★ Baptisms in Tennessee
- ★ Upcoming Events
- ★ Birthdays & Anniversaries

Weekly Activities:

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

- ★ 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- ★ 6:30pm Kid's Summer Program

August @ a Glance:

- ★ Deacon Election
8/3 @ 11:00am
- ★ Business Meeting
8/10 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Deacons Meeting
8/11 @ 7:00pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
8/20 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Church Council
8/24 @ 12:15pm

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons



Ross Tenny — Chairman
Mike Hanson — Vice Chairman
Steve Durham — Secretary
Don Alexander — Reflections
Bill Durham
John Gregory
Fahey Harrell
Frank Lilly
Matt Reed

Don't be afraid of them, for the LORD your God fights for you.

Deuteronomy 3:22 (CSB)

Whether it is a health, financial, relational, or spiritual war; our God goes to the front line for us. He is always triumphant. All we need to do is trust, *pray*, and rest in Him. As we exercise our faith, He really does have it all under control. No one can compete with the Lord Almighty and though Satan tries, he is nothing compared to our all powerful God. No matter what assails you, turn to your Deliverer, your heavenly Father, who will never allow you to be overcome.

Next Deacons' Meeting will be August 11st @ 7:00pm in the choir room.

Handyman Ministry



Lisa's husband had his leg amputated and needs a ramp to make it easier for Lisa to get him in/out of their house.



This ramp was built for Mrs. Iradene Lister. She has trouble walking and climbing steps. The material for this ramp was from one that we took down and modified. It didn't cost her anything. God is Good.



Lori Hanson has a broken ankle with a long recovery time. She needs a ramp to be able to get in/out of her house.

Children's Ministry News

Summer Ministry Program on Wednesday Nights from 6:30-8

This Summer's Theme is Bible Scavenger Hunt

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."

Donations needed! Juice Pouches like Kool Aid Jammers, Fruit Snacks, Popsicles, Pretzels, Goldfish, String Cheese, GoGurt, Fruit Cups, Individual Cups of Cinnamon Applesauce

Sunday School for Children & Youth - Sunday Mornings @ 10 am



Youth Group News



Youth Bible Study 6:30-8:30 Sunday Nights

Pray for our Youth Mission Team as they serve in Philadelphia August 3-9



Isabelle Biter	Jeremiah Tenny
Carolyn Bowman	Joel Tenny
Timothy Bradshaw	Judah Tenny
Dontrell Lee	Leia Troxell
Liam Nolan	Noah Troxell
Cameron Quigley	Ryan Robinson
Ryan Robinson	Emma Lee Wise
Jared Tenny	Sam Wise

Charlie & Jessica Troxell

Mission Trip Schedule for Prayers

Sunday 8:00am - Leave for Philly!
Monday Morning - VBS setup
Monday thru Friday Evening - Vacation Bible School
Tuesday & Friday - Serving Meals with Broad Street Love
Wednesday & Thursday - Packaging Food Boxes
Friday Afternoon - School Supply Distribution and Community Event
Saturday - Traveling Home



"I want to hit you in the nose," were the first words I heard when I walked over to speak with a young child, followed by flying shoes and intermittent screaming. It wasn't the prettiest scene, and it was one that is played out in children's classrooms all the time. Children (and youth) can be in one moment, loving and kind, and the next, well...not. It's a tough room to be in, when there is one who is struggling, and it can be multiplied in a hurry when a single child's scream becomes a part of what seems to be a choir of the like.

And yet, it's all worth it! It's all worth it to hear a child recite a verse of scripture, that's now deep down in their heart, or to see a moment break through where they recognize how much their Heavenly Father loves them. It's all worth it when after days, weeks, months or even years a child, perhaps now a teen or adult, recognizes a need for a Savior and puts their trust in Jesus.

In scripture Jesus showed how important children were to Him. As He was in the middle of teaching, people were trying to introduce their children to Jesus when the disciples began turning them away. In that moment, Jesus didn't begin a new lesson, or address some deep "adults only" topic, instead He embraced the children. Jesus looked at them and saw ones He loved, ones who were important, and He called them to Himself. Let us emulate Jesus and reach out to those He has demonstrated His love for, and call them in. Let us continue to prioritize children, as He did. Even today, seek ways to reach out, perhaps outside of your comfort zone to show the love of our Heavenly Father to those that need it, even the little children.

Further Reading: Matthew 19:13-14

Would you ever have questions or need anything, please feel free to contact Pastor Charlie - (252) 333-4242.

Road Trip VBS Update!

Thank you to each and every one of our 45 volunteers for your help. Your collective efforts contributed to an amazing week of VBS where children were able to learn the truth that God loves them and desires to have a relationship with them. Once again, thank you!

“The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Here are some pictures from our week of VBS...



Tennessee church's creek baptisms ignite revival



Contributed photo.

Olivia Smith raises her arms in celebration after being baptized. With her on the left is Ron Taylor, pastor of Keith Springs Baptist Church.

BELVIDERE, Tenn. — It started with one boy's simple wish: to be baptized like Jesus in natural water. That desire eventually led to a day of faith that brought 22 people to the banks of Boiling Fork Creek.

Last month, Keith Springs Baptist Church held what many are calling a small revival, as nearly two dozen people were baptized in the flowing waters of a creek on the Money family property in Franklin County.

The story began months earlier when Pastor Ron Taylor found himself in prayer, asking God how to better lead his congregation.

"I heard God saying in prayer, 'Start raising up the next generation and their kids,'" Taylor recalled.

Soon young families with children began attending Keith Springs Baptist. Among them was Zachariah Smith, the first young person to give his heart to Jesus under Taylor's ministry.

When Zachariah spoke with his pastor about baptism, he made a request. "He wanted to be baptized like Jesus in nature," Amy Smith, Zachariah's mom, explained.

Over the following months leading up to the church's Vacation Bible School (VBS), more children and adults made decisions to follow Christ. Many, inspired by Zachariah's example, also expressed desires to be baptized in a creek rather than in the church baptistry.

The church planned a special picnic and baptismal service as part of their VBS family day. Joe and Jean Money opened their property, allowing the congregation to use Boiling Fork Creek for the event.

For Amy, watching Zachariah get baptized was overwhelming.

"I was overjoyed," she said. "I didn't know I could feel anything like that as a parent." Her other son was also among the 22 baptized that day.

The Smith family has attended Keith Springs for four years, and Taylor had previously baptized Amy when she gave her life to Christ. Witnessing the mass baptism brought the experience full circle.

"It was an amazing experience watching everyone come forward to get baptized," Amy said. "It was like a revival for your soul."

Roc Collins, evangelism team leader for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, sees small revivals like this as proof that traditional evangelism remains effective across the state.

"It's great to hear of God's Spirit working in churches of all sizes across Tennessee," he said. "Sharing the gospel still works.

"Our Lord is not looking for the people or places with the most ability but rather the people and places who are available for Him to work through them."



J. Walkers June Meeting

Please join us for our August 18th Meeting
in the OFH @ 10:30am.



BAPTISTS ON
MISSION

REGION 1 RALLY
Winton Baptist Church
Monday August 18, 2025
Meal - 5:45pm
Mission Program - 6:50-8:30pm

BAPTISTS ON
MISSION

These rallies (10 of them) will highlight the variety of opportunities NC Baptists have to be involved in missions across our state, in our nation, and around the world. Featured will be worship, testimony, mission videos, and a prayer time for missions. These rallies are for men, women and youth-everyone interested in missions is encouraged to attend. A main focus of these rallies will be state, national, international partnerships and projects (including Disaster Relief) and the NC Missions Offering.

A meal is provided for the NC Mission Rallies at no charge.



Church Business Meeting

August 10th @ 12:15pm

Church Council Meeting

August 24th @ 12:15pm



Women on Mission
2025-26 Organizational Dinner Meeting:
Tuesday August 18th, 6pm in the OFH.
Come join us. We have great Mission Oriented programs beginning in September; monthly Mission projects; Christian fellowship.



We will be hosting a Farewell Luncheon for Pamela on Sunday, August 17 following Worship. The church will be providing Fried Chicken and tea, you are asked to bring a side and dessert.



Berea Work Day is August 9th @ 10:00am
We will finish up the work that was started on the Parsonage last month. Please come out and help us beautify Berea!



Join us in serving our community the week of August 2-9. We have many projects going on at the church, such as Meals on Wheels and our Handyman Ministry. Please look out for ways that you can serve your community. Maybe cutting a persons grass, taking a neighbor to the store, visiting a shut-in, or taking a tired mom out for a lunch with no kids, or cooking dinner for her and the kids.

Find a way to **Serve** those around you.



GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
Success Stories



Albemarle Area United Way

Summer is here—and we're feeling the heat!

While many look forward to beach trips and time outdoors with loved ones, it's important to remember that not everyone has the luxury of time off work or even reliable transportation. We're currently working with a man whose story highlights just how essential programs like CCC are. After a serious accident totaled his car, he lost his job simply because he had no way to get there. Now, living in a remote area, he *walks seven hours to earn just \$11.50 an hour at the only job he could find.*

CCC is a lifeline for individuals like him. Every dollar raised is used wisely to directly support families in need. In his case, we've referred him to EIC to get on the waitlist for a housing voucher and are actively seeking a used vehicle to help him regain stability. Thankfully, his landlord has shown compassion and flexibility—but with monthly rent at \$800, his current income barely scratches the surface of what's needed for housing, utilities, or a car payment.

We all face challenges. And we all experience victories. But let's never forget how fragile that balance can be. One unexpected event can change everything.

Please consider sharing CCC with friends and family—and give if you're able. This program is close to our hearts for a reason. Below are just two success stories... and behind the scenes, there are so many more.

"Sheila", a devoted single mother living with Lupus, has been doing her best to manage her own health while caring for her daughter, who lives with a disability. The challenges they face each day are immense—and when Sheila fell behind on rent while waiting for disability benefits to be approved, the threat of eviction loomed large.

Thanks to your generous support, CCC was able to step in at a critical moment. Your contributions helped cover Sheila's past-due rent, ensuring that she and her daughter could stay in their home and continue moving forward with stability and hope.

When a family suddenly lost both their grandfather and father, they were overwhelmed with unexpected funeral costs on top of their grief. During this heartbreaking time, CCC was able to step in and help cover a portion of the expenses—allowing the family the space to mourn their loved ones without added financial strain.

Your generosity made this support possible. Thank you for bringing relief and compassion when it was needed most.

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:

aaunitedway.org/communitycarecollaborative.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES


Let's celebrate together!

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Jay & Pamela Robinson | 16 Dominic Thrasher |
| Jubilee Tenny | 17 Sam & Aline Mickey |
| 2 Brittany Stickle | Donnie Byrd |
| 7 John & Regina Quillin | 22 Cindy Oakey |
| Ed & Becky Winslow | Robin Temple |
| Lou Brickhouse | Amber Vallas |
| Jessica Reed | 24 Eddie Cartwright |
| 9 Matt & Jessica Reed | Alice Lewis |
| Duck Chappell | 30 Emma Sue Smith |
| 13 Kathy Waters | 31 Isabelle Biter |

Berea Baptist Church

2033 North Road Street
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Find us on the Web: www.bereaone.org

Like Us On 

facebook.com/bereaone.org
facebook.com/bereastudentministry
facebook.com/bereabaptistchildreministry

Email Us: office@beraone.org

Contact Us:
Phone: (252) 338-8128
Fax: (252) 335-7524

Regular Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
9:00am – 2:00pm

 beraone.org

Non-Profit Organization
US Postage Paid
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Permit #2