

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

"What man among you, who has 100 sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the 99 in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Luke 15:4

Despite the fact that the heading (to the right) says this is the "December" edition of "BereaOne Life," I find myself still focused on the Thanksgiving portion of the Holiday season. I'll be saving my Christmassy comments and the requisite reminder to support our annual "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions" for my Christmas letter (guess I'm committed to that one now, huh?).

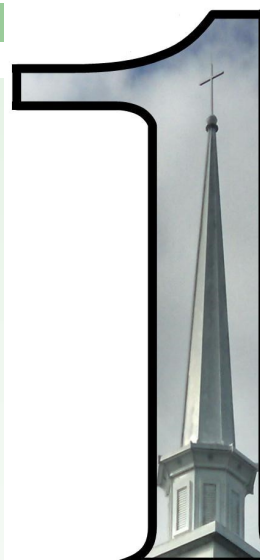
A moment of reflection on some of the things for which I am thankful:

- Jesus who Died to set me free, Lives to give me strength & Reigns to give power to the message He has called me to preach.
- My wonderful family of 5+(?). A loving wife, 3 precious kids and the prospect of adding (via adoption) in the coming year.
- My awesome extended family. Parents who somehow make it to more Sporting Events than I do and love on their grandkids every chance they get!
- Coaches, Fans and venues that make all of our kids Sporting ventures possible. Our Sluggers baseball family, ECMS Football, Church & ECMS (maybe) Basketball, YMCA swim staff and more.
- Our loving and generous Church Family. You all support us through everything. You let me be Dad/Husband (and sometimes Coach) first and Pastor second. You have taught me what "Pastor Appreciation" means and you are there to serve Berea & Jesus ALL...THE...TIME!!!
- Our welcoming Church Family. Over the past 3 ¾ years we have seen a lot of growth in our church family. Unfortunately, we have also seen some loss which keeps our numbers holding steady. I have seen you all welcome new families, lead them to worship & grow and work to assimilate them into the Berean family. For this I am both thankful and proud of you!
- Finally, one thing I am pre-thankful for:
I believe we are taking (will take) seriously God's challenge that *Each 1, Reach 1, For the 1.** I believe we are compassionately seeking an answer to *Who's my 1?** I believe we will emulate the Good Shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it."

This is the Heart of your Berea. This is your Mission. This is your Purpose. This is your Challenge. Whether you are one of the constant faithful, or one of the 1s who needs to be re-found I am thankful to join *you* on this journey to grow God's Kingdom right here at Berea.

Love You All, Jason.

*If you missed any of the sermons in this series watch them on our website bereaone.org



Berea Baptist Church

DECEMBER
2017

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Wilton Bray - Reflections
Steve Durham - Vice Chairman
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Doug Pritchard
Richard Seymour
Mark Wall - Secretary

Next Meeting:
Monday, December 11, 2017
Bring "Finger Foods"

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons

*When we spend time with God in the morning, we will
enjoy His love all day long!*

**Satisfy us in the morning with Your faithful love so
that we may shout with joy and be glad all our days.**
Psalm 90:14

Goal Exceeded by Nearly 20 Boxes!!

Berea's Goal: 75 Shoeboxes

Delivered: 92 Shoeboxes

"Each Shoebox is a Missionary"



On behalf of children around the world, thanks to each of you who contributed to Berea's Shoebox collection, whether you filled a box or helped in the shipping cost. May God richly bless you.

More than 150,000 volunteers will serve at Operation Christmas Child's 8 processing centers and over 4,000 local collection sites. Processing centers are in Charlotte, Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas-Fort Worth, Minneapolis, Denver, Honolulu, and Orange County, California. Shoeboxes are not the only thing being processed at these sites. God is working in the lives of the volunteers through the work that's being done there.

Something as simple as a Shoebox, a very humble offering, and God can change the life of the person who packs the box, the people who process the box, the child who receives the box, the community where the child lives--God can do all that through really simple offerings. As the Shoebox is handed out, each child will be offered "The Greatest Gift" booklet that introduces the Gospel. The next step is to enroll millions of children in The Greatest Journey to help them grow in faith and share the Gospel where they live.

Christmas Eve Service

*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
6:00pm*

Begin your Christmas celebration with a time of reflection on the true meaning of Christmas as we gather together on Christmas Eve to sing favorite carols, hear from God's word and most importantly rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior who came so that we might have abundant life! Join us Sunday, December 24 at 6:00pm as we worship together.

O LITTLE TOWN of BETHLEHEM

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA
presented by our Chancel Choir
Sunday, December 24 @ 11:00am.



Students, You Can Serve Now... Here's Where:

- ✦ **Children's Church/Awana**
Talk to Mrs. Jessica for Opportunities with our Cubbies
- ✦ **Puppet Ministry**
Meet's Tuesday Nights @ 5:15, for more information talk to Mrs. Kathy

Upcoming Youth Opportunities:

- ✦ **LunchTIME for Berea Baptist Church Homeschool Students**
December 22 @ 10:45am (meet at church to deliver meals with lunch to follow)
- ✦ **Sunday Morning Breakfast provided by Youth & EDGE Sunday School**
December 10
February 11
- ✦ **Youth Christmas Party**
December 10 – @ the Troxell's House – Starts @ 5 pm
- ✦ **Sunday Morning Bible Study**
10:00am – 11:00am
- ✦ **Wednesday Night Bible Study**
6:30pm – 8:00pm



Christmas is my favorite time of year. If you're looking for proof, look no further than the fact that my favorite movie is White Christmas, I listen to Christmas music year round and if my wife would let me we would stay decorated year round, complete with a tree and lights on the house. My memories of Christmas take me back to my childhood where I remember waking up early on a Christmas morning and walking out into

the living room to see the six foot long U.S.S. Flagg sitting in the living room. Memories of Christmas Eve at Grandmas and driving up to see Granddad in Richmond, and trips to Coleman's to pick out an ornament with my parents. Most of all I remember the love that was shared throughout the season. Every year I remember fewer and fewer gifts from those Christmases long ago, but one thing I will never forget is how much my parents loved me. There was nothing like it, and I pray that one day my children will look back with the same fond memories of their time spent with my wife and I at Christmas.

This year I challenge you to make some memories. Spend time with those you love. Maybe it's hot chocolate and a good movie, maybe it's driving around to see the lights to the sound of your favorite Christmas tunes (feel free to drive by and see our lights) or maybe it's a simple meal with those you love. It's not the "what" that is important, it's the "who!"

So from all the Troxells, may you enjoy the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ, and may this Christmas be spent making beautiful memories with those you love the most! Enjoy the music, the lights, the movies, and above all of those enjoy each other. Praying for the Lord's blessings to be poured out on you this Christmas. We love you and Merry Christmas!

Just for fun! My Top 10 Christmas Movies for you to enjoy with your friends and family:

1. White Christmas (#1 on all my lists)
2. Home Alone I & II
3. Charlie Brown Christmas
4. The Grinch
5. The Santa Clause
6. The Polar Express
7. Holiday Inn
8. A Christmas Story
9. It's a Wonderful Life
10. Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer & Frosty the Snowman

~ **Pastor Charlie (252)333-4242 mobile**



December's Ministry Opportunities

Weekly Activities

Sundays

- ✳ 9:20am Breakfast
 - ✳ 10:00am Sunday School
 - ✳ 11:00am Worship
 - ✳ 5:00pm Chancel Choir
- Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays
- ✳ 10:00am Open Exercise

Tuesdays

- ✳ 5:15pm Puppets

Wednesdays

- ✳ 6:30pm Children/Youth
- ✳ 7:00pm Bible Study

December at a Glance

- ✳ Baptist Men's Breakfast
12/3 @ 7:30am
- ✳ Church Council
12/4 @ 7:00pm
- ✳ Baptist Men Bell Ringing @
Farm Fresh
12/5 @ 3:00pm
- ✳ Partners in Christ Party
12/8 @ 6:30pm
- ✳ Business Meeting
12/10 @ 12:15pm
- ✳ Youth Party
12/10 @ 5:00pm
- ✳ Deacon's Meeting
12/11 @ 7:00pm
- ✳ TEL Party
12/12 @ 6:00pm
- ✳ Agape WOM
12/12 @ 6:30pm
- ✳ Church Christmas Party
12/17 @ 6:00pm
- ✳ Senior Ministry
12/21 @ 12:00pm
- ✳ Youth "LunchTIME"
12/22 @ 10:45am
- ✳ Christmas Cantata
12/24 @ 11:00am
- ✳ Christmas Eve Service
12/24 @ 6:00pm
- ✳ **CHRISTMAS DAY**
12/25
- ✳ No Wednesday Activities
12/27
- ✳ Building & Grounds
12/28 @ 7:00pm



Baptist on Missions

Baptist Men's Breakfast:

Sunday, December 3 @ 7:30am



December 21

Lunch @ Track 1

Meet @ church @ 11:30am

Program to follow.



Women on Missions

Monthly Meeting:

Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:30pm

Chris Mooring's House

Bring your favorite party food and a gift for "dirty" Santa!



December 10 @ 12:15pm



Sunday, December 17

6:00pm

Please bring your favorite finger food and come join the fun!

October Sanctuary Flowers

December 3	In memory of the Mathis and Bray families by Wilton & Virginia Bray.
December 10	In memory of Thomas & Ruth Speller and my husband, Joseph "Wiley" Cahoon by Sandra Cahoon.
December 17	Decorated for Christmas.
December 24	Decorated for Christmas.
December 31	In memory of our parents by Doug & Lois Rogerson.



Thank You

Thank you Jason and Church Family for all the prayers, cards, calls, and hugs received during the loss of my sister. This has been a difficult year, losing three sisters in seven months, but Praise God for His care and love through it all. (2Corinthians 1:3)

In Christian Love,
Edith & Dave Kelsick

We want to take this opportunity to thank Jason, our church family and friends for their constant prayers, cards and visits during my illness. We were blessed beyond words and are truly grateful for your support.

Thank You,
Garland Sanders & Family

The members of the Bethany Bible Class would like to say a special Thank you to the "secret someones" who leave the special surprises for us. We are so blessed by your kindness. Thank you for the love you show and for thinking of us.

In Christ's Love,
The Members of Bethany Bible Class



New Security Measures in Place

The safety of our church family and guests is of the utmost importance to us. For this reason, all doors with the exception of those leading into the back of the sanctuary will be locked after the start of services. If you need to enter the building after this time, please proceed to these doors and one of our ushers will be happy to greet and assist you. It is our hope that this minor change will place very little inconvenience on our church body while providing them with the peace of mind many may need in order to open their hearts, minds and lives to the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Let's celebrate together



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|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Aaron Miller | 11 Daniel Bundy | 23 Dave Kelsick |
| 2 Barbara Tidd | Lee Hill | James Tenny |
| 3 Rick Romaine | Phil Pritchard | 24 Josie Hall |
| Chellie Wise | 13 Terrie Gay | Julie Martin |
| 5 Gary Gordon | Richard Seymour | 25 Penny Elmore |
| David Mooring | 14 Ann Davis | 26 Ike & Earlene Harris |
| 6 Brookelyn Johnson | Mary Pritchard | 28 Faith Long |
| Amy Langley | 15 Emma Lee Wise | Ryan Pierce |
| Tracy Markham | Jason & Michelle Wise | Dickie & Vickie Sanders |
| Joshua Tenny | 16 Jerry Boyce | Ray Vallas |
| 7 Tiffany Quigley | Josiah Tenny | 29 Paula Keith |
| 8 Danny Sawyer | 17 Ross Tenny | Joseph Martin |
| 10 Charles Lewis | 18 Alan Harrell | 30 Breannah Newman |
| Robert Nall | Coleen Turner | Carolyn Sanders |
| | Gladys Vallas | 31 Cathy Hooker |
| | 19 Olivia Spence | Kevin & Tiffany Quigley |
| | Savanna Spence | |
| | 20 Michelle Harris | |
| | 21 Kristina Lamielle | |
| | Ross & Charlene Tenny | |

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