

# BereaOne Life

## WISE Musings

Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshiped, saying: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will leave this life. The LORD gives, and the LORD takes away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:20-21

The Lord's blessings are innumerable! He is so good to us! He blesses us in tangible ways every... single... day!

But is that the only reason we worship? Is that why we believe, because He gives us stuff? I hope not.

We worship God, because He is God. He is the only One worthy of our dedication, our worship, our... well... everything.

God is worthy of worship if He gives you a healthy family and millions in the bank. But God is *equally* worthy of worship after the terminal diagnosis and bankruptcy.

At Berea we have been blessed in wonderful ways of late.

We continue to see guests and new members come to our services, Youth Group and Awana.

We have, at last count, 76 individuals participating in our "Journey Through His Word."

Our basketball ministry is now a month into their season with about 25 athletes who knew very little about Berea prior to the season.

Our partnerships with Pan de Vida and New Life Athletics continue to bear much fruit for Berea and, more importantly, for the Kingdom.

Our generosity extends well beyond our facilities in our giving to international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Berea has doubled our initial goal of \$10,000! Every penny of this money goes overseas to support the spread of the Gospel in hard to reach places. We even received a "Thank You" video from our favorite Missionary for our continued and growing support January 5.

The story of Job's faithfulness is a familiar one. In the verses above we see that Job continued to worship God through his suffering. In Job's situation would we worship, or do we have a fair-weather faith?

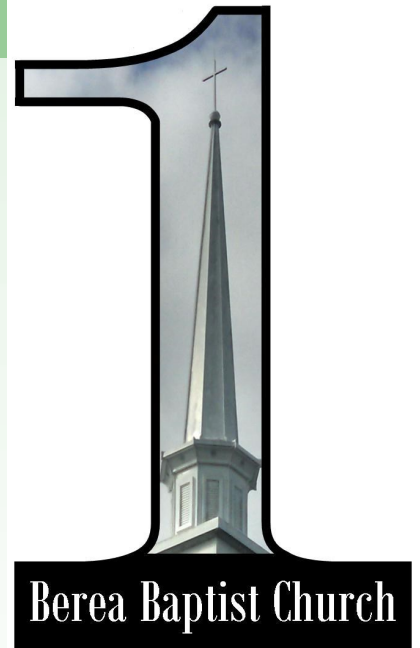
Life quickly teaches us that if we are only going to be content, joyful and thankful in good times, then we are going to endure a miserable existence. But if we can look at this life in the light of eternity, we realize that our joy comes from something much deeper than our current situation.

For Berea, God has been good. He has blessed us immensely. He has given and we have been faithful to return our thanks. I pray the good times will continue.

Yet we all have learned treasure can be taken away, health will eventually disappear, life here will come to an end.

I pray that we will look up and boisterously echo with Job: "Blessed be the name of the LORD!"

Love you all,  
Jason



## February 2025

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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
- ★ 6:15pm Awana

### February @ a Glance:

- ★ Business Meeting  
2/9 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Berea Basketball  
2/15 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Baptist On Missions Rally  
2/18 @ 5:45pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline  
2/19 @ 12:00pm



## Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons

Why do you look at the splinter in your brother's eye but don't notice the beam of wood in your own eye?

Matthew 7:3

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

How many times have we been unpleasantly surprised by someone's words or deeds? Every good thing known about that person was now brought into question. After all, we would never say or act like they did. We judge and lack compassion which is exactly the opposite of our Heavenly Father. Judge not, but instead choose to be filled with understanding and forgiveness.

Next Deacons' Meeting will be February 10<sup>th</sup> @  
7:00pm in the choir room.

## Handyman Ministry



This ramp was built for David Scott's mother-in-law who has difficulty climbing steps.



Teresa needed a ramp so she could get her mother to the doctor.



*Thank You!*

Dear Berea Members,  
Please accept our donation as a thank you to Mr. Harrell and the members of the "ramp project." This is such a special help to those in need of this assistance. Their work in providing a ramp has made a huge difference in my life. I can't thank you enough.

Blessings to all,  
Pat YoungBlood



Mrs. Overton needed a ramp to be able to get her daughter out of the house for doctor appointments.



## Children's Ministry News

### Awana on Wednesday Nights from 6:30-8

#### Awana Grand Prix - April 12 - 5-8pm

As spring draws near we look forward to some of the exciting nights and events ahead. March 5 will be "Pennies for the Gospel" night. That evening our clubbers will be encouraged to bring in loose change for our favorite Missionary. Our goal is to raise \$100 dollars with every penny going towards the ministry of ME. Then we look with great anticipation to April 12th and the Awana Grand Prix. Pine cars are just \$8 each and must be purchased through Berea and adhere to the rules and specifications of the Awana Grand Prix. The evening will be marked with a trackside experience for clubbers and their families as we enjoy hot dogs and full throttle racing!

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

### Awana Schedule

February 5<sup>th</sup> - Twin

February 12<sup>th</sup> - Scribbles & Nibbles

February 19<sup>th</sup> - Fashion Disaster

February 26<sup>th</sup> - Big Box City

Thank you for your continued support of Awana.



## Youth Group News



### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Trek for Middle School Students - Wednesday Nights during Awana

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10 AM

August 2-9 - Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

All Students, 6th grade and above, are welcome to join us every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC, as we share a meal together, shoot hoops, play games and study God's Word.

### Youth Supper

You can also sponsor a youth supper night! Contact Charlie or Jessica for details.



Over the years as a head coach, I've been on the sideline for more than 450 games. Throughout that time there have been a lot of big moments. Rivalry games that came down to the final few plays, buzzer beaters both for and against, and a countless number of coaching decisions to be second guessed. Like any sport you watch or participate in, I have often been left on the edge of my seat (if I sat down that is) with anxious thoughts of what will, what is, and what could have been.

While silly to compare these moments to day to day real life, it is a small glimpse of what we may often feel like throughout the day. However, scripture speaks to both the silly and the real life, when it tells us not to be worried (or be anxious) about anything. Instead we are instructed to bring everything through prayer, with a dose of thanksgiving, and that means everything, to our Heavenly Father. From the small

and seemingly insignificant, to the most harrowing and daunting tasks and decisions, God wants us to bring it all to Him.

It's at that moment, when we have truly given it all to God, that He steps in and gives us peace. Not just any peace, but supernatural peace that will surpass our understanding of peace. So how about you? What are you dealing with right now that causes you to worry? Consider this very moment to be the moment God has ordained to bring peace into your life, and fully commit to giving all your worries to God.

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 CSB

Further Reading: Psalm 34:4; John 14:27

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



The J Walkers will be going to Camp Cale's Valentine Luncheon this year. Any Senior Adult interested in going can sign up with Pam Price. (FYI: Chicken Pastry is Pot Pie)



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: 'The Great Pursuit'

Berea's Collected Total:

**\$20,033.00**

Thank you for so generously funding  
Missionaries and Mission Work  
around the world.



### 2025 Disaster Relief Training

NC Baptists on Mission Disaster Response Training is available to all believers who have a passion to serve others. Disaster response is a unique mission experience because of the sudden nature of the event, difficult conditions, and high expectations from other relief organizations and survivors. We hope you desire to serve God in this type of ministry and that you will fulfill that desire through NC Baptists on Mission Disaster Response.

Rocky Hock Baptist Church, Edenton, NC

February 22, 2025 from 8:30am - 3:00pm (Lunch provided)

\$40 - includes PDF training manual, hat, shirt, ID badge, background check (if needed), meal, and temporary accident insurance.

To sign up go to:

[baptistsonmission.org/Training/Disaster-Relief-Training](http://baptistsonmission.org/Training/Disaster-Relief-Training)



Fried Chicken Luncheon on February 23 right after the Morning Worship Service. Chicken and tea will be provided, please bring sides and desserts. We hope to see you there!

### 2025 Missions Rallies for Men, Women, & Youth

You are invited to the February 18, 2025

Regional Missions Rally

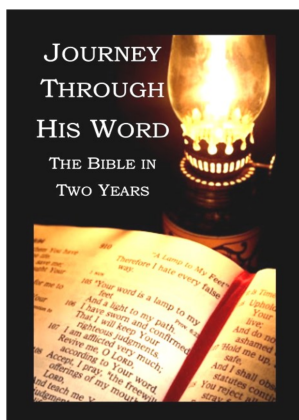
Come join us for a night of mission inspiration as we learn what God is doing through NC Baptists around the world. There will be worship, testimonies, videos, and information on Mission opportunities. Dinner is provided. This year it will be held right here at **Berea Baptist Church**. If you would like to attend, please sign up at **BaptistonMission.org** by Feb. 10th.



We would like to wish  
**Mrs. Virginia Gordon** a  
Very Happy **100th** Birthday  
on February 22!



Berea is on a "Journey Through His Word" in 2025 & 2026. These books were written by our very own Pastor Jason and will help us read through the Bible in two years with better understanding. If you would like to join us on this journey please call the office to get your books.



### J. Walkers Ministry

Camp Cale's Valentine Luncheon on Friday, February 14th will take the place of our monthly meeting. Please sign up with Pam Price if interested in going to the Luncheon.



#### February 1 at Gates County High School

Beulah vs Berea K-2 @ 1:00pm  
Sandy Cross vs Gatesville K-2 @ 2:00pm  
Beulah vs Berea 3-5 @ 3:00pm  
Sandy Cross vs Gatesville 3-5 @ 4:00pm  
Sandy Cross vs Gatesville 6-8 Boys @ 5:00pm

#### February 8 at Gates County High School

Gatesville vs Beulah K-2 @ 1:00pm  
Gatesville vs Beulah 3-5 @ 2:00pm

#### February 15 at Berea

Berea vs Gatesville K-2 @ 1:00pm  
Sandy Cross vs Beulah K-2 @ 2:00pm  
Berea vs Gatesville 3-5 @ 3:00pm  
Sandy Cross vs Beulah 3-5 @ 4:00pm  
Berea vs Gatesville 6-8 Boys @ 5:00pm

#### February 22 at Berea

Teams to be announced. Games will be from 1:00pm - 5:00pm.

Coaches for the Berea Teams are as follows:  
K-2nd grades - Kelsey Douglas; 3rd-5th grades  
- Greg Newell; 6th-8th grades - Riley Hudson

Our Puppet Team's Sunday rehearsals are starting back on February 2. They meet from 4:30-6:15pm. If you are interested in joining the team or have any questions please contact Ross Tenny.



#### Women on Mission

Meeting this month will be the Mission Rally on Tuesday, February 18th. Pre registration is required for the meal @ 5:45pm. Meeting starting at 6:50pm in the Sanctuary is open to anyone.



**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.**

## Success Stories



Albemarle Area United Way

"**Mark**" had a well-paying job that covered his monthly expenses. After suffering a back injury, he was out of work for a month to recover. During this time, he couldn't pay his full rent and received an eviction notice. Fortunately, CCC stepped in to cover part of his overdue rent, preventing the eviction. Once he was cleared to return to work, he regained his financial stability."

"**Allison**" was hospitalized with pneumonia, causing her to miss work. Although she managed to gather enough money for her rent, she fell behind on her utility bill. She reached out to CCC for assistance, and they covered her past due bill. Allison recovered from her illness, returned to work, and became self-sufficient again."

*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](http://aunitedway.org/communitycarecollaborative).



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES


Let's celebrate together!

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|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Cindy Sawyer           | 11 | Doug Pritchard        |
| 6  | Jennifer Durham Martin | 12 | Joshua Wise           |
| 7  | Melanie Edwards        | 15 | Richard Martin        |
|    | Donna Pritchard        | 20 | Toni Troxell          |
| 8  | Willie Godfrey         | 22 | Virginia Gordon (100) |
| 10 | Bonnie Chappell        | 24 | Ed Winslow            |
|    | Easton Stickle         | 25 | Chris Mooring         |

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