

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the LORD be praised.
Psalm 113:3

A new year can often bring a fresh start. There's no more separation between December 31 and January 1 than any other pass from 11:59pm to 12:00am, but it sure does feel like it. New Year's resolutions can be the kick in the pants we need to make necessary life changes and some of them actually do last beyond January 2. Making a concerted effort, with a definite start date, is a great way to grow closer to the Lord, your gym, or your optimal belt size.

Have you made any resolutions this year? Do you have any big ones you're considering? If you've been around Berea in the last few weeks you've heard a lot about this, but let me make one more pitch to add a resolution to read the whole Bible in two years.

Starting January 1 Berea will be taking a "Journey Through His Word." This "journey" is a commitment to read the Bible every day along with a single-page devotional I have written to accompany that day's reading.

Our reading will begin in Genesis, obviously, and continue chronologically through the rest of the Biblical text. That means we will read the stories in the order they happened instead of the order the books made it into our Bibles.

Each day we will read two chapters in the Old Testament along with the devotional I've written, until we reach the New Testament where the reading load will reduce to just one chapter per day. This "journey" will give us a clear picture of the full message of the Bible and will deeply enrich our understanding of the faith.

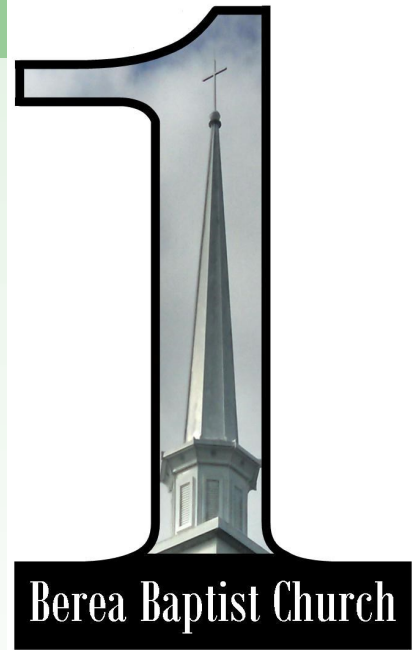
To help bolster what we've read, each Sunday & Wednesday our messages will be focused on some of the material we have read the previous week (they will be different). This will help to add accountability and fellowship to daily individual reading.

God speaks in a variety of ways. We are wise to pay attention to the Spirit's guidance, prayer, the wisdom of other believers and even our circumstances to hear God's plan, but each of these must be taken "with a grain of salt." Our own minds can trick us into thinking we've heard something we haven't, or that bad advice is supernatural leadership.

In the Bible we have God's words. They haven't changed. They won't change. They can't be misheard by weak ears, or misunderstood by a "hangry" mind. They are right there in black and white (and sometimes red) to be read, studied and lived.

You NEED to read and study God's word! Will you join us in this "Journey Through His Word"? If you want more information, or to sign up to get a book, please contact the church office or talk with me any Sunday morning.

Love you all,
Jason



January 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

January @ a Glance:

- ★ **NO** Business Meeting
- ★ Deacons' Meeting
1/13 @ 7:00pm
- ★ Church Council
1/19 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
1/22 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Pot Pie Luncheon
1/26 @ 12:15pm



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

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!
Psalm 139:23-24

Sometimes we don't pay much attention to the words we use, or our delivery, leaving us on the brink of breaking someone's heart. When we eventually realize how careless our conversation was, we shudder. Thankfully, we have a mercy seat where we can repent. If we want to love others for Jesus, we must think before we speak.

Next Deacons' Meeting will be January 13th @ 7:00pm
in the choir room.

Handyman Ministry



Mrs. Williams is taking care of her 87 yr old mother who is in a wheelchair. This ramp makes it easier to get her in/out of the house. This ramp was paid for by Albemarle Commission.



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 contact Mike Hanson or Fahey Harrell by Feb. 9th.



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



Children's Ministry News

Awana on Wednesday Nights from 6:30-8

It is hard to believe that the Awana calendar is nearing the midpoint, so we have seen new and returning clubbers continue to move through their books, earning uniforms and awards while learning the truths that are found within the pages of God's Word. We have also been delighted to share a meal with our clubbers each week and continue to see new faces join us. If you would like to be a part of Awana consider sponsoring a meal or making a donation towards Bibles, books and uniforms. Clubbers and Families, keep an eye out, the Awana Grand Prix is returning this Spring!

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

Awana Schedule

January 1st - Off - Happy New Year!
January 8th - Backwards
January 15th - Island
January 22th - Crazy Hair
January 29th - Camo



Youth Group News



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Trek for Middle School Students - Wednesday Nights during Awana

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10 AM

August 3-9 - 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.



Adulting is no fun. Simple statement, and one that can be easily supported. Take for instance the idea of bills, yep, they come every month. Mortgage or rent, electric, insurance, water, internet, car payment, and more. Every. Single. Month.

What about sickness? In some form, whether it's us personally or someone we know and care about, we have, are, or will experience it. Then there's just the general responsibility of a job, household tasks, and of course the list can go on and on. Sometimes, oftentimes, it is all just too much. It's all just a bit overwhelming.

Perhaps you've been there too. You've hit the wall, and you feel like the wall is crashing down around you and you see no hope in sight.

Consider the prophet Elijah who we know to be the last prophet standing of the one true God against 450 false prophets. In those last days of a drought he worked a mighty miracle through God's undeniable power, struck down this army of Baal's false prophets and upon hearing the threat of one woman (Queen Jezebel) ran away into hiding and prayed for God to give him death. What had changed? Hadn't he just seen God's power on full display?

Of course he had, but the reality is that Elijah, like us, was merely a man. A man, like many before and many after, who was afraid, overwhelmed and was known to sink into the pit of depression. How did he recover? By allowing God to take control, he found the rest he needed. Even in the midst of his fear and depression he went to the Lord, unburdened his heart and mind, and allowed God to take care of the rest.

Elijah, like so many of us, needed time to rest, quite literally. He slept and God provided for his needs and when the time was right, he got back to work. He once again got back to the task God had called him to, instead of sitting around idle.

Today, as you feel overwhelmed, as fear or depression begin to sink into your life, allow God to take control. Go to Him and unburden your heavy load and find your rest, both physically, and spiritually in Him. Allow Him to see to your needs and at His direction, when the time is right, get back to the task He has for you.

Further Reading: 1 Kings 19; Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:7

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

J Walkers: Walking With Jesus

Next Meeting: Monday January 20th @ 10:30am



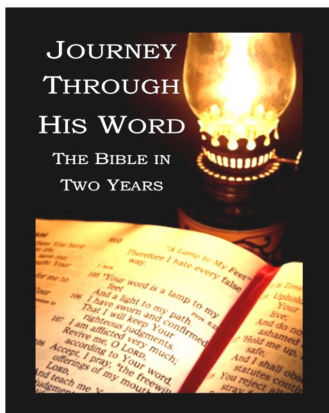
The J Walkers had fun playing some reindeer games at their December meeting.



Churchwide Christmas Party



The Churchwide Christmas Party was a huge success! We had great food and a mystery about Jesus being born.



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

Agape - Women on Mission

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 20th @ 7:00pm

Our ladies had a great Christmas Party with our favorite Missionary as our Special Guest!





Pot Pie Luncheon

The Fellowship Committee's Pot Pie Luncheon will be January 26th @ 12:15pm in the FLC. Please come and join us for great food and fellowship!



J. Walkers Ministry

Our next meeting will be January 16th @ 10:30am in the OFH. We hope you will come join us for fun and fellowship!



Deacons' Meeting
Monday January 13th
@ 6:00pm in the
Choir room.



Women on Mission
Next meeting will be
Tuesday, January 21st
@ 7:00pm in the OFH.



Thank You



We would like to thank everyone for the thoughtful Christmas gifts we have received this Holiday Season.

Your Berea Church Staff
Jason, Charlie, Cindy, Chris, and Pamela.



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Success Stories



Albemarle Area United Way

"Tiffany" was in a car accident several months ago, resulting in an inability to continue work while she healed from her injuries. Thankfully, her landlord was willing to work with her to give her time to catch up on her rent. Now that Tiffany is able to fully return to work, she is able to pay towards her past due rent while CCC paid the remainder to get her rental crisis resolved.

"Terry" is a hardworking man with a steady income, however when he faced significant health issues that temporarily prevented him from working, he called CCC for help. CCC assisted by covering one month of his overdue rent, while he managed to pay the other month, bringing him up to date. Terry is now healthy, back to working full-time, and capable of maintaining his bills moving forward.

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.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Let's celebrate together!


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| 1 | Jayden Bradshaw | 15 | Mary Lu Elliot |
| | Brittany Givens | | Marie Long |
| | Garland Sanders | 17 | Margaret Mickey |
| 2 | Coley Brickhouse | 18 | Emily Spruill |
| 5 | Lorelle Baum | | Jeremiah Tenny |
| | Tina Thrasher | 19 | Steve Durham |
| 6 | Joel Tenny | 22 | Kathy Duncan |
| 7 | Betty Grant | 23 | Bobbie Hanson |
| 12 | George & Barbara Seabold | | Salome Tenny |
| 13 | Samatha Smith | 24 | John Quillin |
| 14 | Edith Kelsick | 27 | Larry Jackson |

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