

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

Now a man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany... John 11:1

Lazarus and I have been together for years. He has been a go-to story for me pretty much throughout my time here.

He's been a gift that's kept on giving. Every time I return to his story, imagining I will dig back up a familiar nugget of truth, I end up finding something else, something new, a shinier nugget that I had found before.

It's not very often that I'm excited about a sermon series. We spent a full year in Proverbs (2022), as I told you many times, simply because I felt convicted that I hadn't studied the book deeply enough. We studied the book of Acts for a full year (2016) to learn the stories of the early church, but not because I was "excited" about it.

Don't misunderstand what I'm saying. God faithfully, weekly, fills me with His word and I am excited to let it out. I understand Jeremiah when he said: "His message becomes a fire burning in my heart, shut up in my bones. I become tired of holding it in, and I cannot prevail" (Jeremiah 20:9).

When Sunday comes I'm excited and can't hold in the message if I tried, but it's not typically that way for a full series. Normally I will, through much prayer, select a book and trust God's faithfulness to unveil His goodness along the way.

Not so with Lazarus.

I've been holding on to Lazarus for quite some time. It is as though I've been waiting for permission to let him out.

I have grown so fond of his passage and its MANY lessons that I felt a weight to do them justice and to share the truth in a way that would honor the glory God reveals here. In fact, I plan to compile the series into a book format once we're finished.

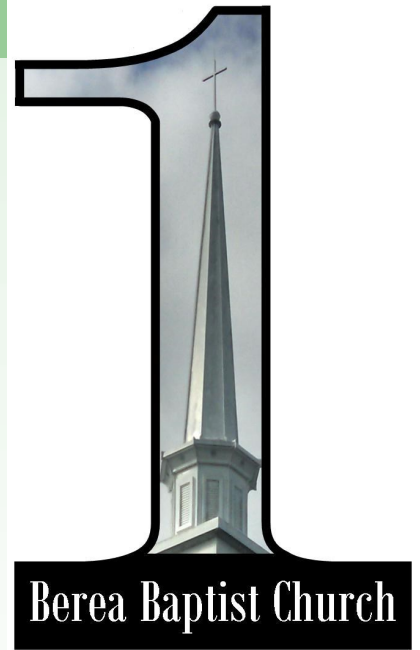
I say all of this to say that for these 11 weeks (May 21-July 30, at least) I will be running to the pulpit (figuratively speaking) to let out the truths God has revealed. I pray too, that you will not miss a Sunday, or that if you do, you will catch up online via Facebook or our website.

This story that starts with such a simple announcement: "now a man was sick..." (John 11:1) is going to teach us about patience, God's timing, grief, questioning God, our resurrection and so much more.

Please join me each Sunday morning as we see Jesus' love for Lazarus and His love for you.

Love you all,

Jason



June
2023

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Weekly Activities:

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

- ★ 6:30pm Puppets

Wednesdays

- ★ 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- ★ 6:30pm Childrens Summer Program

June @ a Glance:

- ★ Business Meeting
6/11 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Deacons Meeting
6/12 @ 7:00pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
6/22 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Church Council Meeting
6/25 @ 12:15pm



Frank Lilly - Chairman

Fahey Harrell - Vice Chairman

Gary Smith - Secretary

Mike Hanson - Reflections

Bill Durham

Next Meeting June 12th @ 7:00pm

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons

A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thoughts to his steps.

Proverbs 14: 15

The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Proverbs 21:5

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

We at Berea have been sending folks to Edgewood Baptist Church in Windsor, NC since August of last year to help rebuild a church. When construction began it was thought there would be no problem being in the Sanctuary for Christmas. What a joyful celebration that would have been. However, one of the sub-contractors continues to hold up progress to see that dream of a new church building come true. I am sure he has good intentions but has overextended himself and his workers, resulting in delays. Proverbs tells us to step back, look at what you have committed, and be sure you can deliver on those words. We are also told to be patient and treat others with loving kindness.



We are in NEED of volunteers for the nursery & preschool on Sunday mornings, and for our Children's Summer Program on Wednesday nights. PLEASE contact Jessica Troxell or Pastor Charlie if you are willing to fulfill God's plan for you and help out where needed!



*I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me.*
—Phillippians 4:13



Children's Ministry News

Camp Berea - Preparing God's Army for what lies ahead.

Children's Summer Program starts June 14th 6:30pm—8:00pm

Our Children's Summer Program will have a military-style theme and we are looking for props we can use to decorate. Be on the lookout for camo netting, camouflage gear, or even fun items that might make for good props.

Summer Snack Time

Typically we go through between 30-40 Kool-Aid Juice Pouches each week, in addition to Apple Slices, Cookies, Popcorn, etc. Want us to do the shopping for you? Then you can sponsor snack time for a week at just \$20!



Youth Mission Trip:

Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia - July 30-August 5

\$70 Deposit is due by June 4 for those wanting to go!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10 AM: Come early to have breakfast with us followed by Bible Study.

What's Next in our Study: "The Church is Scattered" & "The Gospel Expands."

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Youth Bible Study is every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC. Sunday evenings are for Middle and High School students. We play games, shoot hoops, enjoy a meal together and most importantly study God's Word, don't miss out! You can sponsor a meal for the Youth too, ask Pastor Charlie how!



"Sprinkles"



Above Pictures: Our Awana Ice Cream Sundae Night was a hit! We had 43 children in attendance and we had a Blast!

Please join us for a
Burger & Potato Luncheon

\$10.00

Sunday June 25th
12:30pm in the FLC

Proceeds will go towards the Youth Mission Trip



Coach T's Basketball Camp

Develop Proper Shooting form, ball handling & passing, basics of man to man defense, daily games, competition and more.

Date: June 26-28 Cost: \$50

(Includes T-shirt & daily snack)

Boys Camp (5th - 8th Grade) 9am-Noon

Girls Camp (5th - 8th Grade) 1pm-4pm

'IMB trustees appoint 92 Missionaries, stay focused on Gospel-advance'



IMB President Emeritus Jerry Rankin jokingly asked for a vest that matched the one Paul Chitwood and Chuck Pourciau were wearing. Chitwood immediately presented him with a vest they intended to give him later. Rankin served the IMB for 40 years, 17 years as president.

RICHMOND, VA. (BP) – International Mission Board (IMB) trustees approved 92 **fully funded** Missionaries for appointment during their May 17-18 meeting in Richmond. Missionaries approved for appointment will be recognized during a Sending Celebration on Tuesday, June 13, at 9:50 a.m. CDT in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans, La. The event will be livestreamed at sbcannualmeeting.net.

Trustees gave a warm welcome to IMB President Emeritus Jerry Rankin, who was president for 17 years and served a total of 40 years with the IMB. Having traveled to 157 countries, Rankin said that his most notable impression was watching the “awesome providence of God moving to fulfill His mission.”

He challenged trustees by asking, “For what purpose are you a part of this group?” Noting the significant advances to sharing the Gospel seen in present times, he urged trustees to lead with vision, focus and passion.

“Don’t be diverted. Don’t be distracted. Never lose that passion,” Rankin said. “Lead Southern Baptists to fulfill the Great Commission.”

President’s report:

IMB President Paul Chitwood began his report by noting the “good days” that the IMB is experiencing as it prepares to send new Missionaries while celebrating the 1,244 combined years of service of recently retired Missionaries.

Chitwood, who is halfway through his fifth year as IMB president, reported advances in many systems such as communications, donor relations, church connections, alumni relations and protection against abuse and abusers. He noted that these advancements are leading toward IMB’s strategic objectives. He shared the following updates:

The candidate pipeline is now at 1,200 and has the IMB positioned to see growth in Missionary headcount.

The number of global Missionary partners serving on IMB teams is expected to surpass 100 in the next few weeks.

The objective for a comprehensive strategy to engage 75 global cities is ahead of schedule. Fifty global cities will have strategies in place by the end of the year.

The IMB is expecting another strong financial year, that will likely come second only to last year’s all-time high.

Missionary personnel have contacted 85 percent of Southern Baptist churches and, along with the mobilization team, are strengthening relationships with churches that are supporting the IMB.

Chitwood drew attention to the 2022 Annual Statistical Report that is available to the public.

“We celebrate the ongoing impact of Southern Baptists upon the nations,” he said, “rejoicing that 728,000 people heard the gospel, **178,000 responded by trusting Christ for salvation**, and 102,000 followed through with believer’s baptism.”

He added, “This is the beauty of our cooperative missions model and a legacy of 178 years. Every church that gives through the Cooperative Program can celebrate being a part of seeing hundreds of new churches planted in North America and 21,000 new churches around the world.”

“My prayer is that every Southern Baptist church would count every IMB Missionary as their own and celebrate their church’s role in the advance of the gospel around the world,” he concluded.



Dear saints of Berea Baptist Church and Pastor Jason Wise,

During our Wednesday night prayer meetings, we pray for a local sister church from our association. On March 22, 2023, we specifically prayed for you as a church and for your pastor as he leads and shepherds. We prayed that you are growing as church in unity and in love, focused on the mission of Christ to go and make disciples of all nations. We prayed that you would reach your community with the Gospel and that you would be faithful to proclaim it boldly. We prayed that each person in your church would be equipped and serving to further the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Jason, we prayed that God would empower you to preach His Word boldly and without compromise, yet with great compassion and a shepherd's heart. We prayed God would protect and equip you and your family to battle against spiritual attacks from the Enemy. We prayed that your personal relationship with the Lord would grow as you love Him more, that you would love and serve your family as your foremost ministry, and that you would faithfully shepherd and lead God's people at Berea Baptist.

We pray this letter encourages your hearts and that your focus would always be on Jesus and His Great Commission!

In Christ,

Joey Byrum
Ashley Byrum
Jan Laftan
Joey Jack
Tom Burr

Wade Byrum

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Camp Cale
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Dear Friends of Cale,

What started out as a simple conversation as to what we could do to raise money for the new dining hall for Camp Cale became a huge event. A brainstorming session and lots of ideas from our team got things rolling. We sent letters to churches that support Cale and contacted local businesses. The results were 94 baskets/items that were donated for the Silent Auction. We raised \$10,000 through the silent auction and a total of \$15,000 was raised from the entire event.

It is because of people/organizations/businesses like you that we were able to make this contribution possible. The excitement and support for the event was overwhelming. Each group took their role seriously and you reached out to your friends, congregations and supporters for help. The involvement for our event continued to grow as word was shared about what we needed.

The baskets and donations were amazing. So much talent and creativity went into each basket. There was a variety of themes and items donated. We appreciate every effort that was put into each basket. And we hope that you enjoyed participating enough that you want to do it again next year! There will always be room for growth and expansion at Cale, which means a need for financial support.

The day provided time to spend with family and friends while enjoying cooking and eating delicious pig, shopping with vendors, running for a cause, playing basketball and bidding at the silent auction. The community rallied around Cale as they continue to provide opportunities for our youth, civic organizations, businesses and church groups. Every aspect of this event was possible because of those that attended and supported it.

A simple thank you does not seem enough, but we want to make sure you realize how important you, your church, church coordinators, businesses, friends of Cale and all that helped are to us. We appreciate each of you very much and can't wait until next year! May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us and Camp Cale.

Sincerely,
Susan Brown and Wilma Harris
Silent Auction Coordinators

Thank You!



Berea Baptist Church,
Thank you for your continuous support of Pasquotank
county High School and allowing the use of your facility
to host the Athletic Banquet.

We Appreciate It,
PCHS Athletic Boosters Club



Church Wide Yard Sale

Sat. June 24
In the Berea FLC and Gym
7am—2pm
Presale Friday night
5pm—8pm

**Got Stuff to get rid of? Come on out and
join us! Set up will be on Thursday and
Friday.**



Albemarle Area United Way

Success Story

Struggling with homelessness has become a big issue here in Northeast North Carolina. A lot of the phone calls we receive are folks either living in hotels or living in their cars. One of the ways your dollars can help folks get off the streets is the Community Care Collaborative assists with rental deposits! We had a client this past month who was living in a hotel and was trying to get back on his feet. He had found a place and with his fixed income he could afford the rent. Unfortunately, he couldn't pay first month's rent plus a deposit. The Community Care Collaborative was able to help pay this gentleman's deposit and he is now in a comfortable home. We, at the Community Care Collaborative, want to thank all of you for contributing to the fight against homelessness. Our desire is to see everyone living their best life.

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.




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| 1 | Barry Ward | 11 | Delores Seymour |
| 2 | Timmy Smithson | 17 | Willie & Mildred Godfrey |
| 4 | Diane Watts | 19 | Vernon & Geralene Smithson |
| 5 | Beau Smith | 22 | Dave & Edith Kelsick |
| 6 | Lisa Finley | 23 | Matthew Reed |
| | Hezekiah Tenny | 26 | Doug & Ramona Hodges |
| 7 | Bobbie Hayman | 27 | Kevin Quigley |
| 8 | Riley Hudson | 28 | Doug Hodges |
| 9 | Aline Mickey | 29 | Cheryl Bundy |



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