

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

"Don't you say, 'There are still four months, and then comes the harvest'? Listen to what I'm telling you: Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest."

John 4:35

Novelist G. Michael Hopf (not endorsing his writing, just this quote) wrote: "Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. And, weak men create hard times."

I think it would be fair to replace the word "men" with "churches" in the quote above. Throughout history it is when the church faces the toughest persecution that it sees the greatest growth and revival.

We are living in a time where the church has grown weak. Many branches of the church have softened their doctrine to tickle the itching ears of a wayward world. Faithful churches have forgotten the immense power of the Gospel and ignored the desire of our Father to call multitudes to Himself.

We are at a time when we need to hear the words of Jesus above. Fields of souls are ready for harvest! This assurance was not just for the disciples. Not just for the town of Sychar. Not just for the Samaritans.

Do we believe that our fields are ready for harvest? Do we believe that God wants to revive our land? Do we believe that God can renew a love for Him in a nation founded on His love? Our answer likely echoes the cry of the father of the demon possessed boy in Mark 9:24: "I do believe; help my unbelief!"

And so, for this reason: because we know God is able to heal our land, because we believe God wants to draw North Carolinians unto Himself and because we trust that He can even use Bereans to accomplish this mission, we pray.

Beginning Wednesday, February 22 and continuing until Easter Berea is joining in "40 Days of Prayer." This is a season for us to pray for Berea, for missions "Beyond Berea," and to be renewed in our belief that God is able!

In preparation for Easter we should be reminded that the same God who had the power to raise Jesus from the dead, is the same God who can transform the heart of our neighbor.

We need to believe that the same Jesus who sought out a Samaritan woman of ill repute and transformed the town of Sychar, is the same Jesus who is able to transform Pasquotank County for His glory.

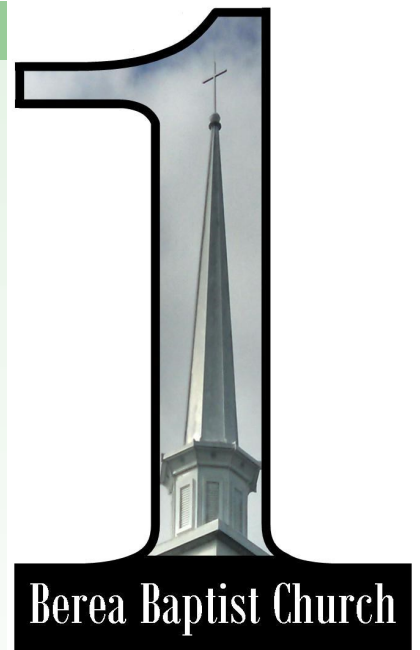
We must see that the same Spirit who indwelt Peter as he saw 3,000 souls saved on the day of Pentecost, is the same Spirit who fills us with the power to be His witnesses.

Have you been following along with our devotional and praying for Berea each day? Would you be willing to join us? I can't wait to see what God will be able to do with a church dedicated to Him and believing in His power!

(Prayer guides are available for pickup from the church office, or for delivery upon request)

Love you all,

Jason



March 2023

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Weekly Activities:

Sundays

- ★ 10:00am Sunday School
- ★ 11:00am Sunday Worship
- ★ 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- ★ 6:30pm Youth Bible Study-FLC

Tuesdays

- ★ 6:30pm Puppets

Wednesdays

- ★ 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- ★ 6:30pm Awana

March @ a Glance:

- ★ Business Meeting
3/12 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Deacons Meeting
3/13 @ 7:00pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
3/23 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Church Council Meeting
3/26 @ ?



Frank Lilly - Chairman

Fahey Harrell - Vice Chairman

Gary Smith - Secretary

Mike Hanson - Reflections

Bill Durham

Next Meeting: March 13th @ 7:00pm

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons

⁴³You have heard that it was said. You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Looking at how deeply divided our nation has become over politics, the church, family life, and even how we are to raise our children; maybe this passage should be used more in our daily lives. Please pray a little more for those with who you disagree that they can learn to better understand the Word.

Handyman Ministry

Berea
Handyman Ministry



Mrs. Becky Higgins needed a ramp to enable her to get her wheelchair bound mother in/out of her home.



Above and left pictures: Mrs. Pearl Jennings is wheelchair bound. Her daughter is taking care of her. (Note: Beau Smith was home on leave for Christmas and helped us build this ramp.)





Awana March Schedule

March 1st - Twins Night
March 8th - Penny Night
 (collecting pennies and loose change for our Favorite Missionary)
March 15th - Gospel 316
March 22th - Cookie Night
 (bring your favorite store bought unopened cookies to share!)
March 29th - TBA

Children's Ministry News VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS
 Get Involved - See positions below:
 Sunday Morning Nursery Workers & Preschool Teachers.
 Awana Helpers - Sub in for a week, as needed or as your schedule allows. Substitutes "on call" are always in need at Awana.
 See Jessica Troxell for more information.

Awana Snack Time

AWANA 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 Activities:
 Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia
 Summer 2023

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10 AM: Come early to have breakfast with us followed by Bible Study.
 Next in our Study: "The Commision from Jesus"

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!



Growing up I spent a lot of time around music and my musical likes and dislikes change by the day. That said, I have typically listened to very little worship music, outside of the time my kids are in the vehicle. Most often I turn on one of a dozen sports shows and listen to the endless debates over who is the Greatest Player on the sport of the day or which team is most likely to win the championship. It wasn't until recently that I began to find myself listening more and more to worship music when I was alone.

The amazing thing about it was not what happened when I was alone in my car singing at the top of my lungs, which might best be described as caterwauling. The amazing thing was what happened when the radio was off. Suddenly worship songs were filling my mind at just the right moments. Moments that otherwise might have been filled with something that was certainly not uplifting were filled with words that immediately brought my heart and mind back to the One who loves me. (see Rachel Lampa's "Perfectly Loved")

This isn't a new concept, in his letter to the Philippians, Paul essentially told them to take everything that was God honoring and Christ-like and fill their minds with those things. To put it a different way, if all you think about is negative, worldly, and self-centered, then that's all you're going to get. However, when we fix our minds on the things of the Lord then that will overflow into every part of our lives and we will literally be changed from the inside out. What's more, this isn't limited to our musical choices, it is in the things we watch, the things we read (I challenge you to memorize Phil. 4:8) and even the conversations we have, that will inform and later form the thoughts we have. Choose today to make simple changes, and watch how God will use that to make a significant difference in you.

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8

Further Reading: Proverbs 23:7; 2 Corinthians 10:5

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Baptist-affiliated schools among those reporting revival



Samford University students worship in Reid Hall. Spontaneous worship events have sprung up at several college campuses, including at least two affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Scenes of college students singing, praying, confessing sin and reading Scripture aloud have spread in recent weeks, including at least two universities affiliated with Southern Baptists.

It was nothing unusual when a few Samford University students gathered in Reid Chapel the evening of Feb. 15 to play the piano, strum a guitar and worship, campus pastor Bobby Gatlin told Baptist Press.

But then another student showed up who felt called to pray for a revival on campus. Then a few more. Then a few more.

Soon, texts began flying and word spread. Students leaving the Pete Hanna Center, where their Bulldogs had dispatched UNC Greensboro, made their way across campus to Reid.

By 10 p.m., several hundred were there. They stayed until 3 a.m.

“College students are hungry for authentic faith,” said Gatlin. “They long to experience a Christianity that is real and meaningful.”

On Feb. 16, students gathered again at 1 p.m. and remained until 1 a.m. They did so again Friday (Feb. 17), staying throughout the day for prayer before a worship service held at 3 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 18) brought additional photos and videos on social media of those gathered at Reid Chapel.

The Feb. 14 chapel service at Cedarville University continued past its regular time and then continued again later that night, said President Thomas White.

“I love our students and their passion for Jesus!” he wrote in a Facebook post. “God may be stirring hearts across the country. Pray! Pray for wisdom on how to steward this moment and for a genuine authentic outpouring of God’s Grace and power.”

White reported that several students had given their lives to Christ during the time of praying, reading Scripture, sharing testimonies and worship. Students were further encouraged to go to other universities to share the gospel. Another two-hour worship service is scheduled for Feb. 22.

Since students at Asbury University in Wilmore, Ky., continued to meet following a chapel service on Feb. 8, similar events have been reported at other college campuses on social media.

The gatherings at Samford have been mostly student led, said Gatlin, with guidance from his team in the Office of Spiritual Life. He estimates that crowds have reached 1,000 with multiple reports of students growing closer to Christ and three confirmed salvations.

“This movement is a grassroots stirring that can only be explained by the Spirit of God working in the lives of individuals and small groups of students who are coming together in faith,” said Gatlin, who has more than 30 years of student ministry experience.

“For several years, multiple students have prayed for and asked about revival. I think God is answering those prayers in a powerful way and is bringing about life transformation.”



We are in **NEED** of volunteers for the nursery & preschool on Sunday mornings, and our Awana 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!

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Our Puppet Team rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 6:30–8:00pm. If you are interested in joining the team or have any questions please contact Ross Tenny, Charlene Tenny or Kathy Waters.




Choir Rehearsal Every Sunday @ 5:00pm



Come join us for our Chili Cookoff Fundraiser!

March 26th @ 12:30pm in the FLC. Help our Youth get to Philadelphia for their Mission Trip.
\$6 per person or \$21 max per family



Women on Missions
Tuesday March 21st @ 7:00pm in OFH.



Success Story



Albemarle Area United Way

A neighbor was facing eviction and called the Community Care Collaborative for help. The CCC agreed to help the client, but the landlord did not want to cooperate. Unfortunately, the client was evicted. However, the next day the client found a new place to live and the CCC was able to assist her with the security deposit. The client was extremely thankful and overwhelmed with the support she received. We are able to provide this type of loving support to dozens of our neighbors every month because of our generous donors and volunteers.

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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| | Robert Payne | 18 | Kenny Waters |
| | Alexis Sutton | 19 | Krystal Nall |
| 6 | Mike Hanson | | James Russell |
| 7 | Doug & JoAnn Beasley | 20 | Anita Byrd |
| | Charlie & Jessica Troxell | 22 | Jade Tenny |
| 8 | Kimberly Smith | 24 | Becca Robinson |
| | Charlie Troxell | 25 | John Gregory |
| 9 | Dickie Sanders | 28 | Joanie Taylor |
| 11 | Leia Troxell | 29 | Noah Troxell |
| 14 | Trey Kitchen | 30 | Cathy Markham |
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| 16 | Richard & Delores Seymour | | |

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