

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

³⁴Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me... ⁴⁰And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:34-36, 40

Inasmuch is a funny word, it seems like a run-on sentence wrapped neatly in a one word package, nevertheless (there's another one) Jesus used it as the explanation of our service to Him.

If Jesus were sitting beside you right now, you'd be willing to do anything for Him. Clothes, a drink, something to eat, medicine... anything. But for a stranger? All too often this gives us pause.

How do we react when we see someone down and out? What is our first reaction when someone comes to us asking for a little help? I'm fearful that too often our answer is "no."

Our skeptical instincts tell us they will abuse any goodwill offered. We indict them as being the cause of their own troubles. Basically, we would rather "turn the other cheek," but that's a bit out of context.

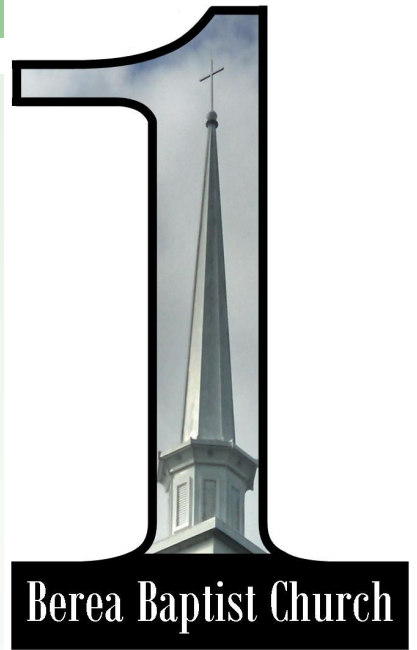
Each year our church takes a day out of our schedules to make sure, even if only for one day, we get the answer right to this dilemma. We gather to serve our community, with no regard for who exactly we are serving.

On May 5, beginning at 8 AM we will gather to serve. There are opportunities to help build a handicap ramp, to assist in garbage disposal at the Recycle Center, deliver Meals on Wheels and a number of other tasks. This is an "all hands on deck" type of event and I hope you'll be able to participate. For more information, or to sign up, contact the church office, or Fahey Harrell.

When we serve like this we are serving Christ. In fact, He praised them for serving the "least of these." The goal was not simply to serve, but to serve in humility those who need it most.

This type of service should be a life-long goal, something we seek to do daily, but for now... I hope to see you on May 5 as we practice our Inasmuch service.

Love you all, Jason



May 2018

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Curtis Chambers will be joining us in Bible Study May 16 to share about his recent trip to work with Behind the Leaf Coffee.

DEACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

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

Next Meeting:
Monday, May 14, 2018

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons

*God's guidance is more than sufficient for
 the trials you will face. Let Him have His way
 and you will be blessed.*

**In all your ways acknowledge Him,
 and He shall direct your paths.
 Proverbs 3:6**

Handyman Ministry Updates

Berea
 Handyman Ministry



Thank God for the opportunity to
 minister to people through the
 building of ramps and to share
 with them in prayer.
 "God is Good"

On behalf of the Newland-Providence Ruritans, thank you
 for helping us help the Baney
 Family. They are so pleased and
 so amazed at your quick,
 efficient and excellent work. I
 too am amazed at what a few
 men doing God's work can
 accomplish in 4 hours time.

God Bless you all,
 J.C. Harris, President



Pictured Right: Mrs. Valerie Ellainchi
 was unable to get out of her house by
 herself due to a broken leg. She
 further injured herself attempting to
 access her steps with crutches. This
 ramp allows her to use her motorized
 scooter in order to get around by
 herself.



Pictured Right: This ramp was a request
 from the Newland-Providence Ruritan
 Club who assisted in providing the cost
 for the materials. It was build for Mrs.
 Mike Baney who is battling cancer and
 has also broken both legs.

**see "thank you" from The Newland-Providence Ruritan Club in the margin.*

Pictured Left: The recipient of this ramp
 is Charles Robinson. Mr. Robinson is
 confined to a wheelchair and the
 ramp, built inside his garage, will make
 it easier for him to get out.



Pictured Left: This ramp, built for the
 Vanderslice's, makes it easier for Mrs.
 Vanderslice to get her husband, who is
 confined to a wheelchair, in and out of
 the house.





First Children's Homeschool outing to Southern Maid Donuts.



Bereans! Start your prayers! World Changers is right around the corner! From June 23-30 our students will be embarking on a trip to the city of Philadelphia to share the love of Christ through both their words and their actions. Students will be painting, picking up trash, renovating church facilities, giving makeovers to communities in dire need, as well as, spending time with local children doing little things like playing dodgeball and blowing bubbles. This year we are

blessed to have a team of 18 going. Find our names below so that you can begin praying for them daily as God prepares us for His ministry in Philadelphia.

Next up on our summer agenda is one of our most important ministries of the summer as we take a ride on the Rolling River Rampage with our children at VBS. We anticipate God doing amazing things once again and we will certainly need your help to make children and their families feel welcome as they come spend evenings with us July 22-26. There are still many positions left open for you to fill and we would be delighted to work alongside you this summer. Additionally, we will be looking for a few canoes and/or kayaks to use as decorations and props for our stage and classrooms. As always, donations of any amount are welcome to help offset the cost of crafts, snacks, and the wide variety of materials that are needed to make VBS great!

This summer is going to be fantastic as we continue to seek God's direction for our youth and children's programs and we would be delighted to have you partner alongside us as we serve those whom God has entrusted into our care.

World Changers 2018 Team:

Alexis Powers, Sarah Long, Konnie Poulson, Kiyah Felton, Jessie Needham, Christina Mullis, Jessica Troxell, Joseph Martin, Wesley Dail, Jeremiah Tenny, James Tenny, Eliab Long, Noah Troxell, Joshua Wise, Brendan Quigley, Rayman Vallas, Cameron Quigley, Charles Troxell

Berea Homeschool Children (Ages 4-5th grade):

Dates: May 1 & 29

Time: 10am – 1pm

Cost: \$3 per student

What's for Lunch: Pizza, Healthy Snack, and a Drink!

What to Bring: Students should wear weather appropriate clothing and closed toed athletic shoes appropriate for PE, please no dresses or skirts. Permission slip to ride the van, see Pastor Charlie or Mrs. Jessica.

For Students and Families, here's some details on World Changers 2018 to get you started:

Date: June 23-30

Cost: \$350

Deposit: \$75 due in order to secure your spot on the team. Only 2 spots left open!

Who Can Attend? Students currently in the 7th Grade and above.

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

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

Children's Church/Awana

Talk to Mrs. Jessica for Opportunities with our Cubbies/ Children's Church

Puppet Ministry

Meets Tuesday Nights @ 5:15, for more information talk to Mrs. Kathy

Upcoming Youth Opportunities:

Lock-In & Operation InAsMuch

May 4-5 "A Night of Fun, a Day of Service!" Food, Games, Laser Tag...all for only \$10.

LunchTIME for Berea Baptist Church Homeschool Students

April 27 & May 25 @ 10:45am (meet @ the church to deliver Meals on Wheels locally with lunch to follow)

Sunday Morning Breakfast provided by Youth & EDGE Sunday School (Be in the Kitchen by 8:30am)

June 10

August 12

World Changers

June 23-30; Philadelphia, PA
\$350 total, \$75 deposit due by March 4

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00am – 11:00am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm – 8:00pm



MAY

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

Thursdays

- ☼ 7:00pm Zumba

May at a Glance

- ☼ Homeschool Kids Field Trip
5/1 @ 10:00am
- ☼ **National Day of Prayer**
5/3
- ☼ Youth Lock-in
5/4 @ TBA
- ☼ Operation Inasmuch
5/5 @ 8:00 am
- ☼ Baptist Men's Breakfast
5/6 @ 7:30am
- ☼ Church Council
5/8 @ 7:00pm
- ☼ **Mother's Day**
5/13
- ☼ Deacon's Meeting
5/14 @ 7:00pm
- ☼ Agape WOM
5/15 @ 7:00pm
- ☼ Curtis Chamber's @ Bible Study
5/16 @ 7:00pm
- ☼ Senior Ministry
5/17 @ 11:30pm
- ☼ Business Meeting
5/20 @ 12:15pm
- ☼ 1 Stitch @ a Time
5/21 @ 7:00pm
- ☼ Building & Grounds
5/24 @ 7:00pm
- ☼ Youth "LunchTIME"
5/25 @ 10:45am
- ☼ **Memorial Day**
5/28
- ☼ Homeschool Kids Field Trip
5/29 @ 10:00am

May's Ministry Opportunities



Baptist Men's Breakfast:
Sunday, May 6 @ 7:30am

Senior Adult Ministry

May 17
Lunch @ the Sandwich Shoppe
Meet @ the Church @ 11:30am



Women on Missions

Monthly Meeting:
Tuesday, May 15 @ 7:00pm
Old Fellowship Hall

Next Meeting: May 21 @ 7:00pm

CALLING ALL MEN: WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are currently working on "Twiddle Cuffs." These are cuffs for Alzheimer's or dementia patients. The cuff is worn on the wrist and has an assortment of objects sown onto it for the individual to "play" with. These items along with the "tinkering" motion help to soothe and comfort the individual. We are currently looking for small items that a man might like. For example items related to fishing or construction/woodworking (i.e. small lures, washers, nuts, etc.). If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please contact Chellie Wise or bring them to the church office.



STITCH
at a
TIME



May 20 @ 12:15pm



Saturday, May 5 @ 8:00am

Sanctuary Flowers

May 6	In memory of Bob Cooke given by Janet Cooke.
May 13	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Ross Brothers, Sr., John Paul Brothers, Sr., Bobby Brothers and Billy Brothers given by the Gary Markham family.
May 20	In memory of Steward & Mildred Miller Hooper and Billy Miller given by Donald & Bonnie Chappell
May 27	In memory of James A. Boothe, Minnie Boothe Davis and Harold & Adelle Boothe given by the family.

AWANA Thanks You!

Thank you so much for all of the donations for our AWANA snacks! This has been a huge blessing! We will continue to collect items, as we can use them into the summer for the children as well, plus the store will be open again soon so any items for that are also appreciated!



Thank You

I would like to thank my church family for the love you have shared with me during my surgery and recovery. Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers and visits. They mean so much.

In Christian Love,
Pallie Mae Harris



River Guides Needed

We are still in need of guides for Vacation Bible School! These individuals are responsible for helping our students get safely from one rotation to another, and being extra sets of hands while in the classes. There is no preparatory work needed for these guides, just a desire to shower our students with God's love! This is something anyone can do!! All ages are currently available so please talk to Jessica today to let her know where you will work!

Not sure you are ready to tackle working with the children?? We also need someone who is willing to lead Adult VBS. By doing this, you allow Pastor Jason to work with our precious little ones and demonstrate to them just how important they are to our church! Thank you for your support!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Let's celebrate together



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|----|---------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | John & Marie Long | 16 | Jean Cartwright |
| 2 | Donnie & Anita Byrd | 19 | Chris & Cindy Vallas |
| 3 | Kristy Poulson | 20 | Chasity Bundy |
| | Becky Winslow | | Gearldean Thompson |
| 5 | Douglas & Celia Ferguson | 21 | Cody Hudson |
| 7 | Samantha Harrell | | Judah Tenny |
| | Garland & Carolyn Sanders | 25 | Richard & Susan Martin |
| 8 | Don Alexander | 26 | Frank & Dawn Lilly |
| | Gary & Cathy Markham | 27 | Kyle Hewitt |
| 10 | Faith Kitchen | | Tara Hunter |
| 13 | Chuck Pritchard | 30 | Doug & Geri Davis |
| 15 | Terry Taylor | 31 | Jezreel Tenny |

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