

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

Give thanks for the LORD, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 15:34 Psalm 106:1, 107:1, 118:1 & 29, 136:1

"The days are long, but the years are short."

With that statement Gretchen Rubin tries to explain the parental struggle of cherishing every moment with our children, but I think the speed of life effects all areas, not just parenting.

It seems impossible that it's already November. This year has truly flown by and now we're already to the time of giving thanks (we should always, right?) and soon it will be time to celebrate the incarnation once again (I *am* excited to put up the 18' tree).

We have recently been studying the basics of the Christian life, and more specifically, our daily devotion time with God.

We've studied the importance of individual times of worship, not just corporate times on Sunday mornings.

We've studied the importance of prayer in developing our relationship with Jesus.

We've considered our relationship to God's word, the Bible, and seen that we should read chapters, study paragraphs & memorize verses.

Scripture memorization specifically is a difficult challenge. As we age (hard for me to say that as a 46 year old, but well here I am) memorization of any kind is hard. Remembering what was on the table for supper last night, or where I put my sunglasses is a challenge, how could I possibly memorize scripture?

The answer lies in the importance. "I have treasured Your word in my heart so that I may not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11).

If I hope to find victory in the Christian life I need to have God's word in my heart. It's just that simple, because it's just that important.

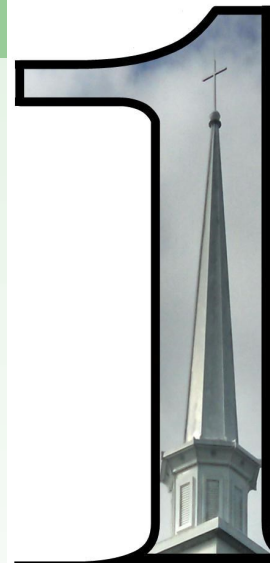
The path to victory is draped in scripture and if we hope to walk the path, we must be saturated in the truths.

What priority does scripture have in your life? Do you read chapters, study paragraphs and memorize verses? Will you commit to increase the number of verses you can rattle off without a thought? Will you work to be prepared for temptation?

This Thanksgiving season I'll give you a head start, the verse above can count as your first 6 verses. It must be pretty important. And memorizing it will help to keep your focus on giving thanks and the endurance of God's faithful love for you!

Love you all,

Jason



Berea Baptist Church

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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
- ★ 6:30pm Awana

November @ a Glance:

- ★ Business Meeting
11/10 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Deacon's Meeting
11/18 @ 7:00pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
11/20 @ 12:00pm
- ★ NO Church Council



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 Fahey Harrell
 Frank Lilly
 Matt Reed

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons

During life's interactions we meet all different types of people.
 Some we naturally prefer to others.

Humble people notice needs. Prideful people have a need to be noticed.
 Max Lucado

^{5b}Dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:5(NLT)

Next Deacons Meeting:
 November 18th @ 7:00pm.



Handyman Ministry

Berea
 Handyman Ministry



This ramp allows Coleen to get her adult daughter in/out of the house. She is confined to a wheelchair. This was a recycled ramp and didn't cost Coleen anything.



This ramp was built for Mrs. Evans. Her husband is confined to a wheelchair or walker.



This ramp was built for Mrs. Sharon Ward. She fell and broke her neck and will need a ramp when she gets out of rehab.



Children's Ministry News

Awana on Wednesday Nights from 6:30-8 (Meal at 6:15pm)

Looking for a way you can support? Sponsors for our weekly meals are welcome as well as donations for the Awana store and specifically for our Christmas Awana Store. We will be looking for Christmas decorations, and gifts for our clubbers to purchase for their families with the Awana shares they have earned. Pray that God will continue to introduce our program to new families and clubbers.

Awana Schedule

November 6th - Double Shares
November 13th - Give Thanks
November 20th - Lil' Big Table
November 27rd - Off - Thanksgiving

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



Youth Group News



Trek for Middle School Students - Wednesday Nights during Awana
SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10 AM
November 24 - Youth Big Table
 Our Version of a Thanksgiving Dinner
December 21 - Live Nativity
December 22 - Youth Christmas Party

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Youth Bible Study is every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC, as we share a meal together, shoot hoops, play games and most importantly study God's Word.



If I could give you a snapshot of a day in my life, it looks something like this: I roll out of bed early in the morning to see my daughter off to school with hugs and a prayer, I go outside to feed our "farm" and do random tasks at the house. I spend the balance of my morning and early afternoon zipping between Berea, and NLA before spending my evening with some mix of sports practice/games, church or whatever I've missed during the day. Most days I get home between 8-9, then I eat dinner and work on whatever "other" projects I've agreed to. That's the long way to say, I stay busy.

Through it all I've always found it challenging to sit still and be quiet, trying to set aside time just for the Lord, time that allows Him to speak to me through His Word. However, as we've been challenged on

Sunday's to do just that, I've been reminded just how important that is in our daily walk. Just in the past few weeks I've experienced time and again how a passage that seemed irrelevant to me at 7:15 in the morning suddenly became the most important tool in my bag when I faced unexpected problems and situations later in the day. I've also experienced how a worship session in my car with my Heavenly Father serving as an audience of One, can reset my whole way of thinking and mood, to be more aligned with Him.

How about you? Are you up for the challenge? The challenge to set aside time to renew your focus on the things of the Lord? The challenge to spend time daily in His Word, and spend time in communication with our Heavenly Father through prayer and worship. As for me, I consider it a challenge accepted!

Further Reading: Romans 12:2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16

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



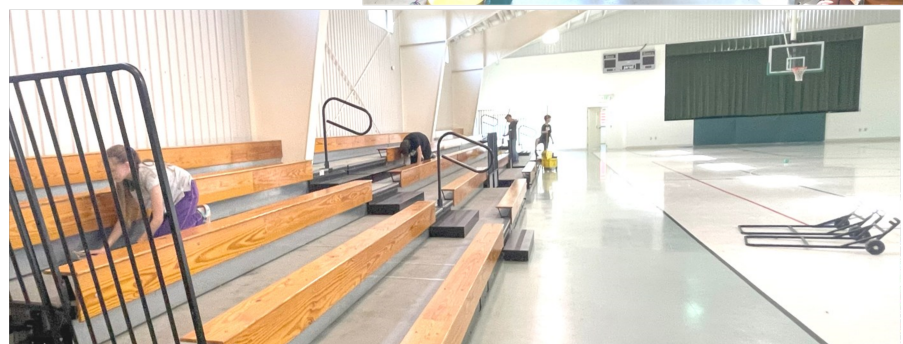
Youth Lock-In was a blast! Laser tag and some games in the gym led to



.....Built to Serve Berea Work Day. Lots of things got done around the church from cleaning the gym to decluttering the sports room to yard work. Parts of Berea definitely look different! Thank you to all who came out and helped!



P.S. That is Not a Youth on the tractor, that is our very own John Hudson!



Baptist Children's Homes names David Melber next CEO



Photo courtesy of BCH. David and Tera Melber



Photo courtesy of BCH. The Melbers have six children — three biological and three adopted — and multiple grandchildren.

THOMASVILLE, N.C. — After a yearlong search, the Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) of North Carolina has a new leader for the first time in 40 years.

David Melber, a veteran executive leader in Southern Baptist life, was named BCH's next CEO following a unanimous vote by the organization's board of trustees during a special meeting held Friday, Oct. 11. BCH officials formally announced Melber's appointment in a news release on Saturday, Oct. 12.

David is a native of Paducah, KY. He earned a bachelor's degree in construction engineering from Murray State University in 1989 and worked in business before surrendering to a call to ministry. He went on to earn a Master of Divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY., in 2001.

He currently serves as Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, a position he's held since July 2020. In his current role, Melber is responsible for all of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board's operations, including financial services, information technology, human resources, marketing, events and more.

Previously, he served as a Senior Vice President with the North American Mission Board (NAMB) from October 2015 to December 2019. During his tenure at NAMB, he developed what would become known as Send Relief, an evangelistic compassion ministry. Send Relief was officially launched in 2016 with David serving as its president. In 2020, NAMB joined forces with the International Mission Board (IMB) to extend Send Relief's reach internationally.

David has been married to his wife, Tera, for 33 years. The couple has six grown children, three biological children and three children from international adoptions.

Tera Melber is a trauma care specialist and serves as the founder and Executive Director of Resound Trauma Education, which provides gospel-centered, trauma-informed education and resources. She's also served as a foster care mobilizer with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, co-hosted a podcast on adoption and fostering through Send Relief from 2017-2020, and directed an adoption and orphan care ministry through her local church for several years.

"Tera and I have always prayed that God would open up a role with an organization like BCH," Melber said. "Looking back at the journey with Send Relief, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, and the adoption of our three international children, it's amazing to see how the Lord has worked through all of our circumstances to bring us to this point. I cannot think of anything greater to give my life to."

The couple plans to move to Thomasville, N.C., as David's office will be located at the Mills Home campus, BCH's inaugural location that also serves as the nonprofit's administrative headquarters. David and his wife desire to live on campus so they can best get to know the staff, the children and individuals who BCH serves, and the 139-year-old ministry itself.

In a statement included in BCH's news release, Melber said it was "humbling" to be selected as the ministry's next CEO.

"Coming into this role at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is both sobering and uniquely humbling," Melber said. "God has been preparing me for this opportunity since a visit in 2003 to an orphanage in Moldova where He opened my eyes to the plight of those in great need — particularly children — who have no voice.

"One of the biggest priorities for me is demonstrating — especially over time — my love of the Lord and love for my neighbor," Melber said. "My neighbor includes the staff, who are our most valuable resource, but also includes the broader BCH family of NC Baptists, supporters and ministry partners. At the end of it all, this is not about me or my name. It is about Jesus working through His people to accomplish what only He can accomplish."

"This is an opportunity to serve, to share the incredible needs, to build relationships and see the body of Christ mobilized so that lives are changed for all eternity."



J Walkers: Walking With Jesus

Next Meeting will be on November 18th.

J Walkers October Meeting was at Camp Cale for the Senior Luncheon. A good time was had by all!



Here is an article that was written about Berea by Matt Martin, Northeast Regional Director, NCBAM. It is found in the October 2024 issue of the "Charity & Children" magazine.



Red Bags, Big Hearts: Berea Baptist's Outreach

Jan Sawyer from Berea Baptist Church shares a Red Bag outside a local pharmacy, part of a ServeNC outreach to help aging adults safely manage medications while sharing the love of Christ.

On a hot Tuesday morning in August, members from Berea Baptist Church of Elizabeth City set up a table outside a local pharmacy to distribute Red Bags to aging adults picking up their prescriptions. You may ask: "What is a Red Bag?" "How could that help aging adults?" Because medication mismanagement is the number one health risk to individuals 65+, Red Bags are part of NCBAM's "Priority #1: Prevention" outreach. Red Bags safely store all medications in one place and are insulated to keep temperature-sensitive medications chilled during short trips. Red Bags are wonderful tools to help aging adults safely manage their medications. Not only are Red Bags a great way to meet a physical need of aging adults, they are a great way to share the love of Christ. Each bag includes a leaflet that gives instructions for using the Red Bag and shares a simple gospel message. The church chose to include a soap gift bag along with information about their church and how to have a relationship with Jesus. NCBAM partnered with Berea Baptist Church on their Red Bag outreach, initiated by Pastor Jason

Wise and Senior Adult Ministry leader Pam Price as a ServeNC project. They believed it would serve their community and invigorate their Senior Adult ministry—post-COVID. I shared several outreach ideas with them and they chose Red Bags. Pam Price said, "This gave us an opportunity to reach our homebound members as well as the Meals on Wheels clients we serve." Berea Baptist Church saw the Red Bag distribution as a way to serve aging adults in their community that might be unchurched. Price told me, "We met a great cross-section of the community during the ServeNC project—from seniors to young mothers with babies. There were great conversations with people who visited our table outside the pharmacy." The Red Bag outreach during ServeNC involved 35 of Berea's senior adults, reaching other aging adults in their community. One member exclaimed, "It was a rewarding project from start to finish!"

Thank you

Dear Pastor Jason & Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, and delicious food during Dad's illness and passing. They meant a lot to Dad and to us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Love,
Steve, Sandra, & Toni Harris
(Ike Harris' Family)

Thanksgiving MEAL

*Sunday, November 17th in the FLC
right after Morning Worship Service.
Please bring a dessert to share.*



Church Business Meeting
November 10th @ 12:15pm

Baptist Men's Workday

Baptist Men will have a workday at Berea on Saturday, November 30th @ 8:00am. All men are encouraged to come and help beautify Berea!



Upcoming EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 16th - Vendor Fair
November 17th - Church-wide Thanksgiving dinner
December 15th - Church-wide Christmas Party
December 24th - Christmas Eve Service
January 26th - Pot Pie Luncheon
**More information will be available as we get closer to the dates.
We hope to see you at all of our upcoming events!**



Women on Mission
Tuesday November 19th
@ 7:00pm in the OFH. Speaker
will be our own Bereans
sharing about Disaster Relief.



Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday November 16, 2024
9am - 3pm
Get your Christmas Shopping
All Wrapped Up!
Pictures with Santa 11am-1pm
Food Trucks Free Admission



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Success Stories



Albemarle Area United Way

When "**Nicole's**" brother unexpectedly passed away, she had to work to come up with funds to help cover the cost of the funeral and expenses for traveling. CCC was able to help cover "Nicole's" past due rent so that she could focus on her family during this difficult time.

When "**Mark**" was hospitalized for a toe amputation, he was unable to work for 30 days. "Mark" is normally on time with his rent payments, and has never fallen behind. CCC was able to cover the cost of "Mark's" past due rent while he continued to heal knowing that the following month he'd be back to work and financially stable.

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.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES


Let's celebrate together!

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Erica Fisher | 14 Kim Wall |
| Dawn Johnson | 16 Ramona Hodges |
| 7 Mary Dozier | Mike Johnson |
| Bonnie Spear | Jay Robinson |
| 8 Barbara Doxey | 17 Kelly Winslow |
| James Wooton | 18 Gary & Mechell Smith |
| 10 Doug Beasley | 19 Emma Finley |
| Mike Duncan | Vernon Smithson |
| Linda Layden | 21 Susan Martin |
| Allen Smith | 23 Geralene Smithson |
| 12 Deanne Smith | 24 Nathan Martin |
| 13 John Long | 26 Chris Vallas |
| Richard Rindels | 29 Frank Lilly |
| Paul Whitehead | |

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