

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

2 Timothy 2:2

We are in the midst of an exciting season at Berea! God has brought to us 6 people to be baptized in the last 7 weeks. (See last month's newsletter to understand our new Baptismal plan) In addition to celebrating New Life in Christ, as professed in baptism, we have also Ordained two new deacons and shared the beauty of the Lord's table together.

During this time we've been studying God's word through a new sermon series "Back to the Basics" where we've been looking at the foundational characteristics of believers as displayed through Worship, Study, Fellowship, Ministry and Mission.

One of the things that has blessed me the most is the testimony videos we've been able to see each week. Each baptismal candidate and now others have had the opportunity to share their story of how they came to faith in Christ and then how Berea plays a part in their continued spiritual journey.

We all have a story to tell of God's goodness. We all have experienced God's faithfulness and His love in many, many ways and it is very important for us to feel comfortable to share this Good News with others.

Just like Paul told Timothy (verse above) we all need to pass on the faith that was passed on to us. God's desire is for ALL to see that there is only One way of salvation and that is through the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross.

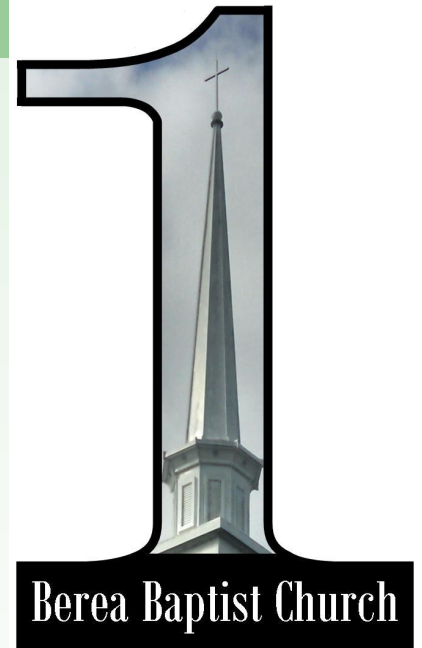
This season has been very exciting. Attendance is up. We've been celebrating weekly those who have experienced New Life in Christ. Now is the time we must realize God has more in store.

There are other friends, neighbors, family members who still need to make a decision to follow Jesus. Will *you* be the one to share? Will *you* be the one to "teach others also" about what God has done for you?

This season has been sweet, will you pray, testify and commit to seeing this amazing season become the norm at Berea?

Love you all,

Jason



October 2024

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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

October @ a Glance:

- ★ Business Meeting
10/13 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Deacon's Meeting
10/14 @ 7:00pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
10/23 @ 12:00pm
- ★ Church Council
10/27 @ 12:15pm

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons



A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath.
Proverbs 15:1

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

Scripture is clear about how we are to react in a tense situation. We are to speak with understanding, and consider the other person before we think of ourselves. That means that we control our tempers, and pray for wisdom. We ask for insight from the Holy Spirit on how best to minister to them. Start by exercising self-control and having a soft answer for others.

Next Deacon's Meeting: October 14th @ 7:00pm.

Handyman Ministry



Mrs. Kovac needed a ramp because her mother who is wheelchair bound was coming to live with her.



This ramp was built for Mrs. Jones. She is taking care of her husband and mother. Both are confined to a wheelchairs.

Mrs. Davis needed a ramp to enable her to get her sister in/out of the house. This was a recycled ramp and didn't cost her anything.



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Truth &
Training



Children's Ministry News

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

A new year of Awana has begun and our clubbers are hard at work with Scripture Memorization and Bible Study while enjoying some of our favorite theme nights like Crazy Hat and of course the amazing meals that have been lovingly prepared for them each week. Be sure to let everyone know that Awana is back and we would love to welcome new clubbers every week. Looking for a way you can support? Sponsors for our weekly meals are welcome as well as donations for the Awana store, which will be opening for the first time in a few short weeks. Continue to pray for both our volunteers and clubbers as we move deeper into the truth found in God's Word each week.

Awana Schedule

October 2nd – Sports
October 9th - Hayride
October 16th - Neon (Store is Open)
October 23rd - Campfire
October 30th - When I Grow Up

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

October 18-19 - Fall Lock-In and Built to Serve Berea

6pm Friday Night until Noon Saturday

Dinner, Games, Movies, and More + a Morning of Service

Only \$15 per Student

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

Please consider providing a meal for our Youth Group on Sunday Evenings. Contact Pastor Charlie to find out how you could sponsor a dinner like Fried Chicken, Subs or tell us your favorite for us to try! Youth Bible Study is every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC



Have you ever been in the midst of what felt like the worst day you've ever had, and had someone start to make the statement, "If you think you have it bad..." If ever there was someone who could say that it was the Old Testament prophet Job. Described as blameless, upright and God fearing, Job was a man with good standing. A wealthy man with a big family, he lost it all in one day's time. Now heartbroken and penniless, his good health was taken from him and even his wife began to encourage him to abandon his faith while his friends began to question his integrity and walk with the Lord. "You think you have it bad?" Try putting yourself in Job's place for just one day.

As we witness the testing God allowed in Job's life we see a man whose faith was not based on the world's perception of how following God can benefit us. Instead, we see the quiet confidence of a man who truly loved the Lord. We see him in pain, we see him grieving and through it all we see him hold on to the Lord with the knowledge that the Lord was still holding on to him.

How about you? When tragedy strikes, when bills start to pile up, when all hope seems lost, what do you hold on to? Are you confident you would pass such a test as Job did? Consider your faith, hold fast in the midst of adversity, and know that God has never let go.

Further Reading: Job 1-2; Romans 8:31-39

Something Amazing: God's Word is practical, insightful and often just amazing. In the book of Job we find one of my favorite passages beginning in Job 40:15 thru Job 41, where the Lord speaking to Job describes what can only be dinosaurs. The Behemoth and Leviathan, the two most powerful within God's creation, and even they bow the knee to God Almighty. Now that's something AMAZING!

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



Berea Student Ministry was excited to host the E-City Card and Collectibles Show on Saturday September 21st. Our students made a great impression with their enthusiastic help (and shopping!) and thru their work in the concession stand and by generous donations were able to raise over \$800 towards the 2025 mission trip to Philadelphia.



Mark your Calendars for Saturday, October 19th 8:00am to noon for a Serve Berea Day! We will be tackling a variety of jobs around church that need to be done. Pitch in to help Berea sparkle!



Above: Dinner is served! This year we are serving dinner to Awana clubbers before the fun begins.

Right and Below: Awana Clubbers having some fun!



Volunteers respond after historic storm slams southeastern NC



SOUTHPORT, N.C. — Days after an unnamed tropical storm-like system dumped historic rainfall across the Cape Fear region of southeastern North Carolina, disaster response volunteers with N.C. Baptists on Mission are assisting those impacted by the storm.

As the region continues to grapple with flooding and other storm-related damages, Baptists On Mission has opened two disaster recovery sites at Beach Road Baptist Church in Southport and First Baptist Church in Leland, where approximately 100 volunteers are expected to serve.

According to Tom Beam, Disaster Response Coordinator for Baptists on Mission, volunteers have faced obstacles as flooding has forced road closures throughout the area. Beam said that in spite of setbacks and detours, assessments and recovery assignments are already underway.

“It’s very difficult to get around because of road closures,” Beam said. “But our volunteers are still going and serving.”

In addition to impacts to roads and infrastructure, the storm also caused significant damage to public and private property. Baptists on Mission disaster response volunteers have begun assisting homeowners facing flood damage, cleaning up fallen trees and conducting temporary roof repairs. One volunteer team will be assisting residents transition to new housing after an apartment complex was condemned due to flood damage.

Weather officials said the storm that began impacting the region on Monday, Sept. 16, brought rainfall that was described as a once-in-a-lifetime event, resulting in severe flash flooding that washed out some roads and forced the closure of several others. Many roads, including several main thoroughfares, remained closed as of Thursday, state transportation officials reported.

As much as 12 to 20 inches of rain fell across the region in just two days, with much of it coming during a 12-hour window between 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, weather officials said. Rainfall in excess of 12 inches in a 12-hour period is expected to occur once every 200 years across coastal southeastern North Carolina, officials said.

Some areas experienced rainfall amounts as high as 18 inches over 12 hours, which is expected to occur, on average, once every 1,000 years.

Officials categorized the storm as a “Potential Tropical Cyclone,” which meant that conditions could have supported its development into a tropical or subtropical storm. A tropical storm warning was issued for the North Carolina coastline in light of these conditions.

Although the storm never became a named tropical system, officials said the strong wind, heavy rain and flash flooding it produced were similar to tropical storms and hurricanes of the past.

On Tuesday, N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency for Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus and New Hanover counties. On Wednesday, Cooper amended the state of emergency to also include Cartaret, Dare, Onslow and Pender counties.

The N.C. State Highway Patrol reported at least one storm-related fatality after a motorist drove around a stationary Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office vehicle and into high waters. Published news reports said the driver of the vehicle was an elderly man who became trapped inside his car after it was fully submerged in water. Authorities said alcohol was not a factor in the incident, according to reports.

Fort Caswell, a coastal retreat center in Brunswick County owned and operated by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, experienced some flooding on campus but sustained no significant damage, N.C. Baptist officials said. The flooding to area roads forced cancellations to events and other reservations at the center this week, including a planned three-day retreat for pastors organized by the state convention that was scheduled to begin on Monday.

Many North Carolina residents were caught off guard while traveling in the area due to the sudden and intense nature of the storm.

According to Beam, N.C. Baptist disaster response volunteers are expected to serve in the region for at least two weeks. He also expressed his appreciation to Beach Road Baptist and First Baptist Leland for housing volunteers and serving as a base of operations. “We’re very thankful for the two churches — Beach Road Baptist and First Baptist Leland — that have opened their doors,” Beam said. “Those churches make sacrifices for our volunteers.”

Disaster response is one of 19 different ministries of N.C. Baptists on Mission, which is supported by the North Carolina Missions.



Berea Church,
Thank you so much for the meat
and veggie tray. It was really nice.
The Morgan Family

To The Berea Cooking Team,
Thank you so much for the delicious meal you prepared for our Cale Community Foundation last month.
Those pork chops were cooked to perfection. The sweet potato casserole was so good, and then those homemade cakes for dessert!! EVERYTHING was wonderful.
The flowers and table settings were an extra touch saying "Glad to have you here." We just felt really comfortable and welcomed at Berea Church.
And thank you for your patience; waiting thru our meeting to do final clean up and giving us 'take home' plates!!!
We are most grateful for the time, the energy, and the talent you gave to accommodate us. Blessings to each of you—serving Him by serving others.

All to His glory,
Cale Community Foundation Board of Directors

I would like to thank all of you for the cards and prayers you sent my way during my heart issues. I would also like to apologize in my lateness in doing so. I had my second heart ablation procedure at the end of July to correct my rapid heart rate; the first one was three months before that. The ablation seems to have worked because my heart rate is regular and I'm feeling fine. But, like my heart doc told me, "It's like playing whack-a-mole... if your heart acts up again, we'll just ablate it again in a different section of your heart." This is one medical term I can understand.

Thank for Caring,
Dickie Sanders



J Walkers: Walking With Jesus

Left: The J. Walkers new logo.
Below: The J. Walkers putting together invitation
bags to ask our neighbors to join us @ Berea!!



Our October meeting will be this Senior Lunch at Camp Cale. Please let Pam Price know if you are interested in going ASAP so she can reserve a space for everyone.



**SENIOR
ADULT LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 22, 2024
11:30am - 1:00pm**

MENU:
Chicken, Green Beans,
Mashed Potatoes, Roll,
Dessert

ENTERTAINMENT:
Cody Brinkley

If interested please
contact Pam Price



Chili Dinner

Join the Fellowship Committee for a chili dinner in the FLC on October 20th right after Morning Worship Service. Please bring a dessert to share with others. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Baptist Men's Breakfast

Baptist Men's monthly breakfast will be on Sunday October 13th @ 7:30am in the OFH. All men are welcome!



October 12th - Men's Breakfast

October 18th - Youth Lock-In

October 19th - Built to Serve Berea

October 20th - Chili dinner

November 16th - Vendor Fair

November 17th - Church-wide Thanksgiving dinner

December 15th - Church-wide Christmas Party

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service

More information will be available as we get closer to the dates.

We hope to see you at all of our upcoming events!



Church Business Meeting

October 13th @ 12:15pm

Church Council Meeting

October 27th @ 12:15pm



Please let Pastor Jason and Pastor Charlie know how much you appreciate them by giving words of encouragement, notes, cards, gift certificates, etc. to let them know how much they are loved.



Women on Mission

Tuesday October 22nd

@ 7:00pm in the OFH.

Speaker will be from the United Way.



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Success Stories



Albemarle Area United Way

"Maggie" has resided in a motel for several months while applying and awaiting approval for a new home. Facing the dual expenses of a security deposit and the first month's rent, she required assistance as she continued to cover costly motel fees. CCC contributed half of the necessary funds, enabling "Maggie" to transition into a new home where she could economize each month, free from the burdensome charges of the motel.

"Ken," an elderly man on a fixed income, was struggling to pay his electric bill and was at risk of disconnection. Fortunately, CCC was able to pay half of his bill, enabling him to enter an affordable payment plan and avoid disconnection.

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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| 1 Duck & Bonnie Chappell | 19 Karen Reeder |
| 2 Barbara Seabold | 24 Deanna Alexander-Smith |
| 2 Vickie Sanders | Russell Layden |
| 4 John Long | 26 Sylvia Cohoon |
| 6 Amory Smith | 28 Steve & Faith Long |
| 8 Miriam Alexander | Don Bunch |
| Daisy Harper | Ryan Robinson |
| 9 Elizabeth Gallina | Mechell Smith |
| 11 Jeff Spear | 30 Tom Finley |
| Jason Wise | Henry Layden |
| 12 John & Kim Hudson | 31 Lois Hassell |
| 16 Jan Sawyer | |

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