



## *The Friendship Connection*

*Monthly Newsletter of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church... July 2023 Edition*

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Here I sit in my usual predicament. I am trying to express things that are infinite and indescribable. I am aspiring to share matters that are of eternal significance while in this world. It's always a reach for me, for us.

To fulfill all righteous Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist! John couldn't believe the predicament he was in! How in the world can I be doing this?!?!? We get it! The answer is both eternal and profoundly simple. Do Jesus' words.

God's people are in the world to share His Word. We are to speak God's Word into our lives, our families, the lives of others, the church, into the world. God's Word is Truth that all can live by. We are to speak Jesus' Words, and be Jesus' Word, full of Grace and Truth. Jesus' graceful way is a narrow path, not always easy to find. Six and a half billion truths in this world, only one Truth full of Grace. Jesus came preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom. The Word was God, his hands and feet and mind upon the earth. Two thousand years ago the Living Word positively transformed every person He encountered.

So here we are in our predicament. Flawed, fallen, broken, and burdened with a heavy load of human baggage. And we are to share God's Word! How can we do it?!?!? Preacher I love Jesus, I believe every Word, God has transformed my life. I don't know how people who don't believe get through life? I love my church! So many passionate exclamations!

In Christ simply share your passion with others. Share how Christ has resurrected and blessed you! I was - but God - now I am. Share how much better your life is because of your relationship with Christ. Berea Friendship our answer is both eternal and profoundly simple. We are in the world to share the Word. So share what Christ has done for you. In Christ we are sufficient! Paul said, "Not that I have already attained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the heavenly prize of God in Christ Jesus." There are six and a half billion reasons to press on sharing the heavenly prize of God in Christ Jesus. Share the Word with people God puts before you every day, and watch what God does Berea Friendship!

The reasons to quit seem endless. Simply share the Word, and then let the Holy Spirit do the rest. Forget what lies behind, it can't be changed. Press on toward the heavenly prize of God In Christ Jesus, for you and yours, and for others. Share the Word, like Jesus, and His Kingdom will come among us. In Christ we are living words, more than able!

Much Love In Christ,  
Pastor Davon



July Birthdays...7<sup>th</sup> Alexander Beeson, 14<sup>th</sup> Gloria Moore, 15<sup>th</sup> Haleigh Philpot, 17<sup>th</sup> Eugene Bondurant, 19<sup>th</sup> Vickie Failor, 20<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Argo, 20<sup>th</sup> Ivy Evans, 21<sup>st</sup> Rhonda T. Hovious, 24<sup>th</sup> Andrea Dunn, 27<sup>th</sup> Betty Bridges, 29<sup>th</sup> Justin Harrelson, 30<sup>th</sup> Martha Oxley



July Anniversaries...3<sup>rd</sup> Renee' & Allen Zorn, 20<sup>th</sup> Lindsey & Brandon Hester, 24<sup>th</sup> Cindy & Steve Hester, 27<sup>th</sup> Susan & Don Baird, 30<sup>th</sup> Shannon & Bob Newbill, 31<sup>st</sup> Rebecca & Daniel Surett





**Pray For BFUMC's Ministry:** Pray that God would open hearts to attend BFUMC and that we would not only grow in numbers, but that we would grow as Christians.

**Please Pray For:** Debbie Adcox (friend of Laura Childs), Shellie Moser Atchison (daughter of Linda Moser Marshall, former member of our church), Corey Brown, Valerie Burnside, Jennifer Campbell's Son, Rob Coogan (Friend of Debbie Gissendanner), Michael Dow, (Beverly Threatt's son), Tony Earnest, Lainey Gilstrap (family member of Vickie Failor), Scott Hall, Doris Harrelson, Amanda Hayes (friend of Bobby Taylor), Corky Holman, Corrine Hovda, Whitney Hunt & Ezrah, Carolyn Knight (Bill Teat's Sister), Jerry Kruse (Jimmy's Dad), Jimmy Kruse, May Lanier, Joe Malone, Larry McCants, Denise McCloud (Daughter of Dennis & Terri McCloud), Robert Moler (brother of Linda Crouch), Jeffrey Moore, Carolyn Ninestein, Joe Ravan, Monroe Stone, Jimmy Tarrant, Bobby Taylor, Jordan Emory Turner, Jean Vaughn, Matthew Wallace, Gwen Williams, Allen Zorn

**Continue To Pray For Our Shut-Ins:** Dr. Eugene Bondurant, Sue Coggins, Blanche Creswell, Shirley Dickson, Libby Gilliam, Carolyn Hunter, Gloria Moore, Alex Stone, & Barbara Thackston



**Vacation Bible School** will take place Monday-Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m. for children age 4 (by 9.1.23) – Grade 8.

**Men's Group** will meet on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Following the Sunday morning service on July 16<sup>th</sup> the Men's Group will be providing lunch (hot dogs & baked beans) as we kickoff Vacation Bible School. This will be in lieu of our Third Thursday Dinner.

**Administrative Council** will meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All committee chairs please mark your calendar for this meeting.

**Communion for our shut-ins is resuming!** Please see Carol Presnell if you are interested in helping to serve Holy Communion to our shut-ins. Depending on the volunteers' schedule, we will determine a monthly calendar. JOIN US as we serve GOD'S PEOPLE!

**The Chosen Bible Study** will resume on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 as we begin Season 2.

SAVE THE DATE and be planning ahead for our annual fall bazaar. The Quilters and Crafters Bazaar will be held on Sat Oct. 21, 2023 from 8am – 4pm. We are blessed to have many groups and individuals support this event. More info will be coming soon.

Congratulations and best wishes to Haleigh Hester Philpot who graduated from Travelers Rest High School on May 31, 2023. Haleigh is the daughter of Heather and Joe Philpot and the granddaughter of Becky and Henry Philpot and Cindy and Steve Hester.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to our Grandson, Max Hovious who graduated magna cum laude from J.L Mann High School on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Max will be continuing his education at the University of South Carolina majoring in Hospitality & Tourism. Max is the son of Rhonda & Mike Hovious. Much Love Always, Grandma & Pa Teat

MONTHLY OUTREACH MINISTRIES NEWS:

The Outreach Ministries Committee has selected North Greenville Crisis Ministries as the outreach ministries project for July. They are currently in need of peanut butter, jelly and canned beans. Please bring donations and place them on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

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Thank you for the donations of pet food. We donated the food to a couple of agencies that hand food out to pet owners in need of assistance.

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Outreach Ministries has been busy the past couple of months. In May we provided bibles to the 12 CDC graduates and provided a meal for the graduates and families on graduation day. We fed approximately 150 people that day. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we provided a meal to the staff at Berea Elementary. We fed 89 people that day. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, we provided a meal for the Piedmont Salkehatchie camp. We provided a meal for approximately 30 that night. We appreciate all the support and assistance we received during these events. Without the entire church working together, we would not be able to do this.

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Outreach Ministries Meeting

We will have an Outreach Ministries meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. We will be planning the fall festival, which is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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United Women in Faith

The Friendship Circle will not meet the month of July.

The Shalom Circle will meet on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at the church. We will have lunch and a program. We will also be working on craft projects. The crafts will be taken to Mission U in July for the craft room. Crafts are sold at Mission U to support the 4 SC United Women in Faith Mission Projects: Killingworth, Bethlehem Center Spartanburg, Bethlehem Center Columbia, and Wallace Family Life.

Thank you to everyone that helped support our missions through your donations for the Mother’s Day and Father’s Day offerings. The donations will be split between the 4 missions: Killingworth, Bethlehem Center Spartanburg, Bethlehem Center Columbia, and Wallace Family Life.

Our prayer focus for July is on the Red Bird Christian School, a part of the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. Red Bird Christian School has provided quality education in the Appalachian Mountains since 1922. They continue to teach the core values that the missionaries first shared. Their goal is "enter to learn and leave to serve." Red Bird Christian School, guided by Jesus Christ, empowers individuals by providing opportunities for spiritual growth and academic excellence for lifelong learning, leadership, and service. Red Bird Christian School is uniquely poised to provide for students who seek to become leaders special opportunities to prepare for their futures. A college preparatory diploma is offered to students who desire and qualify for a more rigorous course of study. Much emphasis is placed on the spiritual growth of each individual student. They believe that the message of salvation and life in Jesus Christ will transform the lives of the students, our culture, and our world. Red Bird Christian School seeks to minister to the whole student in their journey with God through teaching truth, loving the individual, and holding students accountable.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Kay Shaw in California and Melba McCallum in North Carolina

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Bible Study

We have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> season of the Chosen. We are going to take the month of July off for vacations and VBS. We will resume our bible study on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. and start the 2<sup>nd</sup> season of the Chosen. We start watching the episode at 5:50 p.m. Each episode varies in length of 30-55 minutes after each episode, we have a short time of discussion and reflection. Everyone is invited to participate in the Bible Study. If you have not seen the chosen, you do not know what you are missing. You have time to catch up with us, while we take a summer break, watch season one via: <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen> and join us on August 7<sup>th</sup> for season 2.

The bible study is being led by the Lay Servants of the church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. The lay servants are: Vickie Failor, Anne-Marie Wallace, Bobby Taylor, Larry McCants, and Josh Durham. We would like to thank Laura Childs for encouraging us to do this study.

# July 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 5:00 p.m. Praise & Worship	3	4 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 3:16 Prayer Ministry 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Quilters	5 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 5:00 p.m. Praise & Worship	10 6:00 Men's Group	11 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 3:16 Prayer Ministry 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council	12 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	13	14	15 11:30 a.m. Shalom Circle
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Monday  
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Thursday,  
July 17-20  
6:00 p.m.  
-8:15 p.m.

For Children  
Age 4  
(by 9.1.23)  
thru  
Grade 8

VBS @Berea Friendship United Methodist Church

NORTH GREENVILLE  
CRISIS MINISTRIES

# FOOD DRIVE

JULY 2023 OUTREACH MINISTRY

WE ARE ACCEPTING  
DONATIONS OF  
PEANUT BUTTER,  
JELLY, AND CANNED  
BEANS

Berea Friendship 3:16 Prayer Ministry

*For God so loved  
the world, that he gave  
his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever  
believeth in him should  
not perish, but have  
everlasting life.*

John 3:16

Tuesdays in the sanctuary  
from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Berea Friendship

# The Chosen

## BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 5:45 we will watch an episode of  
The Chosen followed by a discussion of the  
episode.

Resumes Monday, August 7th at 5:45  
as we begin Season 2.

# Berea Friendship

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

Sunday at 5:00

Message by Davon Harrelson

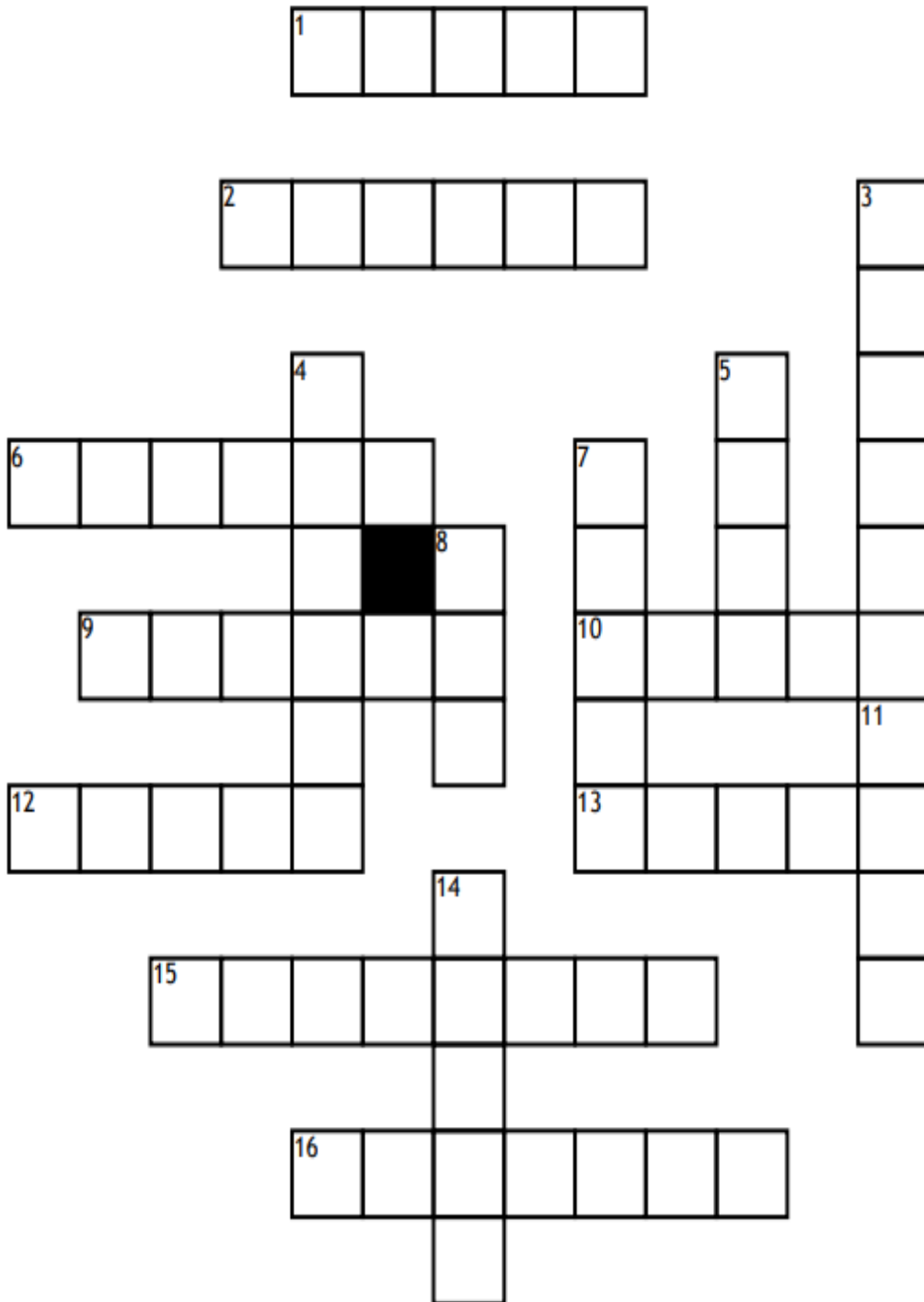
Music by Josh Durham  
& His Flock Of Friends

Communion every 3rd Sunday

# The Good Shepherd

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# The Good Shepherd



**Across**

1. Jesus gave his life for us by dying on the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Just as the Father knows me, I know the \_\_\_\_\_.

6. My sheep \_\_\_\_\_ me because they know my voice.

9. "My sheep will spend eternal life in \_\_\_\_\_."

10. My sheep love, trust, and \_\_\_\_\_ me.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ is our Good Shepherd.

13. What "wolf" does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protect us from

15. Jesus is the good \_\_\_\_\_.

16. Jesus says, "I will give my sheep \_\_\_\_\_ life."

**Down**

3. Those who have \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus are His \_\_\_\_\_.

4. A shepherd protects his sheep from the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. A Good Shepherd lays down his \_\_\_\_\_ for his sheep.

7. Jesus gave His life for us by dying on the \_\_\_\_\_.

8. There shall be one flock, and \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd.

11. I know my sheep, and my sheep \_\_\_\_\_ me.

14. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, takes care of his \_\_\_\_\_.