



## *The Friendship Connection*

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

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Berea Friendship, I want to encourage and inspire you concerning the Attendance Crusade. I want to go back to your history to make my point. Berea Friendship's charter members came together in 1953 to establish and build a Methodist church. The plan was developed and systematically implemented over approximately 40 years. Those faithful efforts and memories are etched clearly in your hearts and minds. There was a vision of a thriving church, unity in one accord, giving of means and self, consistent commitment to God's honor and glory. It was then - a blessed God given result came to be. Berea Friendship was alive and full! Multiple generations were present in families. People wanted to be part of a growing church, so they came! And they came! And they came!

Some may say that was back then when things were different. The last seventy years has been a time of unprecedented change, unparalleled in human history. Man as God created him, has not changed! People are created for God's divine purposes of love, and all need forgiveness, acceptance, hope, and the security of community. All need a relationship with the Living God! That relationship comes only through Jesus Christ – the most humble, loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, self-controlled servant among us. As we are like Him, He will flourish and prosper His church.

We stand on the same holy ground as the saints before us did. The message of Jesus Christ is just as true. I would say His message is needed more than ever in 2023. The recipe for our future success together is the same – envision a growing church, unity in one accord, generous giving, commitment to God's glory and honor, and Christ centered community. As we step out faithfully in His name and Spirit, passionately inviting others as we did years ago, God will bless us beyond our imagination. Let us double, triple, even quadruple our invitations today and be amazed in 2023 and beyond. As God has been faithful to reach out to us; we are to reach out to others.

God wants Berea Friendship alive and full!

Much Love In Christ,  
Pastor Davon



May Birthdays... 1<sup>st</sup> Vivian Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Jean Busha, 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Crouch, 1<sup>st</sup> Craig McClain, 1<sup>st</sup> Monroe Stone, 1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Tucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roddy Moore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bobbie Bogan, 4<sup>th</sup> Barry Childs, 7<sup>th</sup> Martha McWhite, 8<sup>th</sup> Dismas Beeson, 9<sup>th</sup> Susan Baird, 10<sup>th</sup> Don Baird, 10<sup>th</sup> Renee Teat Zorn, 13<sup>th</sup> Katie Rawson, 15<sup>th</sup> Bob Helms, 16<sup>th</sup> Melissa Hughes Hazel, 17<sup>th</sup> Janet Stone, 18<sup>th</sup> Allen Zorn, 19<sup>th</sup> Becky Mann, 24<sup>th</sup> Brenda Benton, 25<sup>th</sup> April Gray, 26<sup>th</sup> Debbie Jo Smith, 26<sup>th</sup> Daniel Surett, 27<sup>th</sup> James Wesley Gray, 30<sup>th</sup> Brandon Hester, 31<sup>st</sup> Glenda Argo



May Anniversaries... 12<sup>th</sup> Debbie Jo & Tom Smith, 13<sup>th</sup> Patti & Bobby Taylor, 16<sup>th</sup> Pam & Davon Harrelson, 17<sup>th</sup> Jan & Andy Vaughan, 19<sup>th</sup> Debbie & Steve Capps, 21<sup>st</sup> Kristie & Preston Argo, 27<sup>th</sup> Jean & Gene Vaughan





**Pray For BFUMC's Ministry:** Pray that God would open hearts to attend BFUMC as we continue on our Attendance Crusade.

**Please Pray For:** Debbie Adcox (friend of Laura Childs), Shellie Moser Atchison (daughter of Linda Moser Marshall, former member of our church), Rob Coogan (Friend of Debbie Gissendanner), Lainey Gilstrap (family member of Vickie Failor), Doris Harrelson, Mark Holiday, Corky Holman, Carolyn Knight (Bill Teat's Sister), Jerry Kruse (Jimmy's Dad), Jimmy Kruse, Denise McCloud (Daughter of Dennis & Terri McCloud), Robert Moler (brother of Linda Crouch), Jeffrey Moore, Susan Ravan, Monroe Stone, Jimmy Tarrant, Bobby Taylor, Gene Vaughn, Matthew Wallace, The Family Of Welbourne White (Corky Holman's nephew) 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



**The Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**Shalom Circle** will meet on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Bobby Nalley. We will have a 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.

**Men's Group** will meet on Monday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m.

**Third Thursday Dinner** is on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The menu is hamburger steak, baked potato, & salad. Sign-up sheet is located on the entrance door of the sanctuary.

**Fitness Fellowship** will no longer be meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Thanks to those who supported and participated in this program. Keep moving and stay healthy Berea Friendship!

**Administrative Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m.

**PPRC** will meet on May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

**The Chosen Bible Study...** We are watching the Series "The Chosen" and then having a short bible study discussion after each episode. We are meeting at 5:45 on Monday evenings. We start watching the episode at 5:50 p.m. Each episode varies in length of 30-55 minutes. Everyone is invited to participate in the Bible Study. 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. As of this printing, we have completed 2 episodes. The episodes are available to watch via the internet or an app that can be downloaded on your smart phone. The website is: <https://watch.angelstudios.com/> The app that can be downloaded from the apple store or google store is angel studios.

**United Methodist Church Disaffiliation and Discernment concerns:** Berea Friendship church leadership has put together some information on the UMC discernment process and disaffiliation. If you would like a copy of the information, it is located in Pastor Davon's office on the bookshelves. If you have further inquiries about this and our church, you can contact one of the church leaders, Ellen Holman, Vickie Failor, or Pastor Davon. The church will continue to share information as it come available on this matter. The General Conference of the UMC will meet April 23, 2024 – thru May 3, 2024. A decision on the Methodist standings will not be made until this conference. FYI, the church does not have to make a decision at this time on our standings in regards to this matter.

**United Women Of Faith...** The UWF of Berea Friendship will have a special recognition bulletin for the special woman/young lady in our lives on Mother's Day, May 14th . Pew slips will be available starting the week of April 9th . You can recognize a special woman/young lady in your life for \$1.00 per recognition. The deadline for submission is

Sunday, May 7th . Please place your recognitions in the UWF box on the back table in the Sanctuary (please do not place in the offering plate). The donation from this special recognition goes to support our work in missions. If you have questions or need to mail recognitions, please contact Anne-Marie Wallace at 551-3605.

Our prayer focus for May is on the Moore Community House in Biloxi, Mississippi. It is a non-profit mission agency of the United Methodist Church and supported by United Women in Faith. They serve East Biloxi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. They were founded in 1924 by Rev. Waldo Moore and his wife, Myrtie. The community house was originally formed "so that working mothers would have a nursery in which to leave their children." By the 1950's they had established kindergarten classes, handicraft classes, library classes, supervised playground activities, and a meeting place for brownies and girl scouts. Today they offer childcare through an early Head Start program and job training for women in construction and advanced manufacturing. Along with their Head Start program, they provide early childhood and comprehensive health and family support services to low-income families, pregnant women, and infants and toddlers up to age three. Moore Community House has received a 4.6 star rating.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Pamela Johnson in Minnesota and Kathi Edwards in Texas.

The Outreach Ministries committee has selected Meals on Wheels as our agency to support for the month of May. There are collection boxes located on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. You may place your monetary donation in those boxes and the donation will be sent to Meals on Wheels the 1st of June.

#### Meals on Wheels

1,239 Average Meals Prepared & Delivered Each Day. Meals on Wheels of Greenville relies on a strong network of volunteers to deliver so much more than a meal to every homebound citizen in our community. It takes more than 130 volunteers to prepare and deliver nearly 1,500 meals every day—and we haven't come close to serving everyone that needs us. Meals on Wheels of Greenville needs volunteers to drive more than 130 routes every weekday, hand delivering hot meals to nearly 1,500 households. Every \$5.00 you give helps us prepare and deliver a delicious, nutritionally-balanced meal to your homebound neighbors who might otherwise go hungry. Donate now to make a difference in your community.

Thank you for the donations to Jasmine Road for the month of April. We were able to provide them with an abundance of power towels, toilet paper and laundry detergent.

The Alabaster House is a faith based, residential, 12-step recovery program for women. They are located in the Upstate of South Carolina. The Alabaster House offers women a way out of addiction, a way back into society, a way to move forward to make generational changes, and a way to create stronger communities. The Alabaster House was founded by the current director, Jennifer Magaha. Jennifer is a recovering heroin addict and a survivor of human trafficking. For over 15 years, she lived with an active addiction. Because of God's intervention in her life, Jennifer has now been sober since 2017. She has a passion for leading broken women toward redemption through Jesus Christ. They have just opened a 2nd house for the residential program. They are in need of all types of items for the new house. They need furniture, household items, linens, kitchen items, laundry baskets, cleaning supplies, etc. If you would like to make a donation of items to Alabaster House, you may place items in the basket located on the tables at the back of the sanctuary marked Alabaster House. If you have large items to donate, please contact the church office, so arrangements can be made. This collection will be in addition to our Meals on Wheels donations.

#### CDC Graduation

We will be participating in the CDC graduation. We will provide each k4 graduate a bible from the church. We will also be providing lunch to the graduates and their families on graduation day. Graduation will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023 here in our sanctuary. If you would like to help with the meal, please reach out to Vickie Failor or Bobby Taylor.

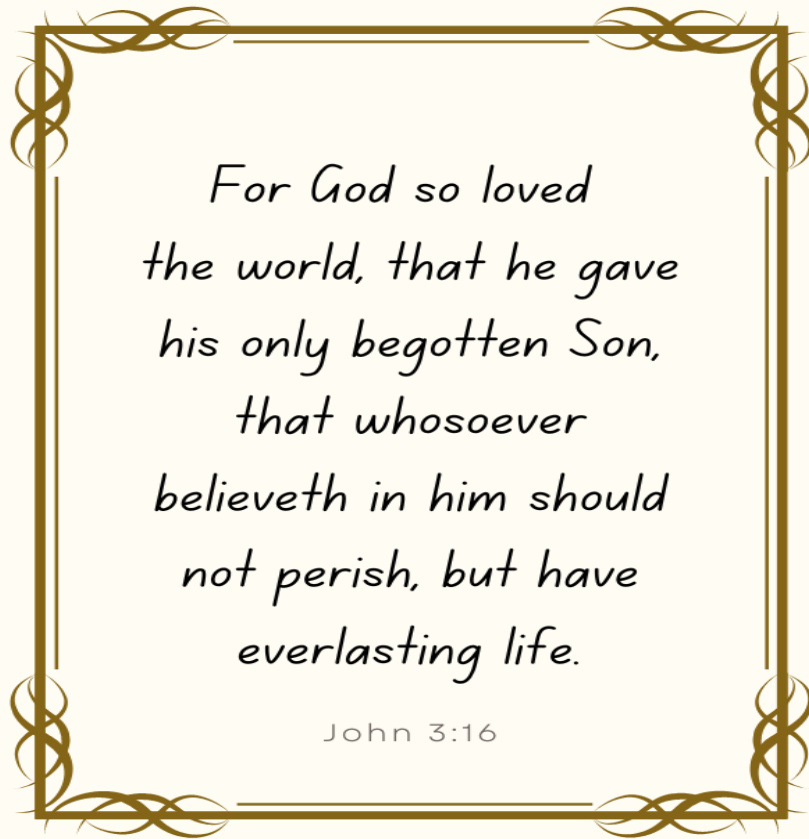
#### Meal for Berea Elementary Staff

We are looking at making a meal for the staff again this year on the last day of school, June 2nd . More details will be available soon.

# May 2023

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	1 5:45 The Chosen Bible Study	2 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. PPRC Meeting	3 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	4	5	6
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# Berea Friendship 3:16 Prayer Ministry

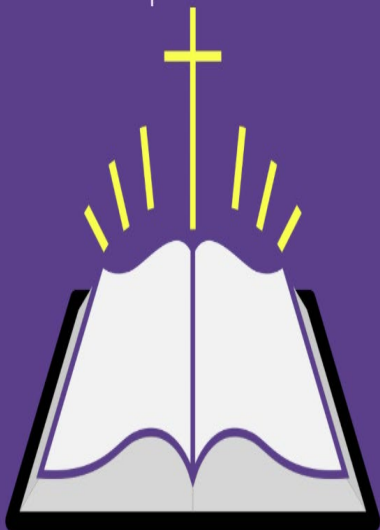


Tuesdays in the sanctuary  
from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## Berea Friendship **BIBLE STUDY**

### *The Chosen*

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



## BEREA FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### *Worship*

## ATTENDANCE CRUSADE

APRIL 16TH-  
MAY 28TH



## The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

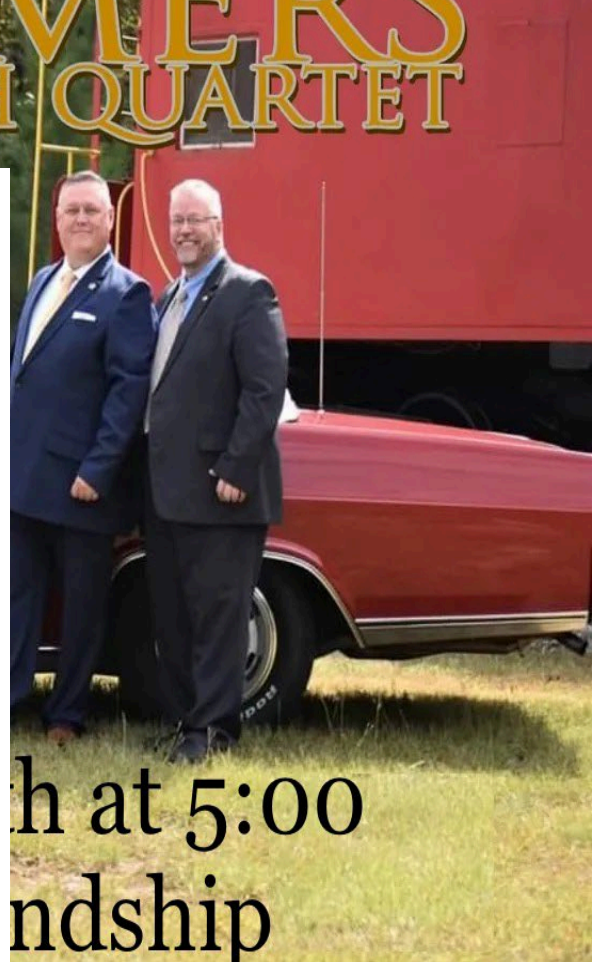
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Matthew 5:3-11 KJV



## BEREA FRIENDSHIP



## EIGHT GREAT

Amazing Grace  
 How Great Thou Art  
 I'll Fly Away  
 Because He Lives  
 It Is Well With My Soul  
 Leaning On The Everlasting Arms  
 When We All Get To Heaven  
 I Surrender All

## HYMNS

May 14th at 5

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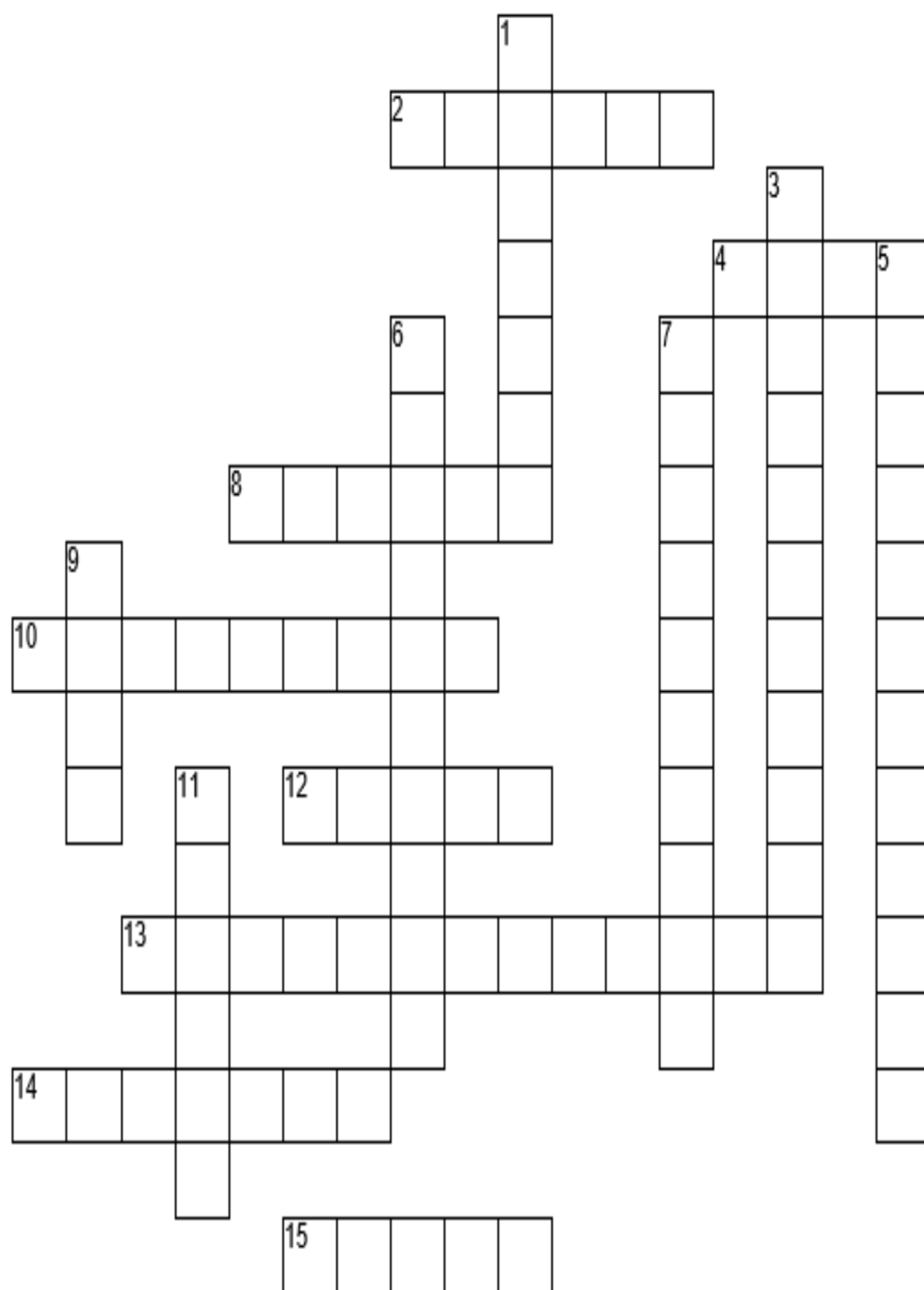
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OBTAIN  
PEACEMAKERS

PERSECUTED  
POOR  
PURE  
REVILE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
SAKE  
SPIRIT  
THIRST



# Beatitudes



## Across

- 2. empty, unfed
- 4. quiet, calm
- 8. felt, not seen
- 10. Care, love
- 12. feeling a loss
- 13. living for God
- 14. Good things
- 15. Son of God

## Down

- 1. receive something
- 3. not causing conflict
- 5. Perfection
- 6. injustice, unfair treatment
- 7. Teachings of Jesus
- 9. having less
- 11. dry,