



## The Friendship Connection

Monthly Newsletter of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church...

September 2023 Edition

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

We have four beautiful Gospels of good news Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We tend to process stories of Jesus individually digesting the Gospel writers personal take on what was most important in given moments. When we take multiple Gospels, and glean from several viewpoints, we naturally get a more comprehensive picture. The comprehensive picture has been fascinating me more and more of late. When we process Jesus' ministry comprehensively, the timelines and details reveal something we don't talk about much. Nothing about Jesus' ministry was easy! He was always hard pressed by people and their personal needs. In every story we see Jesus meeting people in their need as they come to him. On other occasions Jesus seeks out individual people in their need. The world is always full of human brokenness to be healed. Nothing about Jesus' ministry was easy!

We are watching and studying "The Chosen" in Bible study on Monday nights. Given points in Jesus' ministry are taken and humanized in a fascinating way. We don't need to know more about humanity's humanity. The Chosen episodes reveal that humanity's story is always the same. People always try to process who God is and what he expects of us in physical human context. Our ways and our thinking are woefully deficient! The Chosen also reveals perspectives on something the church desperately needs. We are quick to worship God Almighty in heaven! And we are equally quick to neglect the message of Jesus' humanity, the message of God in flesh. I suggest to you the message of what God in flesh looks like is the message the church needs most of in every age.

If this article is going to have its full effect you will have to watch a Chosen episode. It is very simple! Google - angel studios season 2 the chosen. Click on -Watch Season 2 of the Chosen For Free. Scroll down - to season box and click on season 2. Click on - episode 3 Matthew 4:24. Please watch and enjoy, the vast majority of BFUMC can do so. Humanity is clearly revealed. God in flesh is clearly revealed!!!

How many times have we BFUMC - made plans based on what is easy?

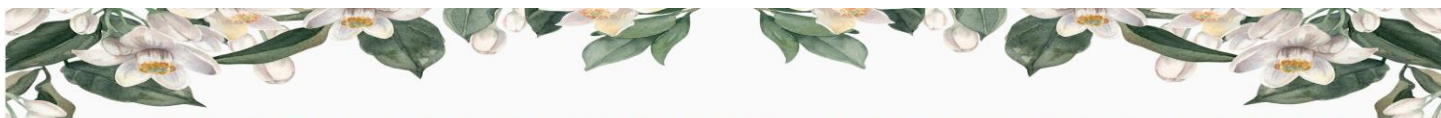
Much love in Christ,  
Pastor Davon

## BEREA FRIENDSHIP BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY  
Birthday



September Birthdays... 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Durham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bobby Nalley, 5<sup>th</sup> Jason Ferrer, 5<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Hunter 6<sup>th</sup> Brenda Johnson, 10<sup>th</sup> Rick Greer, 13<sup>th</sup> Lynnsey Nalley, 14<sup>th</sup> Carol Riley, 15<sup>th</sup> David Presnell, 17<sup>th</sup> Jim Durham, 17<sup>th</sup> Debbie Gissendanner, 19<sup>th</sup> Jeff Gould, 22<sup>nd</sup> Pat Teat, 24<sup>th</sup> Larry McCants



## BEREA FRIENDSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Happy  
Anniversary



September Anniversaries... 1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn & Ronnie Hunter



## 3:16 Prayer Ministry

**Please Pray For:** Shellie Moser Atchison, The Family Of Danny Bayne, Rob Coogan, The Family Of Blanche Creswell, Michael Dow, The Family Of Carol Dunn, Tony Earnest, Lainey Gilstrap, Scott Hall, Davon Harrelson, Doris Harrelson, Amanda Hayes, Freeda Hudson, The Family Of Terry King, Carolyn Knight, Joe Malone, Larry McCants, Nancy McCants, Robert Moler, Jeffrey Moore, The Family Of Alan Myers, Carolyn Neinstein, Batsie Styles, Jimmy Tarrant, Bobby Taylor, Jordan Emory Turner, Joe Williams, Allen Zorn

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



**Men's Group** will meet on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Plan Ahead – Quilters & Crafters Bazaar** Oct 21 – Sat 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

We will need lots of help for our bazaar and request everyone to participate in a way they feel comfortable and have talents – We will need bakers & candy makers for items to sell – We need people to set up tables – We need people to be at various booths during the bazaar – We need craft items to sell – Please join in on this important and fun activity.

In preparation for the charge conference all committee chairpersons need to turn in an annual report to Vickie Failor, Admin Chair, by Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. These reports are needed as preparation for the council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### SEPTEMBER OUTREACH MINISTRIES NEWS:

The outreach ministries committee has selected United Ministries as the outreach ministries project for September. We are collecting canned goods for them. Please bring donations and place them on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

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Thank you to everyone who helped with our August Mission project of canned goods for Triune Mercy Center. We would also like to thank Linda Crouch and Ingles for their support of our outreach ministries donations.

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### FALL FESTIVAL

The church will have a fall festival on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3 p.m. We will have games, inflatables, music, face painting, and food. If you would like to help or sponsor an event, please contact one of the outreach ministries members: Laura Childs, Susan Kruse, Margaret Rawson, Diane Greer, Anne-Marie Wallace, Josh Durham or Vickie Failor.

### HELP NEEDED

In order for us to make the Fall Festival a grand event, we need help. Below is a list of ways you can help Set up/Break Down,,,Donate/Lend a tent or canopy...Games and prizes...Monetary donations to help fund the event...We are planning on having inflatables for the children and inviting the fire department to come and bring the fire truck for a water activity.

### Dinner for Berea High Football Team

Outreach ministries has been ask to provide a meal and devotion for Berea High Athletics before their home game on Friday, September 1, 2023. We will have to have the meal to the school by 3:45 p.m. If you would like to help, please contact Vickie Failor or the church office. We will also be doing another meal on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### United Women in Faith

The Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 19th at 2:00 p.m.

The Shalom Circle will not meet in September. We will be participating in the Fall Festival at church.

Our prayer focus for September is on the United Community Center in Fort Worth, Texas. They were founded over 100 years ago by local ministers and representatives of the Women's Home Mission Society. Today they are a non-profit agency that operates in affiliation with the United Methodist Church and United Way. Their mission statement reads "Guided by Christian principles, we will serve and empower those in need." Through many volunteers and great community support, they provide literacy programs and social services to strengthen families and individuals who can then enrich the surrounding neighborhoods. Their two main programs are the Client assistance/Advocacy program and the Education/Literacy program. They also operate the Wesley Mobile Pantry and provide a weekly hot meal to qualifying individuals and families. Holiday gift baskets are given out between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Ruth Williamson in North Carolina and Elaine Parrent in Oklahoma.

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## Homecoming planning Meeting

The Administrative Council has formed a committee planning the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming celebration on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>. We invite any member of the church that would like to assist in the planning to meet with us on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall.

If you were married in the church, please consider loaning a picture of your wedding to the committee. We are working on special historical displays for that day.

We will have a special guest speaker at the 10 a.m. service followed by a luncheon. At the 5 pm. Service we will have special music and another guest speaker followed by an ice cream social.

The meal is a catered meal at 11:00 a.m. We are asking for donations to help cover the expense of the meal. If you would like to make a donation, please place in the offering plate with it marked as a donation toward homecoming.

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## Bible Study

We will continue our bible study on the chosen series. We meet at 5:45 p.m. on Monday evenings. We will not meet on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, since that is Labor Day. We will pick up on September 11<sup>th</sup> with episode 4. 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>.

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



## **BEREA FRIENDSHIP UMC HOMECOMING**

Do you have photographs of weddings of family members held at Berea Friendship?

We would love to include any photos you would like to share in displays during our Homecoming celebration, October 8.

We are happy to accept copies rather than originals if you prefer. Please be sure to put the name of the person to whom each item should be returned on the back of the photo as well as the names of the married couple and the date of the ceremony. All items will be handled with care and returned following Homecoming.

Please begin the search for these treasured photographs! We will be collecting them right away. You may turn them into the church office or to Becky Philpot or Brenda Benton.

We would love to have all photographs by September 24.

Thank you so much for helping make our 70 th anniversary celebration a memorable one.

The Homecoming Planning Team

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Berea Friendship UMC is seeking crafters and artists to be vendors at our 27th Quilters & Crafters bazaar Sat. Oct. 21, 2023 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Vendors are expected to display handmade items, original works, (Not mass produced) or items focused on health and wellness. Blood Mobile has been invited for a community blood drive. Bazaar will be open for Set up 7am Sat. or Friday 20th 5pm – 7pm Our famous baked goods, jams, jellies, and pickles will also be available plus breakfast and lunch items.

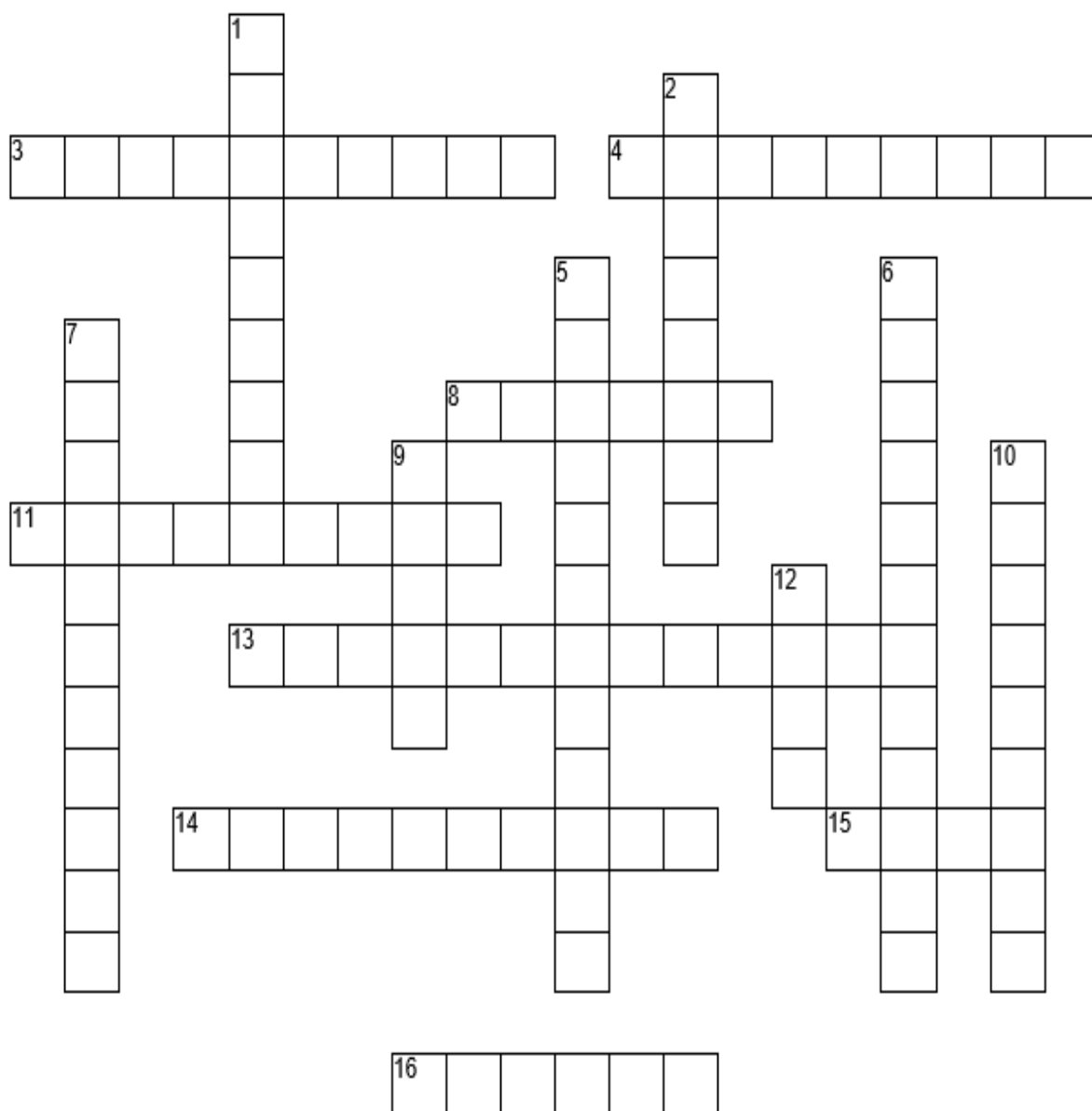
For more information or a vendor registration form please contact [Hoppysmith@aol.com](mailto:Hoppysmith@aol.com) (Jan Smith) subject line: Vendor Info Or call church office 864 246-4311 or email [bfumchurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:bfumchurch.office@gmail.com) Web site <http://www.bereafriendshipumc.org>

We look forward to meeting new crafters and artists. Invite Friends and Family to visit us on Saturday Oct. 21, 2023 Please let me know if you are interested so we can save you a spot, Spaces will be limited,

THANK YOU

Jan Smith - Vendor coordinator

# Jesus



## Across

3. At the ..... Jesus told his disciples to eat bread and drink wine in memory of him.
4. Jesus' occupation ...
8. You can find the teaching of Christ in the ...
11. On a visit to ..... Jesus got lost and was found three days later in the temple
13. Who sentenced Jesus to death?
14. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are from ..... the previous year
15. Early Christians used this symbol as a clear and convenient way to identify each other.
16. Jesus spent 40 nights and days in the ....

## Down

1. Jesus has 12 ...
2. Jesus' hometown is ...
5. Jesus rode from the death on .... .....
6. Overcoming death is called the ...
7. Jesus was baptized in the .... .....
9. Jesus overcame ....
10. Jesus was born in ....
12. Who is Jesus' Mother?

# Jesus Word Search

Y P U C K E C I F I R C A S Q E O  
L R S O I D O R G J B Z N L B C Z  
D O D B N S Y S K E I H R R M O E  
Y P J E G H H I B S L C W Y O M F  
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O E T C Y Y D D M E V R E W O P L

baptized beloved bethlehem coming

example foretold jesus king kingdom

power promised prophesied prophet ransom

resurrected rule sacrifice sent spirit tomb

worship



*Weekly Calendar...*

Sunday School...9:00 a.m.

Sunday Traditional Service...10:00 a.m.

Sunday Praise & Worship Service...5:00 p.m.

Choir Practice...Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Chosen Bible Study...Monday at 5:45

3:16 Prayer Ministry...Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Quilters & Crafters...Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Davon's Office Hours...Monday-Thursday 9:00-9:30 a.m. & Wednesday 3:00-5:00 p.m.

*Upcoming Calendar...*

PPRC...Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee...Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Group...Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning...September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle...Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Administrative Council...Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Fall Festival...Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

3:16  
Prayer  
Ministry

Berea Friendship  
Tuesday 10:30-11:30  
In The Sanctuary

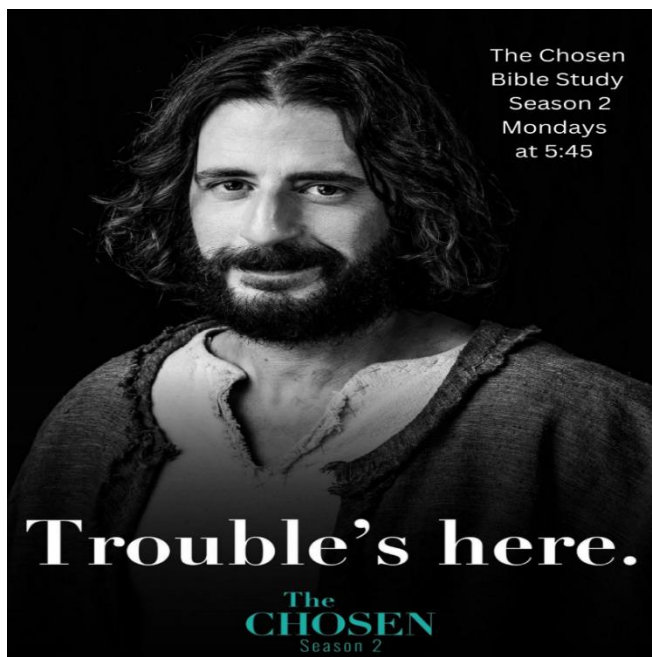


Berea Friendship  
PRAISE &  
WORSHIP  
Sunday at 5:00

Message by Davon Harrelson

Music by Josh Durham  
& His Flock Of Friends


Communion every 3rd Sunday




The Chosen  
Bible Study  
Season 2  
Mondays  
at 5:45

**Trouble's here.**

The  
**CHOSEN**  
Season 2




**THE FRIENDSHIP  
CIRCLE**



**IS COLLECTING  
QUARTERS**

WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER LAUNDRY BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS AND WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE QUARTERS FOR THE WASHER AND DRYER. THERE WILL BE A CONTAINER LABELED QUARTERS AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. WE WILL BE COLLECTING THROUGH SEPT. 17.



**70<sup>th</sup>**  
*Anniversary*  
 CELEBRATION  
 1953-2023  
**OCTOBER 8TH, 2023**  
 HOMECOMING

TRADITIONAL  
 SERVICE AT 10  
 FOLLOWED BY DINNER

PRAISE & WORSHIP  
 SERVICE AT 5  
 FOLLOWED BY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**BEREA FRIENDSHIP  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Fall Festival**  
 FOOD, FUN & GAMES  
**SEPTEMBER 23RD FROM 1 UNTIL 3**

BEREA FRIENDSHIP UMC  
 8001 WHITE HORSE ROAD  
 (864) 246-4311



**QUILTERS & CRAFTERS BAZAAR**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST FROM 8 UNTIL 4

*Berea Friendship*  
**Trunk  
 or  
 Treat**

**Tuesday, October 31st from 6 until 8**  
 8001 White Horse Road