



The Friendship Connection

Monthly Newsletter of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church...August 2023 Edition



Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

We are all children of God. We are loved infinitely beyond our comprehension of love. We are always in the hands of a loving gracious God, whose desire is good and best for us. We are being transformed into Christ's likeness.

You see a photo of my grandson Andy who had just turned three. We were on the playground of Granddad's apple barn after hours and we had the whole playground to ourselves. The picture reveals how we moved through all the established playground activities and routines that are normal and expected. Andy listened intently, and tried his best at every station. He is a beautiful child! That's the biased opinion of Papa D who loves Andy dearly, and would lay his life down for this child without hesitation. Andy could not have been in safer hands.

Then I said, "Andy Boo the only thing left is the corn maze." Andy agreed and off we went – he walked confidently with me and we entered the maze. In all fairness to a young child, it was getting dusky dark, but there was plenty of time and light left. Looking over the corn, I could see my mom's house, as well as my cousin's and aunt's homes. I know that ground so well I could find my way blindfolded, just sensing the land below my feet. It was impossible for me to feel out of place or lost!

Andy's perspective was very different; all he could see was corn stalks. He marched in bravely. Andy marched up to the first right left decision point and he went left. Still brave, he marched up to the second decision point - right or left? He looked up at me and said, "Papa D - we gotta get outta here!" Andy took off running back to the playground for all he was worth! Andy couldn't have been more secure in this world, but he could not comprehend that reality. In God's hands that's always our reality!

As God's beloved children our tendency is to stay on manmade playgrounds. We don't like not knowing. We are not quick to operate by faith alone. We are not quick to believe we are able. We are not quick to believe with God all things are possible. We are not quick to believe God will strengthen us and enlighten us as we walk with him. "Papa D – we gotta get outta here!" Andy could not have been in a better position to succeed. Such is our reality Berea Friendship!!! With God in hand we have to stay upon courses that will grow our faith and our likeness to Christ. Jesus never stayed on manmade playgrounds, and showed us the way we should go. To do His Father's will, Jesus readily broke down moral, social, and cultural barriers to serve people and spread the Gospel. Jesus' ministry to the Samaritan woman and community is a perfect case in point.

What are our next steps Berea Friendship? I hope we will go with our God hand in hand as never before! My prayer is that we operate by God's Word and Spirit as never before in the year ahead. As we do so, God will love us infinitely beyond our thoughts and imaginations.

Much love In Christ,
Pastor Davon



August Birthdays... 1st Maribeth Willard, 4th Donna Helms, 7th Masen Willard, 15th Ronnie Hunter, 15th Claire Philpot, 16th Shanna Creswell, 18th Corky Holman, 19th Tom Smith, 20th Jim Rawson, 22nd, Michelle Artificio Johnson, 26th Matthew Willard, 27th Alex Philpot, 30th Matthew Earnest



August Anniversaries... 6th Laura & Mike Brown, 27th Becky & Henry Philpot



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: Shellie Moser Atchison (daughter of Linda Moser Marshall, former member of our church), Corey Brown, Valerie Burnside, Rob Coogan (Friend of Debbie Gissendanner), The Dunn Family in the loss of Carol Dunn, Michael Dow, (Beverly Threatt's son), Tony Earnest, Lainey Gilstrap (family member of Vickie Failor), Scott Hall, Davon Harrelson, Doris Harrelson, Amanda Hayes (friend of Bobby Taylor), Corky Holman, Corrine Hovda, Carolyn Knight (Bill Teat's Sister), The Family of Jimmy Kruse in the loss of Jimmy's father Jerry Kruse, Joe Malone, Larry McCants, Robert Moler (brother of Linda Crouch), Jeffrey Moore, Sierra Morrison & The Larch Family, Joe Ravan, Monroe Stone, Bobby Taylor, Jordan Emory Turner, Jean Vaughn, 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



Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Group will meet on Monday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m.

PPRC will meet on Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

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

SAVE THE DATE: Berea Friendship United Methodist Church 70th Anniversary HOMECOMING Celebration, Sunday, October 22, 2023. More details to come.

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.

MONTHLY OUTREACH MINISTRIES NEWS:

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with our July Mission of peanut butter, jelly, and canned beans for North Greenville Crisis Ministries.

Outreach Ministries Meeting

We will have an outreach ministry meeting on August 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. We will be planning the fall festival, which is scheduled for September 23rd from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. and other events for the remainder of the year.

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Fall Festival: The church will have a fall festival on Saturday, September 23rd 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.

United Women in Faith

The Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 15th at 2:00 p.m.

The Shalom Circle will meet on Saturday, August 19, 2023,

at 11:30 a.m. at the church. We will have lunch and a program and discuss future mission projects. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us.

The Administrative Council will be heading up the planning of the 70th Anniversary Homecoming celebration on Sunday October 22nd. We invite any member of the church that would like to assist in the planning to meet with us on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. Our scheduled meeting for August 8th will be postponed until September.

Bible Study

We will resume our bible study on Monday, August 7th at 5:45 p.m. and start the 2nd 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 7th 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.

Our prayer focus for August is on the Southside Community Center in San Marcos, Texas. They are a non-profit agency and a proud affiliate of the UMC. Since 1927, they have provided community services to the citizens of San Marcos and the surrounding region. Southside Community Center is an agency of social concern committed to the development and improvement of neighborhoods in San Marcos and Hays County. It operates on the belief that a neighborhood organized around its own interest can do much to enhance the personal dignity of the individual and possibilities for self determination. To achieve this purpose, Southside Community Center is engaged in providing ministries to the homeless; in supporting women and children in the community through programs of direct service, social action, and various economic development efforts, and in providing safe and affordable housing to low income families.

Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Amanda Mountain in New York and Rebecca Parsons in Virginia.

I would like to thank everyone
for the calls, cards and prayers
during the loss of my father, in Texas.
As well, I would like to thank everyone
to reached out to Susan to help out
while I was gone for several weeks.
We feel truly blessed. Thank you.
~ Jimmy and Susan Kruse

"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the
riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

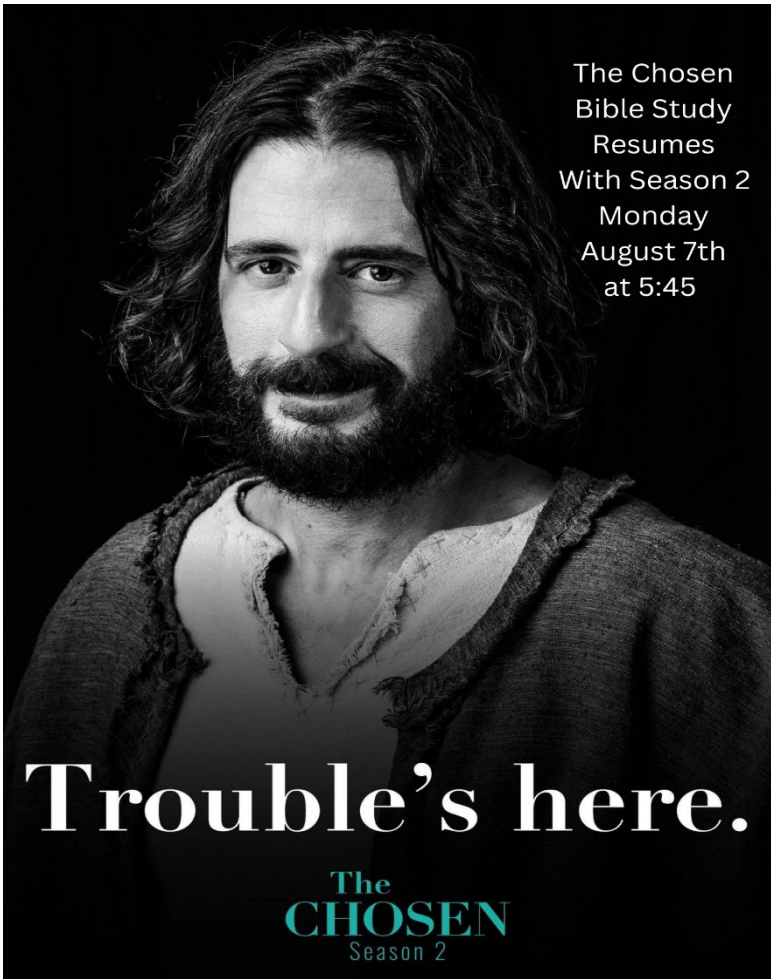
— Colossians 1:27

Thank you so much for a
wonderful service in your beautiful
Church. We really appreciate all
you and your staff do to bring
children to the glory of God.
Addie + Everley love coming
to your daycare too. The
members of your church really
made Carl + I feel welcome.

In God's Love
Anne Terhiser

August 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 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. Outreach Ministries 7:00 p.m. Homecoming	2 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	3	4	5
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The Chosen
Bible Study
Resumes
With Season 2
Monday
August 7th
at 5:45

Trouble's here.


The
CHOSEN
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




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.

**CANNED
GOODS**



**TRIUNE
MERCY
CENTER**

**FOR THE
MONTH OF
AUGUST**

**OUTREACH
MINISTRIES**

BEREA FRIENDSHIP



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JOIN US FOR
HOMECOMING

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 70TH
ANNIVERSARY

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OCTOBER
22

Berea Friendship United
Methodist Church
8001 White Horse Rd

SAVE THE DATE
MORE DETAILS
COMING

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**THANKS TO THE KIDS, FAMILIES, & VOLUNTEERS
FOR A SUPER WEEK!**

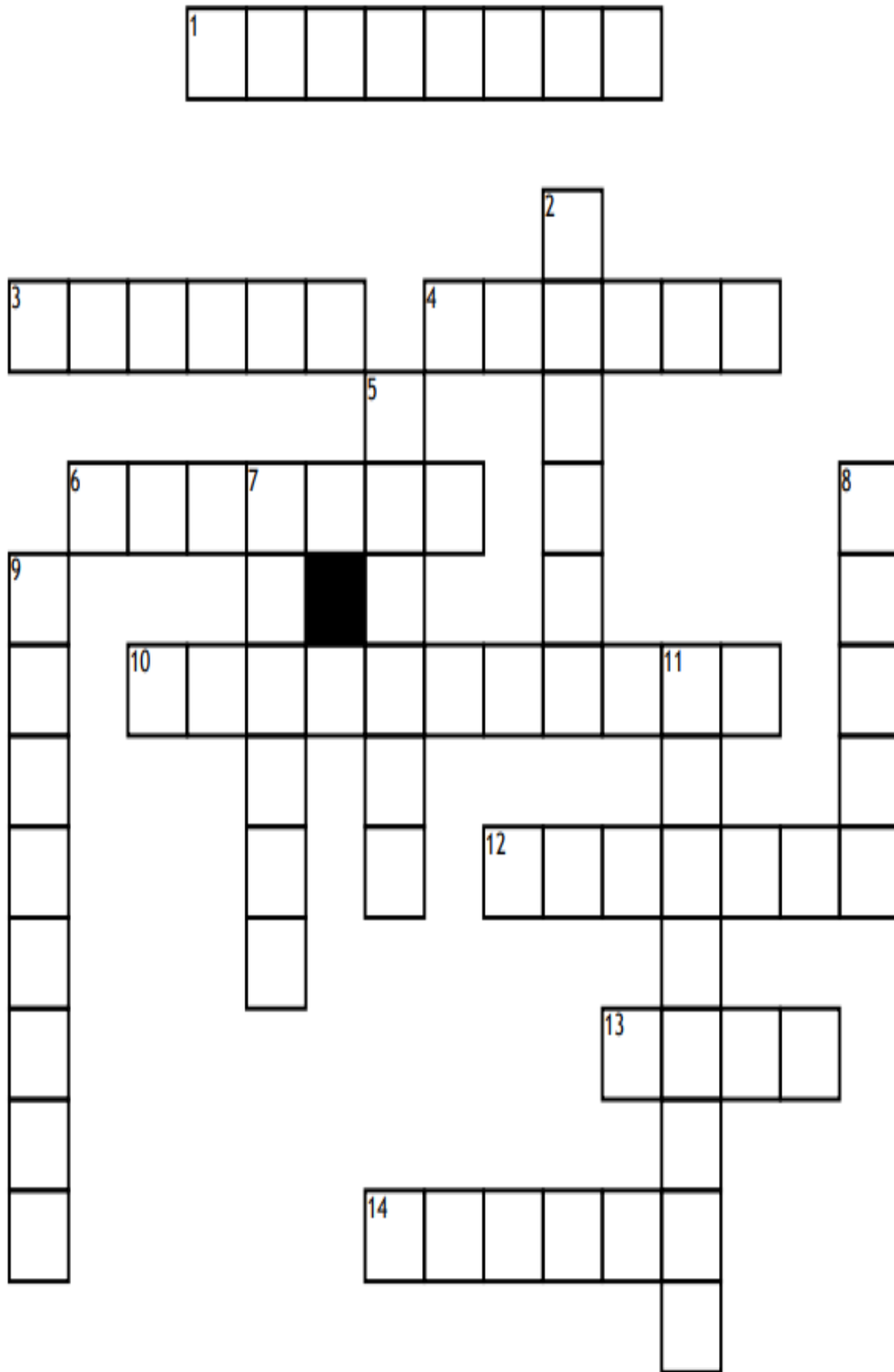


HERO HOTLINE ☎

**JESUS IS MY
SUPER HERO!**



People of the Bible



Across

1. Who is Jair's son? (Esther 2)
3. Who became king at age 8? (2 Kings 22)
4. Who does Elisha heal? (2 Kings 5)
6. Who battles a dragon and wins? (Revelation 12)
10. Who blesses Abram? (Genesis 14)

12. Whose name in Greek is Dorcas? (Acts 9)
 13. Who killed King Elgon? (Judges 3)
 14. Whose donkey talks? (Numbers 22)
- ## Down
2. Who is the mother of Zebedee's sons? (Matthew 20)
 5. Who is Moses' father-in-law? (Exodus 18)

7. Who is the prophetess mentioned in 2 Kings 22?
8. Who deals with purple cloth? (Acts 16)
9. Who does Paul write an appeal for in Philemon?
11. Who is the scribe mentioned in Jeremiah 36?

People of the Bible

P E T E R A R H A J I L E Y T V J	Noah
P X D B Y P X J Z A Q Z B I R S U	Sarah
Z W Q K R J A M W C X N K K A B D	Jesus
C Q J Z A I A B R A H A M S V F A	Rebecca
H G O A M Z S H W D B A R Z K H S	Paul
W J H D S X C A O A X R A T S G O	Peter
A C N A F Y D M E K E Z Y X M T A	Elijah
C O T M V Y A X H B A H O G F J F	Abraham
D W H A W O Q T E B G J P D Y W B	Mary
D K E N K N N C I W E V I E V W W	David
Z Y B D J Y C G Q S F R I B S W K	Joseph
Y N A E Z A A P U H C Y S D M O U	Adam and Eve
M O P V O I J S K D L M S A S K J	Judas
D A T E L J T Y I N U U O A G Y A	Moses
N H I I P T I V H G A U D S R J S	Abigail
V Y S H Z U A C E V P P V N E A R	John the Baptist
V G T W C D P W G W S N M V U S H	

