

Lets join together in prayer for each other:



PRAY A PRAYER FROM GOD'S WORD:

Psalms 51

RECOVERING/ONGOING MEDICAL ISSUES:

Kim Falkenstine – Recovering from surgery
Shannon Blue – Recovering from injuries resulting from a car accident

Joyce Rebard – For her battle with cancer
Phil Heatwole – For daily strength in dealing with Parkinson's
Clifton & Judy Wixson – For their individual battles with cancer

HEALTH REQUESTS:

Goldie Ellison – For her continued recovery after a fall
Don & Sandra Adams – Arlene Edel (Sandra's mother) will be transferred from Cape Fear Valley Hospital to Village Green this week.

Rene Bahrenfuss – For discernment in a medical procedure
Ryan Keiser – His Uncle Dwain is in the ICU with heart issues.
Karla Henderson – her mother's mastectomy is scheduled for Feb. 8th.

Paul Odom – His grandmother's cancer has spread. She broke her hip and has been given 3 months to live. His dad needs a liver and lung transplant and is on oxygen 24/7. His doctor is pushing for disability.

Troy Iverson – For Pam's pain relief

Crystal Cory – Her diaphragm is pressing on her lungs and is making it hard to breathe.

Jackie Frank – For her grandpa, Don Smith, who is at Autumn Care trying to recover his strength to walk again and go home. For her grandma, Judy, as she is having a hard time with this transition.

Lester Ellis – He has been having pain and numbness in his left arm and hand for the last two months and his doctor is not sure why. He has an appointment with his doctor again on Jan 31.

Tia Gentry – Her brother, Bill, needs a permanent place to stay.

Max Recod – For his brother, David, as he recovers from surgery

Hollie Guilette – Her grandfather, Dale, has stage 4 bone cancer and is in hospice care. He is a believer. Pray for mercy with his pain and that through this good seeds are planted in the hearts of her unbelieving family.

Jordan & Meagan O'Briant – For a healthy pregnancy

Zaguru & Sarajah Zamani – Safe pregnancy for Sarajah

Clarissa Lawson – For her medical appointments

SALVATION/SPIRITUAL MATURITY:

Brian & Rene Bahrenfuss – For Brian's friend, Matt, to find rest and have a soft heart as Brian and others share Christ

Michael Giddings – For his salvation and that God will continue to speak to him and draw him closer.

Jennifer Martin – For acceptance and spiritual clarity for her family

Angel & Shamyl Vazquez – For them to be good mentors and tools of God's power and blessing

Jerry Truong – wisdom for his cousin Gary

Samuel Liss – For wisdom in friendships; for the new soldier on his team

Nate & Bianca Gant – For wisdom

Cris Jones – Unspoken

Gregory & Millie Coccia – For their children

Tim & Tia Gentry – for Adrienne, Matt, Leo, Clementine, Lucy, and Theo

Zaguru & Sarajah Zamani – for their families and Z's co-workers

Lesley Losiewski – For her son Christian
Clarissa Lawson – For Will, Magan, Michael and Tyler
Lindsey Overly – For her Uncle Don
Jerry Truong – For his family and parents
John & Tristen Johnson – For their parents and their daughter
Nathaniel & Bianca Gant – children and grandchildren
Salvas – For Jessika and Cordell
Kizer & Charlotte Patterson – For Kyden, Makayla, Malikai, Kelis, and Maileen
Danielle Stewart – For Ernest, JP, Kati, and Ashley
Luke & Rachel Carter – for their children
Pam Messex – For Fen
Tom & Michelle Baughan – their two exchange students: Ben and Philip
David & Jan Scott – For all grandchildren, their siblings, their nieces and nephews
Jim & Bonnie Silcox – for their children and for Jim's siblings

OTHER REQUESTS:

Jack Farmer – For BBA's faculty hires
Zaguru and Sarajah Zamani – For God to provide the funds to pay for the pregnancy and delivery. For Sarajah's sister's marriage reconciliation.
Adrienne Adorno – She is joining the military
John and Ellen Flach – For peace and trust as they go through a move because of a new job
Chris and Debbie Sain – Continued prayers for the sale of their home. That they would be an example of Christ to the buyers.
Pam Messex – For Chiara as she receives her service dog this week.
Clint Sheets – For his resiliency luncheon to go well
Jonathan Stewart – He needs to decide if he will stay in the military or look for a civilian career
Nick Schmitz – Safe and healthy pregnancy for Hannah and for his paramedic program
Christa Zuege – Christa's cousin Shawn is in a drug addiction relapse following the death of his mother a year ago. Pray also for her parents' strength as they deal with that situation.
Danielle Stewart – Continued prayers for the restoration of her marriage
Paul and Megan Odom – For financial wisdom
John and Tristen Johnson – For decisions concerning work for next school year

DEPLOYED SOLDIERS:

Robert Mobley, Patrick Zuege, Lea Newman, Aaron Schade, Elissa Adams

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

Andrew Falkenstine – Kimberlee is healing nicely from surgery
Charlotte Patterson – She is healing quickly post-surgery with no cancer!
Lindsey Overly – A local woman decided to keep her baby. She needs help and support. Pray for people to come alongside her.
Danielle Stewart – Her friend JP is 3 weeks sober.
Crystal Cory – No lung cancer!
John and Ellen Flach – They found a home.
Christa Zuege – They had a successful first week of homeschooling and Patrick was accepted to both schools.
Sam Beach – He received a good report from his MRI



Girls' Day Out

Saturday, February 11, 2023
11am - 4pm

An event for Mothers & Daughters
and Ladies 10 and up are welcome

Fun, Fellowship, & a Focus on Discipleship

Cost \$5 | Lunch provided | No Childcare

After February 8
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Preaching: Sun 8.30a, 10.45a & 5p | Wed 6.30p | Sun School 9.45a

Notes for Visitors

- Please fill out a white Connection Card. We ask this of everyone because we value who is with us. (FYI we will not make an unannounced visit).
- Due to the volume of sermon content, feel free to go to our website (bbcfnc.org/sermons) to rewatch and/or look at the Powerpoint slides.
- Sunday School at 9.45a is very important for the Berean family. Please ask someone to help you find one of our 13 classes to join.
- Our Sunday evening 5p service is different than this morning, please come and join us again. We are studying the book of Luke and it's a much more casual atmosphere. Please also join us for our Wednesday Night Study Groups that start at 6.30p.

Pastor Sean's Note:



Let's talk about making disciples (see Matthew 28:19).

Jesus told us, through the apostles, to make disciples of all nations. Our goal is to reach people of all ethnicities with the gospel and the Word of God. And we must have as our first priority to make disciples. The command is not to make converts, but to make disciples. Every believer is converted, but they are also to be a follower that helps others to become followers of Jesus. We want to see males and females, whom God made in His image, starting to reflect Christ's image in Christlike transformation.

We assemble each week in large group sessions for worship through singing and preaching and I am striving to make the preaching of God's Word a disciple-making session. But discipling through a large group is limited in its effectiveness because of the lack of relational two-way communication. The more personal disciple-making is, the higher likelihood that it will be effective.

Disciple-making effectiveness can be measured as people examine their own lives to see if they are actually making disciples of Jesus. It is that simple, are we bearing fruit? Jesus says in John 15:8, "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." Who are the lost people we are having Gospel conversations with, and who are the believers that we are helping to grow in Christlikeness so that they can go and do the same for others?

We assemble at 5pm for another large group session, but within this large group, there is a conscious effort to increase two-way communication and participation, which we believe will increase effectiveness. We talk. I ask questions. Multiple people answer. The goal is to increase engagement, ownership, personal application, and, thus, effectiveness.

We gather on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights (and other times) for small group Bible study. In these small groups, we encourage maximum participation. This is NOT another preaching session. Teachers who minimize two-way communication and max out on one-way lectures operate contrary to the culture we are trying to create. The goal is to set the conditions for everyone to be able to ask and answer questions and interact with the Word of God and its application for Christlike transformation.

This is a culture that we are striving to create within Berean. Please join in and help us.

One final area we have yet to arrive at is micro groups. A micro group is 2 to 5 gender-specific people, consistently meeting to grow as disciples. Again, Christlike transformation is the goal. When God saved you, He transformed you into a new creation in Christ (2Co 5:17). As new creations, the goal is to grow more like Christ in our being, manifested in Christlike communication, thinking, and actions (those 4 elements should sound familiar). You will hear more about micro groups in the coming months.

One idea I have had for micro groups, 2-5 men or women, is to meet on campus on Wednesday nights to go over the Sunday morning message. In this micro group, everyone would have heard the sermon, taken notes during the preaching, and a discussion would happen over the main text and supporting texts in the sermon. Questions could be asked and answered. More discussion about application could happen in an individualized sense and literally on and on.

Is this something that would appeal to you?

This Week's Schedule:

JANUARY 29	WORSHIP & PREACHING - 8.30AM & 10.45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9.45AM YOUNG @ HEART MEETING - 12.15PM *OR* 4.30PM WORSHIP & PREACHING - 5.00PM QUARTERLY MEMBERS MEETING DURING EVENING SERVICE
JANUARY 31	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OF TITUS - 9.00AM
FEBRUARY 1	AWANA - 6:15PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUPS - 6.30PM
FEBRUARY 4	AWANA GRAND PRIX - 10.00AM
FEBRUARY 5	WORSHIP & PREACHING - 8.30AM & 10.45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9.45AM

Upcoming Events:

FEBRUARY 7	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BEREAN
FEBRUARY 8	AWANA: PAJAMA DAY
FEBRUARY 11	MEN'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION GIRLS DAY OUT CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 26	LORD'S SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

CURRENTLY, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING CHILDCARE/ YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Sunday -	8.30am & 10.45am ~ Newborn - 5 years Power Hour for Children ~ K5 - 4th Grade 9.45am Sunday School ~ Newborn - 12th Grade 5.00pm ~ Newborn - 5 years
Wednesday -	6.15pm ~ Newborn - 2 years 6.15pm ~ AWANA - 2 Years - 6th Grade 6.15pm ~ 7th-12th grade in youth building

