

July 2014

# Berea Baptist Church

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## From the Pastor,

Rev. Phil Mumford

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Bereans,

First and foremost, I want to thank Woody for his pastorate and friendship. I truly believe that God called him to Berea yet now, it seems that God has called me. I remember the first time I heard Woody preach; it was YBA Annual Conference and the day his son, Philip, got his driver's license. Woody, with his classic Lucan style, expounded upon the passage in Luke when Martha is working hard in the kitchen, while Mary simply sits at the feet of Jesus. Mary had chosen the wiser, listening to the voice of the Lord.

Now, Philip teaches at Drexel, which is well within driving distance. My son, John Phillip, has graduated high school and is off to East Carolina. And, Phillip Mumford, Interim Pastor, II: I am honored and look forward to working with you as we search for a full-time pastor.

Well, Part II has been a blessing: hard work being accomplished on several committees; our VBS and Carnival were awesome; the church looks great; the Fellowship Hall has an incredible audio/visual potential. Berea is on the move, laying down our crowns at the feet of our King, Jesus.

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**"A COMMUNITY OF SERVANTS SERVING OUR COMMUNITY"**

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## Resilient Faith: Standing Strong in the Midst of Suffering

by Jim Barringer and Admin

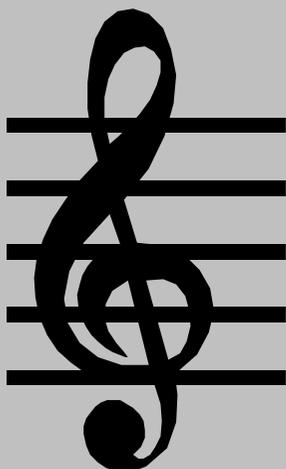
We invite you to join us at 9:45 am to help increase your faith, a resilient faith, knowing we can stand strong regardless of what comes at us. This is one of the topics several adult Sunday School classes will be focusing on this month.

\*This study will help you describe Faith. Faith may come easily to you, or you may struggle with trust. For all of us faith is tested when difficulties knock on our door. And for some of us, faith is shaken. Over the next six weeks, we will look at the Book of 1 Peter, a short letter that shows us what resilient faith acts like. Mark Twain said, "Faith is believing what you know ain't so." This study will show that Twain's idea of faith "just ain't so." In fact, a resilient faith is grounded in Christ. Resilient faith:

- Provides an actual foundation for a sure hope for mankind
- Frees you to do what is good and right
- Helps you find joy even in a world of pain and suffering
- Is yours because of the sure resurrection of Jesus Christ

## Community Dinner and Bible Study

Wednesday, July 2, 2014



### CHOIR NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

First, a word of thanks to all who have been coming to our 9 a.m. rehearsals each Sunday.

In July we will have evening rehearsals on July 13 and July 27. We will also continue to have 9 a.m. rehearsals on Sunday mornings.

It was disappointing to learn that the Master's Men are completely booked through the end of 2014. They have agreed to present an evening concert in early 2015, however. We're waiting to get a confirmation on the exact date.

## Honoring Our Berea Graduates

**Colton Andrew Barringer**, grandson of Jim & Peggy Barringer, graduated from Central Carolina Community College Fire Academy on April 1st. He was certified in Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II, and received his North Carolina Certification in EMS. He is currently a Volunteer with the Wake Forest Fire Department and plans to continue his education. He is following in his father's footsteps, as Andy was Assistant Fire Chief at Parkwood. We are very proud of his accomplishments.

**David Kimball**, grandson in-law, of Jim & Peggy Barringer, received his Master of Arts in Christian Practice at the Duke University Divinity School on May 10th. He is currently Youth and Family Services Director at St. Francis Memorial Methodist Church in Cary. He is following in his fathers footsteps, as his father was a minister in the Methodist Church before his sudden death. We are very proud of his accomplishments.



**Braxton Berrios**, grandson of Jay & Linda Fogelman, finished high school in December from Leesville Road High School. He started at the University of Miami in January, but came back to graduate with his high school class on June 6th.

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**CONGRATULATIONS to Lee Berrios and Chad Smothers.**

**They were married on June 7th and residing in Raleigh, NC.**

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## **SHINE, Berea, SHINE!** by Judi Kochik

But what does that mean?

A candle cannot SHINE until the wick has been lit...a flashlight cannot SHINE until it's turned on...a floor lamp will not SHINE unless it's plugged in...and a mirror ball doesn't SPARKLE until it's reflecting light that's focused on it. At this year's week of Bible school we sang songs and learned about SHINING for God. We were encouraged to be "glory givers"...not "glory getters." We need to be "lit" through prayer...we need to be "turned on" by listening to good teaching...we need to be "plugged in" to God's Word...and when we pray, listen, and read the Word, we will be able to reflect His love & truth.

"Our good is for God's glory...and God's glory is for our good." When we SHINE for God, we glorify our Father; and when we glorify Him, we are blessed.

We need to pray that Berea grows each week through prayer, good teaching, and studying God's Word....then we will SHINE here in our community, giving glory to our Lord. We are to be "glory givers"... not "glory getters!" SHINE, Berea, SHINE!

# ENGAGE. WORD SEARCH

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

## WORDS TO SEARCH:

CELEBRATE  
RETREAT  
BEACH  
FIREWORKS  
FREEDOM  
INDEPENDENCE  
AMERICA  
FLAG  
EAGLE  
PRAYER  
HOPE  
BRAVE  
COURAGE



### Weekly Youth Activities

Sunday School—9:45 am  
Sunday CIA/Music—11:00 am  
Sunday Youth Group—5:00 pm  
Wednesday Youth Group—6:00 pm

### Upcoming July Youth Events

Youth 4th of July Celebration—Wednesday, July 2  
Gal's Youth Reward Retreat—Thursday, July 24-Saturday, July 26

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## From the Youth Director,

Suzy Kochik

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Last month, the youth had the opportunity to engage in an powerful VBS, where they were taught the difference between being a glory giver and a glory getter. During this interactive time together, they also learned about five rewards, or crowns...the crown of victory, life, rejoicing, glory and righteousness...believers in Jesus will earn as they SHINE for Him. The youth were educated directly from Scripture, praying that each was eternally impacted by God's truth and the gospel.

Following this experience, we celebrated a successful week by sharing our joy with the community at our annual carnival. This was a delightful time of games, activities, good eats, fun treats, fellowship and "feel good" music. The smiles were contagious and blessings were found everywhere.

These two events could not have been done without our dedicated volunteers. It is our prayer that you are shown favor for your dedication to the youth, sacrifices from your families, time to prepare and love for the Lord. May you feel the difference that you made.

The older youth will now focus on earning the opportunity to attend the gal's and guy's reward retreats in the weeks to come. These retreats were designed to help develop our young woman and men to be more engaged with each other, at church, in the community and with God. Each will have to qualify by memorizing scripture, participating in fundraisers, attending weekly group activities, show responsibility, etc.

Each week is an adventure together, as we seek together what God has for each of our lives. This journey is full of twists and turns, knowing that the Lord has "plans to prosper" each of our youth and "plans to give them hope and a future".



# ENGAGE.

With fireworks exploding  
In the darkness, of night  
Giving rise to our adrenalin  
As we view the awesome sight

It brought to mind, the reason  
This day...So special and grand  
Passing through many a wary season  
Our Nation, not wavering, does stand

Many years ago...In 1776  
"Independence Day" got its start  
The Untied States, a various mix  
Becoming one, with pride in each heart

Wars have been fought  
America, the Home of the brave...  
Our flag waving, proud and erect  
As many sacrificed, with an early grave

The eagle...Signifying strength  
And a strong bond, in our Nation  
Standing together, at any length  
Give rise and cause, for celebration

On this day, with "War" at hand  
Prayers and hopes, are for our men  
Bravely fighting, guarding our land  
Displaying courage, again and again



So, as we plan for this special day  
With picnics and parties everywhere  
Remember our soldiers, who are away  
Let's honor them and show we care...

As the bright lights, explode above  
And stirred excitement, fills the air  
Let's utter a special prayer of love  
For men at war...Way over there

And as the lights fizzle in the sky  
With smoke, as far as you can see  
Remember the reason...for this day  
It's so we can live a life, that is free

During this great celebration...  
Some will laugh, some will cry  
Yet, we are all filled with elation  
This Independence Day...

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**"Happy 4th Of July!"**

*by Judith Johnson Kypta*