

BereaOne Life

WISE Musings

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually advanced the Gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard, and to everyone else, that my imprisonment is because I am in Christ. Philippians 1:12-13

When have you felt closest to God? What was the time in your life when you were the most on fire for Him? No really... stop and take a moment to choose one; I'll wait...

Did you pick just after Summer Camp as a youth? Maybe it was right after your salvation? Or baptism? The afterglow of a Mission Trip?

Did you choose a hard time as your "mountaintop experience"? I doubt many said that you were closest to God in persecution, just after losing a job, or during a painful breakup.

As we continue our Journey Through His Word, we have taken the month of September to study Paul's "Prison Epistles." These 4 letters (Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon & Philippians) were written from Rome while Paul was under house arrest. As he awaited trial before Caesar, he was confined to his house, able to witness and write letters, but not able to go on any additional Missionary Journeys.

From his rented prison, he writes such truths as:

"...created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"...whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

"I pray that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ." Philemon 6

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

Paul desperately wanted to be able to do his missionary work. He wanted to travel beyond Rome, all the way to Spain (Romans 16:28). He desired to "Go...and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19).

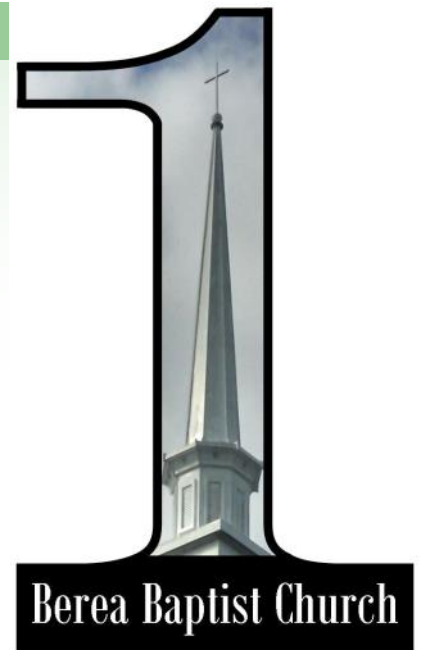
If Paul had freedom and time, he would have gone as far as possible to share the Good News of salvation with everyone who would listen (would not listening even stop him?). I wonder how far he could have made it? England? Norway?

But as his life was nearing its end, he couldn't go; he could only write. For this season, his going days were over, so he encouraged others to discern and do God's plan for their lives.

What about us? What holds us back? It's not house arrest, nor prison, nor fear of martyrdom, but what is it?

Is there really ANY reason not to share the hope you have in Jesus?

Love you all,
Pastor Jason



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Weekly Activities:

Sundays

- ★ 10:00am Sunday School
- ★ 11:00am Children's Church
- ★ 11:00am Sunday Worship
- ★ 5:00pm Puppets
- ★ 6:30pm Youth Bible Study-FLC

Wednesdays

- ★ 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- ★ 6:15pm AWANA
- ★ 6:30pm Adult Bible Study (OFH)

October @ a Glance:

- ★ Business Meeting
10/11 @ 12:15pm
- ★ Fellowship Meal
10/18 @ 12:30pm
- ★ Newsletter Deadline
10/21 @ 12 pm
- ★ Church Council
10/25 @ 12:15pm

Thoughtful Reflections from Your Family Deacons



Mike Hanson — Chairman
Fahey Harrell — Vice Chairman
Matt Reed — Reflections
Cameron Quigley — Secretary
Don Alexander
Greg Newell
Brendan Quigley
Gary Smith
Chris Vallas

Daniel 1:3-21

We face a similar dilemma to the one Daniel and his friends faced: how to remain faithful to God when obedience puts us at odds with the surrounding culture. When God's authority and human expectations collide, our first response should be to seek the Lord's guidance.

Daniel shows us that faithfulness does not require needless defiance. Instead of reacting harshly, he responded with humility and wisdom, respectfully seeking permission from those in authority (Dan. 1:8-13). God honored his conviction and made a righteous path forward.

Daniel's legacy was not his greatness, but his surrender. His example reminds us that God works powerfully through those who make themselves available to Him.

Next Deacons' Meeting will be October 12th @ 6:00pm in the choir room.

Handyman Ministry



Built for Mrs. Claire Jones, she is wheelchair bound.



Mrs. Gladys Stewart is confined to a wheelchair. We installed this Wheelchair Lift to help her caregiver to get her in/out of the house without having to call EMS.



Our Children and Youth!



Nursery Workers!

We are looking for nursery workers for the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Awana Buddies

Come join our group of volunteers as an Awana buddy. Spend time with clubbers at different ages and stages. All you need is a sprinkle of patience, lots of love and the ability to listen & read to children of all ages. Your one-on-one time can make an eternal difference in our clubbers as God uses you to help our clubbers go deeper than ever before into God's Word. Simple things like reciting and reading are all you need to make a lasting impact on a child's life. Doors Open at 6:15 for Dinner, 6:30-8pm we play games, do crafts, and most importantly dive into God's Word through study and scripture memorization.

Children's Church & 3s & 4s Sunday School Teacher - Speak to Pastor Charlie for details.

Mark Your Calendar - SPECIAL Kid's Night Out @ Berea (11/27/26)

Clubbers can come hang with us from 6-8:30 for dinner, games and fun, while adults enjoy stress free Christmas shopping or just a quiet night at home! FREE FOR AWANA CLUBBERS!

Sunday School for Children & Youth - Sunday Mornings @ 10 am

Children's Church - Sunday Mornings @ 11 am



Youth Group News



Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan 17 - Youth Led Service @ Brookdale

October 23/24 - Youth Lock-in & Built to Serve Berea

December 20 - Youth Christmas Party

January 9 - Worship Rally hosted by Berea Youth

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

All Students, 6th grade and above, are welcome to join us every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC, as we share a meal together, shoot hoops, play games and study God's Word.



And...action...

The scene opens at a party where a young woman dances and catches the eye of the man of the house. Pleased by what he sees, he promises her anything her heart desires, and spurred by the evil desire of her mother she asks for the local preacher to be killed for preaching a message that hits a little too close to home. The tragedy that unfolds makes everyone a little more careful about the promises they make.

Sounds a bit like an episode you could watch on any streaming service. Perhaps you recognized the bones of the story as that of the death of John the Baptist. In fact, that episode really did happen, to John after being put in prison for calling out the sin in the man's relationships. While tragic, much can be

learned from simple observation of the story of his last days.

Beginning with the fact that we see John standing on the principles, established by God, we find him unafraid to speak up when he sees the world descending deeper into sin, regardless of what it will cost him. John's position and the steps he takes to address it do not take into account any thoughts of impressing sinful man, but instead see him standing firm against sin, just as we should. Then we see Herod's position as the complete opposite, as he allows one sin to snowball into the next, into the next and ultimately into murder, all because he didn't want to look bad in the sight of his friends & guests. Each step of the way he compromised his morals just a little more until he was left standing there with nothing but hurt and shame. Where do your morals lead you to stand? Firmly on the side of God, like John, with no thoughts of what the personal cost would be or led about like Herod searching for the next big thing to follow. Choose today, to stand on the truth found in God's Word, no matter the cost.

Further reading: Matthew 14:1-12

If you ever have questions or need anything, please feel free to contact Pastor Charlie - (252) 333-4242.

MACU Worship Experience

Berea Youth ministry took 24 students and worshipped alongside an announced crowd of 550+, mostly teenagers, at MACU.





Momentum carries us forward On Mission

This summer has been a full and exciting season of ministry. I've had the privilege of meeting with churches and associations across our state, and I keep coming away with the same conviction: North Carolina Baptists are mobilized for mission. As we gear up for fall, it's worth pausing to celebrate what God has done — and to let that momentum push us toward what's next.

Hundreds of N.C. Baptist churches took part in ServeNC Week in early August, serving their neighborhoods in tangible ways. Teams tackled yard work for seniors, ran school supply drives, organized community cleanups, delivered meals to first responders and so much more. Every project became an opportunity to display Christ's kingdom and build Gospel relationships that extend far beyond a single day of service. I heard story after story of neighbors encountering the church as a real, present force for good in their community.

Our camps and conference centers at Caswell, Caraway and Truett hosted thousands of students this summer. Numerous young people made life-changing decisions for Christ, and pastors and leaders built momentum through relationships forged during these weeks. Our camp staff, volunteers and churches poured everything into training and discipling the next generation. Thank you for investing in our young people.

Many of you gave up weeks of your summer to serve on mission across the United States and around the world through short-term and vision trips. May your efforts and your prayers bear lasting fruit and ongoing discipleship among the nations.

'Living Sent' this fall

This September, we rally around the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) with renewed conviction. Our theme this year is "Living Sent," drawn from John 20:21 — a reminder that we're not spectators to God's mission, but active participants in it. When you give to the NCMO, you're fueling disaster relief efforts that restore hope. You're sending church planters into strategic communities across our state. You're mobilizing N.C. Baptists to meet physical and spiritual needs in Jesus' name. And you're supporting local associational outreach that transforms neighborhoods and communities.

Our goal this year is \$2.8 million. I invite you to make the NCMO a priority in your church this September. Pray over your giving, and pray for the missions and ministry efforts the NCMO makes possible.

Gather 'On Mission Together'

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting on Nov. 16-17. We're gathering once again under the theme "On Mission Together."

You'll be encouraged hearing from Trevin Wax, who will deliver our convention sermon. Wax serves as vice president of resources and marketing at the North American Mission Board, is a visiting professor at Cedarville University, and has written several books and articles on faith and cultural engagement.

We'll celebrate new church plants and sending churches, and we'll pray over our missionaries during the Sending Celebration. There will be powerful worship and practical breakout sessions built to equip pastors and leaders for the road ahead.

I'll admit, I'm especially looking forward to Nov. 16-17 this year, believing God wants to do something in our state that has never been done before. What if God was calling us to attempt something bold for Him as we close in on 200 years as a convention? I'd simply encourage you to be in the room when we gather.

Let's be reminded that we are a movement of churches On Mission Together. Summer has shown us what's possible when N.C. Baptists mobilize. As we move into fall, let's pray that God sustains and grows this movement — and let's look for every way to join Him in the work.

Thank you for being On Mission Together.

(EDITOR'S NOTE — Todd Unzicker serves as the Executive Director-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. This article appears in the summer 2026 edition of the Biblical Recorder magazine.)

Fellowship Meal



Community Care



Monthly Business Meeting

October 11th @ 12:15pm



J. Walkers Meeting

October 19th @ 10:30 am (OFH).



Chowan Baptist
Association Annual
Meeting October 20th.
Van departs at 1:30 pm



Berea now has online
giving! Scan the QR
code or visit our
revamped website,
bereaone.org, to give.



"Tammy"

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Success Stories



Albemarle Area United Way

At CCC, we often hear about challenges facing families in our community, but sometimes the stories remind us that crises we associate with distant places can happen much closer to home. Recently, a young mother and her children arrived in our area seeking safety after escaping a **human trafficking** situation. Leaving behind everything familiar, she made the difficult decision to protect herself and her children from ongoing danger. While finding safety was a critical first step, it came with significant challenges, including homelessness and uncertainty about where her family would sleep each night.

Determined to create a stable future for her children, she worked tirelessly to secure permanent housing. When she finally found an apartment that would provide the safe and stable environment her family desperately needed, one final obstacle stood in the way: the security deposit required for move-in. Through the support of CCC and our caring community, assistance was provided to cover the deposit, allowing this mother and her children to move into their new home. What might seem like a simple financial need became the key that unlocked safety, stability, and hope for an entire family.

Today, this courageous mother can focus on rebuilding her life and creating new opportunities for her children in a secure environment. Her story is a powerful reminder that **human trafficking** affects individuals and families from all walks of life and that recovery often begins with meeting basic needs such as safe housing. Because of the generosity of our supporters, families facing unimaginable circumstances can find hope and a path forward. Together, we are helping neighbors not only survive difficult situations but also build brighter futures. Your support makes stories like this possible. Thank you for helping CCC provide hope, safety, and housing stability to families when they need it most.

Berea partners with the Community Care Collaborative in meeting human needs by providing assistance to those facing temporary emergency crisis. To learn how you can offer additional support visit:

aaunitedway.org/communitycarecollaborative.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Let's celebrate together!

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| 1 | Barbara Seabold | 16 | Janet Sawyer |
| | Duck & Bonnie Chappell | 22 | Melissa Ohler |
| 2 | Vickie Sanders | 26 | Sylvia Cohoon |
| 4 | John Long | 28 | Don Bunch |
| 8 | Miriam Alexander | | Steve & Faith Long |
| 9 | Thayne Muntz | | Greg & Sydney Newell |
| 11 | Jeff Spear | 30 | Tom Finley |
| | Jason Wise | | Henry Layden |
| 12 | John & Kim Hudson | 31 | Lois Hassell |
| 15 | Russell & Kaitlyn Guerrero | | |

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