**Berea Christian Church**  
37 Woolsey Road  
Hampton, GA 30228  
770-946-3127  
return service requested

**Service Times:**  
- **Sunday School**: 9:30 a.m.  
- **Sunday Worship**: 10:30 a.m.  
- **Wednesday Meal**: 6:00 p.m.  
- **Wednesday Studies**: 7:00 p.m.

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**The COMPASS**

**Directions For Life’s Journey**

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“I just don't get much out of attending church.”

Ever hear that when talking to someone you haven’t seen at church services in a while? Ever said that - or at least thought that yourself? Has it been some time since you really felt value in going to church? May I suggest some things you can do that might change that for you.

1. Expect to get something out of it!
   I know that seems a bit simplistic, but that’s just the way our minds tend to work. Have you ever watched a stand up comedian at a comedy club on TV? For me, I am always shocked at the disparity between how funny they are with how funny the people in the club think they are! They tell a moderately humorous story, and the people in the club are literally in tears laughing! What’s up with that? While there may be other factors involved, I believe when you pay good money to go to a Comedy Club, invest your time and look forward to an evening of laughter, things are more humorous to you because you expected them to be. I believe if you come to church expecting to NOT get much out of it - you likely won’t be disappointed! However, if you arrive expecting God to have something in store for you, you will likely recognize it when He does.

2. Sit down front!
   There’s a reason in every venue other than church that the seats “front and center” are the most desirable and sell at a premium. Whether it’s sports, a movie, a concert or even your kids PTO program, the closer you are to the “action” the more a part of the “action” you are. Where you sit has a huge impact on your experience. The same is true of a church service. If you don’t believe me - try it this Sunday! I triple-dog-dare you!

3. Listen to CCM (Contemporary Christian Music) throughout the week.
   Even if it’s not your preferred style of worship, if it’s the style your church chooses to worship God through, spend at least a little time each day keeping up with it. (An easy way to do so is to add 93.3 or 104.7 to your radio presets). Would you be surprised to know that at Berea we currently sing over 50% of the most sung worship songs in America! If you are familiar with these songs, you will be able to participate in worship more effectively, and they will be able to minister to you more authentically.

4. Leave distractions at the door ... if you can!
   If you find yourself consistently distracted by something in worship-get rid of it. Even if it’s your PHONE! (Gasp !!!!) “But it’s my Bible!” Maybe it is - but if it distracts you, leave it in the car! We will always have Bibles in the chair racks for you to use.

5. Open your Bible, follow along, and take notes!
   Even if you never look at those notes again, the process of writing them down will help you recall them later. When you’re invested in something, you tend to get more out of it.

So - see anything you could change that might help you get more out of church? Remember, if nothing changes-nothing changes. See you Sunday, David

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OLD GLORY- - LONG MAY SHE WAVE !

I grew up in those WWII years when patriotism was deep and the flag was high. It startsle me when I see our flag dragged in the dirt or burned in the street. We surely are at a time when we need “A Lesson for America by Mike Dilkak”.

My grandfather was a glider infantryman in the WWW, an advisor in Korea, and lost one of his sons, my uncle Gary Edwards, in Vietnam. I worked in his auto repair station during high school and he flew his flag in front daily. One day while I was sweeping the oil dry out of the bays it began to sprinkle rain. He told me to go get the flag and I said “gimme a second.” He said, “It is raining, go get the flag NOW”. Well I popped off my mouth about how he should cool it, it isn't going to melt or some such typical teenage comment.

My grandfather is the toughest man I've ever met. He explained once that he thought basic training was some sort of country club during WWII, because he was used to hard work anyway, and at home he didn't have indoor toilets or hot running water! And when I said whatever it was that I said to him, he turned deep crimson and I thought, "God save me, he's going to kill me for talking back." Instead tears welled up in his eyes and he squeezed out, "you don't understand what this family has paid for the right to fly that flag." Then he turned his back on me and went out and got the flag. I just stood there feeling like the smallest person to ever live.

Those words cut me so deep, I wished the entire country could have heard them.

And so do !! There was a time when we did not yet have the star spangled banner. Our oldest flag was probably the Bedford Flag, carried by the minutemen at Concord Bridge. There was the Culpeper Flag and the Gadsden Flag with those words “Don’t tread on me”. The Pine Tree Flag flew over the New England states. And ultimately there was the Continental Flag.

On June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress passed the Flag Act: “Resolved that the flag of the United States be made of 13 stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white on a blue field, representing a new Constellation”. We ended up with one of the most glorious flags of all - Old Glory. With her 50 stars and 13 stripes our flag has more components than any other flag in the world.

It is my prayer that those who live under this flag have a lot more than just “components.” What a nation it would be if more of her people came to be “more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:37) And those people claimed the “more excellent way” of life (I Cor. 12:31). In fact, I join with the Apostle Paul praying that “your love many abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ” (Phil. 1:9). Were this to happen Old Glory could wave for His Glory. Long may she wave - - - Salute!

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-Dennis
**Center on Prayer**

Corrine Carpenter; Carol Gray; Pat Lorton; Eldon Howard; Margie Sneed; Justin Bentley; Diane Cathcart; R. C. Oakley; Joanie Snow; Keith Exum; Steve & Beverly Stewart; Rose Anderson; Harry Boss; Charles Pendley

**Average Attendance & Giving**

JUNE Average Attendance: 122

Monthly Giving for JUNE:

- General: $18,080.72
- Missions: $2,360.28

**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

- Vic Whited - Home
- Robbie Kendall - Home
- Bob Zagwyn - home
- Coralice Henderson - Atlanta
- Mary Johnson - Home
- Alice Pendley - Benton Village
- Barbara Hiers - Dawsonville

**Family & Friends**

Glenn Thurman; Billy Pappas; Hannah Jackson; Terry Doxx; Faye Fortin; Sandy Scott; Gerald Moore; Ronnie Duffey; J. C. Mott; Christine Hulse; Francis Johnson; Stephanie Garcia; George Freeman; Mac Crawford; Donna Eaton; Alan Hause; Betty Gunnin; Stacey Garner; Rutherford family; Emily Rue; Hannah Jackson; Helen Adair; Auranna Reyes; LaVerne Chapman; Buddy Johnson; Sally Johnston; Rachel Price; Stefan Gorsch; Leroy Fulton; Savannah Holcomb; Ricky Holcomb; Pipkin family;

**Berea’s Nursery & Preschool Schedule**

**Sunday 7/2**
- 10:30 Nursery: Lisa Burndam
- 10:30 Toddlers: Carol Dudley & Michelle Pece

**Sunday 7/9**
- 10:30 Nursery: Julia McCaslin
- 10:30 Toddlers: Bobby & Clara Johnston

**Sunday 7/16**
- 10:30 Nursery: Melissa Paquin
- 10:30 Toddlers: still looking for volunteers

**Sunday 7/23**
- 10:30 Nursery: Buffy Lappner
- 10:30 Toddlers: Lisa Sneed & Caitlin Howard

**Sunday 7/30**
- 10:30 Nursery: Jan Moore
- 10:30 Toddlers: Jeremy & Jo Lange

**A note from Mrs. Shelby:**

Hello Berea Family! I'm so excited to be on the Berea team and can't wait for all the fun we will have. Working with children has always been my passion and to be given the ability to share God's Word and His love with our children will be my biggest accomplishment yet. Thank you for giving me this great opportunity and supporting me in this new journey. With all of us working together, I know we can make Him known ... not only at Berea but in our community as well.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Sundays in the Jungle**

The next few weeks we will be studying KidFlix and learning about how God's Word is applied using references from some of our favorite children's movies.

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 9th right after church

**WHO:** All (6th - 12th grade) are welcome

**WHERE:** David & Janet Fulton's home

**WHAT TO WEAR:**
- Girls...one-piece bathing suit or two-piece with dark t-shirt to cover.
- Boys ... swimming trunks

**WHAT TO BRING:** Towel, Sunscreen, A friend, goggles, etc...

**Sunday Mornings 9:30**
- 6th-12th Grade
- Come Expecting and Bring a Friend!
DAUGHTERS OF KING
are hosting a drop-in baby shower for Chuck & Katie (Burndam) Parker
It's a girl - Jocelyn Grace and they are registered at Babies R Us
Sunday, July 9 from 2:00 to 4:00
at the home of Jan Exum - 512 Fields Rd - McDonough

BRING A BOOK
One small request that shouldn't be hard - Please bring a book in place of a card
Whether Cat in the Hat or Winnie the Pooh -
You can sign the inside with a note from You
Your book will be cherished - Old or brand new
But please don't feel obliged - We will leave it up to You

BEREA CHOIR REUNION
If you were a part of Berea's Choir in the "good-ol-days," or would like to be a part of it now - join us as we prepare a handful of our favorite songs for our annual Homecoming Celebration. We will meet in the Worship Center from 6:00 - 7:00 on July 23rd, 30th, and August 6th.

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS
IN JULY
If you have not already signed up for our Summer Small Groups, please contact the church office. We would like to have a variety of geographical locations, different age-groups, and groups with & without children. Once we have everything in place, we will set these groups up and let you know where you will be meeting and who will be your leader.
770-946-3127 CHURCH OFFICE
bereachristian@bereachristian.org

LADIES OF FAITH - Thursday, July 6
The Ladies of Faith will meet this Thursday, July 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All the ladies of Berea are invited to join us for a time of devotion and prayer. We then head out to lunch for great time of fellowship.

HIGHMILERS JULY PEACH TRIP
All aboard - sign up for the Peach Trip on Thursday, July 20th. The bus leave Berea at 8:30 with a stop at IHOP for breakfast. Sign up will begin on Sunday, July 2

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS
Our July Food Pantry will be Saturday, July 15. This month we would like to highlight our Cereal (12.25 oz. of any brand) and our Meal Helper (any brand-any flavor). We have set up a buggie in the foyer for all donations. We are blessed each month by the gracious generosity of Berea, and we are truly grateful. If you would like to see it all happen in person, please see Patti, we can always use some extra helping hands.

Saturday ... July 8
All men, all ages are encouraged to meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. An awesome breakfast followed by time of prayer, fellowship and digging into "Wild at Heart " by John Eldridge.