

A Confident Financial Future

Tuesday, March 3	Ruth's Chris Steak House in Myrtle Beach, SC (6:00 PM)
Thursday, March 5	Ruth's Chris Steak House in Myrtle Beach, SC (6:00 PM)
Tuesday, March 10	Ruth's Chris Steak House in Myrtle Beach, SC (6:00 PM)
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Thursday, April 16	Ruth's Chris Steak House in Myrtle Beach, SC (6:00 PM)

Invitations to the above seminars are distributed by a direct mail marketing firm in Florida. If you receive one, please do not call the RSVP number provided on the invitation.

Clients and their spouses are invited to attend these functions; however, we do ask that you bring someone with you who is at or nearing retirement age and has never heard Richard's presentation.

When registering for one of these seminars, please contact our home office at 1-888-774-6181. By calling us directly, you are assured top priority for seating at these workshops.



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Sunday, Mar 8th 2020



Richard Berry

Luck Versus Sovereignty

With March winds also comes St. Patrick's Day, March 17. St. Patrick's Day is a holiday that celebrates the life of Saint Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland. Saint Patrick actually used the three-leaf clover to explain the Trinity — God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit — to the Irish people. Prior to Christianity and the work of St. Patrick, the Druids (members of the high-ranking professional class in ancient Celtic cultures) believed that they could thwart evil spirits and danger by carrying a shamrock. A three-leaf shamrock would enable them to see the evil spirits and escape in time. A four-leaf clover was said to ward off bad luck and offer magical protection. Scientifically, for every 10,000 three-leaf clovers, there is only one four-leaf clover which is actually a very rare mutation.

As a little boy growing up, I can remember looking and looking and looking and looking in clover patches trying to find the rare four-leaf clover. I don't think at the time it mattered so much that I was told I would have good luck if I found the coveted four-leaf clover. As a very competitive young boy, I just wanted the bragging rights to say I found the four-leaf clover first! Not much has changed in the last soon to be 55 years!

As I grew up and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior at the age of 12, I began to question the difference between luck and blessings. Luck is described as the chance happening of fortunate or adverse events. Anything I hear or experience in the world, I know to measure its accuracy or validity, I have to go to God's Word, The Bible, to see what scripture has to say. Romans 8:28 says that all things work for the good of those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose. Proverbs 16:33 states a general principle: "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord." Casting lots is similar to rolling dice. God's sovereignty involves two aspects. God's active will or sovereignty involves something He causes to happen, and God's passive will involves Him allowing, rather than causing, something to happen. Whether events happen through God's active or passive will, the end result is that God is sovereign, meaning He has the power, wisdom, and authority to do anything He chooses within His creation.

After careful examination of the Scripture and God's Sovereign, never changing character, I have concluded that there is no such thing as luck. God is a God of details, and He cares about every little and big thing in our lives. Luke 12:7 says, "Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered." I can assure you that if God knows at every moment the number of hairs on your head, He leaves nothing to chance or luck! Proverbs 16:9 says, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps."

No matter where you are today or what circumstances surround you, know that God is not taken by surprise. While God is a God of many chances, holding back His judgment so that everyone has an opportunity to accept Him as Lord and Savior, He is NOT a God of chance happenings that could bring fortune or adversity into your life. I leave you with one of my favorite verses, John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Welcome to the Berry Financial Group Team!

We recently added some new folks to our team, and we couldn't be more excited! At Berry Financial Group, we believe that our team is also part of our family and are blessed to see our family expand in 2020.

It's our pleasure to welcome Jill Parent to the Berry Financial Team! Next time you walk into our Myrtle Beach office or attend one of our client events, be sure to say hi to Jill!

We asked Jill some questions to help you get to know the newest member of the Berry Financial team!

Jill Parent | Executive Administrator

Where are you from? South Windsor, CT

Why are you excited about joining the BFG team?

have been in the insurance industry for 30 years, and you don't have the "family" atmosphere in big companies. I have always wanted to work in a small firm, and when I interviewed for this job, I just couldn't believe how welcoming everyone was. I am blessed to have become a part of the Berry Financial Group Family!



What are some of your favorite hobbies and interests outside of work?

I love to travel, love walking the beach in search of shark teeth, and my passion is animals! I have a 2-year-old German Shepard, Rico, that keeps me busy. I used to foster dogs and would like to get into that once we are more settled in the Myrtle Beach area.

Tell us about your family?

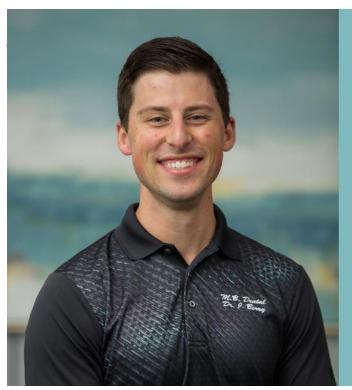
I have a daughter, Alex, who is a freshman at studying radiology at Horry Georgetown. My son, Nick, is still in CT and graduates in May with a BA in Construction Management and is also in the Air Force Reserves. My husband, Dave, who is still in CT, is a hazmat truck driver and will hopefully be joining my daughter and me in Myrtle Beach very soon!

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?

I have been so fortunate to have had my mom take me to so many places in this world, but I am a Disney fanatic at heart. If given the choice to visit anywhere, I would always choose Disney!

What is your favorite color?

Green



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