

# Do It For the Benefits

PSALM 84:11-12

Dear Friends,

Good morning, and welcome to Bible Center! We're glad you've joined us today. If you're new here, we hope you'll make yourself at home and stop by the Living Room (#2101) to receive a small gift of appreciation.

Please know I'm praying for your happiness, our pastors and staff are working for your happiness, but—more importantly—God is rooting for your happiness.



In a greater way than we seek happiness in a trip to Ellen's Ice Cream or to the beach, God invites us to come to Him for ultimate satisfaction and joy.

The song writer wrote, "Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4). Psalm 16:11 is one of my favorites, "In God's presence is fullness of joy; at His right hand there are pleasures forever."

Is it okay to do something for pleasure? Sure! God invented pleasure. Our longing to be happy is a universal and

wholesome experience.

However, C. S. Lewis accurately summarized our condition when he said, "The Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak." In other words, our deepest and most enduring happiness is found only in God. He knows that the only way we'll be truly happy is through worshiping and serving Him.

The old Christian tradition could be better stated this way: "The chief end of men and women is to glorify God *by* enjoying Him forever." Let's enjoy the Lord today by worshiping and serving Him together!

*Pastor Matt*

Matt Friend  
SENIOR PASTOR

@PastorMattBCC

**NEXT SUNDAY'S MESSAGE:**

**"When the Alarm Sounds"**  
Psalm 32

## Announcements

### Crave is Relocating

The Crave Bible Study will now meet at the Bible Center Church, Rm. 2101 at 6 PM on Sundays.

### Girlfriends Get 2gether: A Bowling Bling

Thursday, July 28 • 7 PM • Galaxy Lanes • \$8 • **Today is the last day to register for the Bowling Bling.** Pay online or at the Info Desk today!

### Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesdays • 9:30-10:45 AM • Rm. 2104 • *Counter Culture* by David Platt • How does God's Word equip us to respond to the social issues of our day? Led by Jane Schultz. Last meeting date is August 16.

### Food Items Needed For Crossroads

Please sign up on BC Central or contact Sheri Skidmore ([sskidmore@BibleCenterChurch.com](mailto:sskidmore@BibleCenterChurch.com)) to donate items for the UM Crossroads Dinner & Gospel Service. The dinner will be prepared on Thursday, July 28 solely from the food collected here. All items must be received by July 27. Volunteers are also needed to prepare and serve.

### Shawn Thornton

Taylor Books will host a book signing for Shawn Thornton (former pastor of Bible Center) on Thursday, July 28, 6:00-7:30 PM. Pastor Thornton's book, *All But Normal: Life on Victory Road*, will be available for purchase that night or, if you already own a copy, you can bring it to be signed.

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Tuesday, August 2 • 7:30 AM • Shoney's • Dutch treat • All men of the church are invited!

### AWANA Volunteers

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you love being active and seeing a side of church that you rarely see? Then be an AWANA Volunteer! You can serve between 1-4 times each month, and you'll be blessed by helping the next generation of Christians grow in the Lord! A free background check is required for all applicants. If you're interested, check the box on the Communication Tab.

### AWANA T&T Training

Thursday, August 4 • 7:00-8:30 PM • Rm. 3104 & 3105/06 • If you serve in the T&T ministry of AWANA, plan to attend the training session on the new material that will be used this club year.

### Bridal Shower Invitation

Ladies, you are invited to a bridal shower for Molly Sunderland on Saturday, August 6 at noon in the Gathering Space. The bride is registered on [MyRegistry.com](http://MyRegistry.com). Please RSVP by July 31 to Lori Sunderland at [lsunderland82@gmail.com](mailto:lsunderland82@gmail.com).

### Save the Date: Hymn Sing

Sunday, August 28 • 6 PM • Gathering Space • Come out for a night of worship as we sing some of our favorite hymns together!

### BCS Summer Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday, July 30 • 10 AM-4 PM • RAM Center • Come and help support Bible Center School! Cheerleaders will also be selling delicious concessions to pay for new uniforms. So invite your friends, like our Facebook page ([facebook.com/bccraftshow](http://facebook.com/bccraftshow)) and bring the whole family!

### Mini-Bus Drivers Wanted for Bible Center School

Like to drive? Want to help the school, but don't know how? BCS is looking for mini-bus drivers to transport students to and from southern WV on a rotating basis. A CDL is not required. There are two pick-up spots along the Rt. 119 route. If you're interested or have questions, contact Josh Bacchus at (304) 346-0431 or [jabacchus@BibleCenterChurch.com](mailto:jabacchus@BibleCenterChurch.com). You may also check the box on the Communication Tab.

### OWLS Baked Steak Luncheon by "Top Spot"

Sunday, August 21 • 12:30 PM • Oakhurst Campus, RIM • \$11 • More details to come or you can check the box on the Communication Tab to register.

### Girlfriends Get 2gether: An Epic Adventure

September 16-17 • Tickets are on sale for the fall event. The price for both days is \$40 and includes a \$10 coupon for the WAR Boutique. For Girlfriends ages 12-21, pay your age only! Stop by the table in the Gathering Space today.

### Bible Center Church Directory

Be a part of Bible Center's 2017 photo directory! Someone will be at the Mission Wall in the Gathering Space today to sign you up or answer any questions. If you'd like to register yourself, go to [BibleCenterChurch.com/directory](http://BibleCenterChurch.com/directory).

### July/August Special Missions Project

Our gifts will be used to assist Rob & Kristi Cady, serving in Cambodia with ABWE. Funds will be used towards general expenses.

### Congratulations

• To Pastor Chad & Melissa Cowan on the birth of their son, Landry Addison.

### Notes of Sympathy

• To Jan Stevens, whose mother, Eunice Haynes, passed away.  
• To Melvin Turley, whose wife, Betty Alford Turley, passed away. Sympathies also go to Kevin Turley, Mrs. Turley's son.

### I'm interested in...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a follower of Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking to a Pastor   | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for AWANA   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Bible Fellowships (Adult Sunday School)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving a BCS mini-bus   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Membership            | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Groups   | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending the OWLS Baked Steak Luncheon. Number of people attending: |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Band, Choir or Orchestra   |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Placing my child in the Children's Ministry (Birth-5th Gr.)                            |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Placing my teen in the Student Ministry (6th-12th Gr.)                                 |   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Touring or enrolling my child at Bible Center School (Preschool • Elementary • Middle) |   |

Our pastors would love to hear about ways you see God at work around you. Please share any comments and/or prayer requests:

# DOOR KEEPERS

Why Serve?

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016

### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS (ABF)

- 9:00 AM Victory, Rm. 3103  
Family, Rm. 3105/06
- 10:45 AM Converge, Rm. 2104  
Horizons, Rm. 3101/02  
Life Journey, Rm. 3105/06
- 6:00 PM The Pursuers, Rm. 3101/02



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Service times: 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

# Outdoor NIGHT OF Worship

MUSIC FROM THE  
BIBLE CENTER  
WORSHIP TEAM

WITH  
Chick-fil-A  
(cash only)

JULY 27 ★ 6:30 PM  
A FREE CONCERT

Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us for a special concert! Chick-Fil-A will begin serving food at 6:00PM, so make sure to bring cash and your appetite too!

## communication tab

Please print clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you're the guest of a regular attendee, please list name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Change in contact information

First Time Guest  Regular Attender

Second Time Guest  Member

**Receive Email Updates Weekly!**

Please go to our website, [BibleCenterChurch.com](http://BibleCenterChurch.com), and enter your email address at the bottom of the page.



Please place this in the offering basket, the Response Box in the Gathering Space, the basket at the First Time Guest Gift Table, or join us in the Living Room following the service.

# Summer

AT BIBLE CENTER

## July

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|----|----|--|
| 27 | W  | Outdoor Night of Worship Concert with Chick-Fil-A - 6:30 PM    |
| 28 | Th | Girlfriends Get 2gether: A Bowling Bling (Galaxy Lanes) - 7 PM |
| 30 | Sa | BCS Craft Show (RAM Center) - 10 AM                            |

## August

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| 3  | W  | Prayer Meeting - 6:45 PM   |
| 4  | Th | Bible Center Preschool Fall Kick-Off/Open House - 6 PM                               |
| 8  | M  | Bible Center Preschool begins  |
| 8  | M  | Kanawha Co. schools begin  |
| 8  | M  | BCS Elementary Open House - 6 PM   |
| 9  | Tu | BCS Middle Open House - 6 PM   |
| 10 | W  | BCS classes begin  |
| 10 | W  | Prayer Meeting - 6:45 PM   |
| 17 | W  | AWANA/Element/Fusion begin - 6:30 PM   |
| 17 | W  | Prayer Meeting - 6:45 PM   |
| 24 | W  | Prayer Meeting - 6:45 PM   |
| 27 | Sa | Jesus Fest incl. Bible Center Band & Pastor Friend (Haddad Riverfront Park) - 5-9 PM |
| 28 | Su | Hymn Sing - 6 PM   |
| 31 | W  | Prayer Meeting - 6:45 PM   |

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Last in a four-part series titled: *Doorkeepers: Why Serve?*

Pastor Matt Friend • July 24, 2016

1. God will guide me. (v. 11)
2. God will guard me. (v. 11)
3. God will give me grace. (v. 11)
4. God will give me glory. (v. 11)
5. God will be good to me. (v. 11)

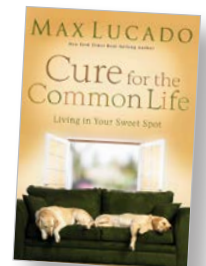
*So, what's the encouragement for us this week?*

Let's trust God to bless us as we volunteer to serve Him.

To find a meaningful place of service, you may contact Christy, our new Volunteer Coordinator, at [Volunteer@BibleCenterChurch.com](mailto:Volunteer@BibleCenterChurch.com).

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For further study, you are invited to order Max Lucado's book, *Cure For the Common Life: Living in Your Sweet Spot*, from one of our Charleston area bookstores.



## SERMON SERIES PLAN

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### Praying With Jabez & Jesus

*August*

Bob Spradling, Bible Center's 3rd Senior Pastor (1968-1994), will be speaking on the Prayer of Jabez on August 7th, and Pastor Matt will spend the rest of the month leading us through the Lord's Model Prayer from Matthew 6. This series will coincide with multiple August prayer meetings as we gear up for a fruitful fall.

### Steps

*September 4, 11 & 18*

Each week of this 3-part sermon series will look at the key Scriptures behind our three core movements: attending a worship service, joining a group or Adult Bible Fellowship, and volunteering for a service team. We are all on a journey... No one has arrived. This month we'll ask the Lord to help us all take the next step of getting plugged in at Bible Center.

### Church on the Levee

*September 25*

The entire Bible Center family will gather at the Levee for one large worship service. The scene will be unforgettable... Young and old, contemporary and traditional, Bible Center newbies and Bible Center veterans will gather in one place at one time to worship the one true God. Pastor Matt will be speaking on The Beauty of God's Church. Bring a friend!

### 2020 Vision

*October 2 - November 20*

Strategists tell us that the world is changing so fast that 5-year plans are obsolete. Only God knows the future; however, Pastor Matt will walk us through seven key New Testament passages that highlight our vision for what Bible Center will look like in 2020, just a few short years down the road. May God's vision be our vision, and may we think as big as he does!

### Walk Through the Bible

*October 9*

Today we'll enjoy guest speaker and teacher, Larry Bell. After a weekend Walk Thru the Bible Conference, Larry will deliver God's Word. Larry holds a B.S.C.E. (Fairmont State), a Masters of Science (WVU), is a National Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) with 40 years of counseling experience, and is our favorite Walk Thru the Bible presenter.

### The Five Characters of Christmas

*November 27 - December 25*

We'll walk verse by verse through the Christmas story found in the Gospels, spending five Sundays looking at 5 prominent characters in the Christmas story. This series will culminate with the greatest Christmas character of all, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.



**PRODUCING MORE MATURING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.**

