



Dear Friends,
Welcome! We're thrilled you've joined us for worship.

Today is my last day away on family vacation. I look forward to driving back into the West Virginia hills, settling back into the office tomorrow, and gearing up for a great fall season with you and our staff team. I've really missed you this week!



It's an honor to introduce today's speaker, Pastor Bob Spradling, Bible Center's 3rd Senior Pastor (1968-1994). Pastor Spradling grew up in my hometown of St. Albans and gave a large portion of his life to the greater Charleston area.

When he first came to Bible Center, the church met in the building on the Boulevard. However, in 1973, he led the growing congregation to build a new building on Corridor G (that is now our school campus), across from Ashton Place.

What impresses me the most was his commitment to shepherd this church

through highs and lows, marriages and funerals, seasons of blessing and seasons of challenge. When he retired (after nearly three decades of pastoral ministry here), he could point to many who had come to know Jesus as Savior and had grown immensely in their faith.

You'll be blessed by his message on *The Prayer of Jabez*, which kicks off our 4-week series on *Praying with Jabez & Jesus*. I'll be listening with you online.

If you are new here, please introduce yourself to him. If you previously sat under his ministry, please take a moment to tell him how he encouraged your faith.

Pastor Matt

Matt Friend
SENIOR PASTOR

 @PastorMattBCC

NEXT SUNDAY'S MESSAGE:

"Praying With Faith and Flexibility"
Matthew 6:9-10

Announcements

Phone Number Changes

Bible Center School and Preschool now have new phone numbers. Please save these numbers in order to dial directly:

- School.....(304) 941-1704
- Preschool...(304) 941-1710

Wednesdays in August

For the next two Wednesdays, we will be meeting in Room 3105/06 for prayer meetings. Join us as we lift up our community and each other in prayer. Refer to the "Summer at Bible Center" insert for more information.

AWANA Volunteers

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you like being active and seeing a side of church that you don't often see? Then be an AWANA Volunteer! Duties vary and you can serve 1-4 times per month. You'll be blessed by helping the next generation of Christians grow in the Lord! A free background check is required. If you're interested or have questions, check the box on the Communication Tab.

Promotion Sunday

All children will be promoted to their next class on Sunday, August 14.

Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 14 • 2:30 PM • Room 2104

Girlfriends Serve 2gether

Ok Girlfriends...volunteers are needed for the Fall Event. Could you serve by greeting, decorating, helping the W.A.R. boutique or by serving refreshments? Let us know by signing up at the table in the Gathering Space or by filling out the Communication Tab. Then check your email for your assignment and join us on Sunday, August 14 at 3 PM in Room 3105/06 for an All-Volunteer Meeting.

Baptismal Class

Monday, August 15 • 6:30 PM • Room 2104 • If you are interested in being baptized, we ask that you attend this special Baptismal class. Come prepared with your salvation testimony written out and bring a current photo or be prepared to have one taken. The next baptism service, which will be on September 11, will be an outdoor baptism! For questions, contact Pastor Richard Thompson at rthompson@BibleCenterChurch.com or check the "Baptism" box on the Communication Tab.

Mini-Bus Drivers Wanted for Bible Center School

Retired? 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) 941-1704 or jabacchus@BibleCenterChurch.com. You may also check the box on the Communication Tab.

AWANA Club (K-5th Grade)

Club starts August 17, and meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30-8:00 PM. If you would like to enroll your child in AWANA, check the box on the Communication Tab or contact Pastor Thompson at rthompson@BibleCenterChurch.com.

Bible Center Bikers Ride 'n Dine

Saturday, August 20 • 10:30 AM pull out • Southridge Campus parking lot • Join us for a great ride and fellowship to Fayetteville, WV! All riders are welcome and we will have lunch there. For more information call Kent or Carol Rymer (304) 766-6492 or email Kent at jkrymer@gmail.com.

OWLS Baked Steak Luncheon by "TopSpot"

Sunday, August 21 • 12:30 PM • Oakhurst Campus, RIM • \$11 • TopSpot, named one of the 101 Unique Places to Dine in WV, will be catering. Also needed are 25 dessert entrées. Sign up at BibleCenterChurch.com/register or fill out the Communication Tab on or before Friday, August 12.

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!

Girlfriends Grow 2gether: An Epic Adventure

September 16-17 • The early bird price for both days is \$40 and includes a \$10 coupon for the WAR Boutique. For Girlfriends ages 12-21, pay your age only! Rates go up after August 15, so stop by the table in the Gathering Space today!

Save the Date: OWLS Events

- Friday, October 14 – Trip to American Mountain Theater in Elkins, WV
- Thursday, December 1 – Trip to the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV
- Saturday, December 10 – Christmas Baskets assembly and delivery

Notes of Sympathy

- To Kevin McGrath, whose mother, Anne Marie McGrath, passed away.

I'm interested in...

<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a follower of Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering	<input type="checkbox"/> Placing my child in the Children's Ministry and/or AWANA (Birth-5th Gr.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for AWANA
<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Bible Fellowships (Adult Sunday School)	<input type="checkbox"/> Placing my teen in the Student Ministry (6th-12th Gr.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for the Fall Women's Event (8/14 meeting)
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Touring or enrolling my child at Bible Center School (Preschool • Elementary • Middle)	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving a BCS mini-bus
<input type="checkbox"/> Speaking to a Pastor	<input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Band, Choir or Orchestra		<input type="checkbox"/> The OWLS Luncheon (8/21). Number of people attending: _____

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

PRAYING WITH JABEZ & JESUS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 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

Girlfriends
Grow 2gether
AN *Epic Adventure* FALL EVENT 2016
Study the Queen • Acquire the Treasure • Rescue the Prisoners

WAR CHEST BOUTIQUE
WOMEN AT RISK INTERNATIONAL
WarInternational.org

Fri., Sept. 16 7:00pm-9:30pm
Sat., Sept. 17 9:00am-12:30pm

Featuring

- Liz Curtis Higgs** - Bible Teacher, Encourager and Author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*, *The Girl's Still Got It*, *It's Good to Be Queen* & many more
- Becky McDonald** - President & Founder of Women at Risk International
 - WAR Chest Boutique Shopping -
 - Supports rescued women in safe houses

Music by the Bible Center Band

Tickets AVAILABLE at Bible Center Church or online at BibleCenterChurch.com

Early Bird Thru Aug. 15:
\$40 [both days] \$30 [Fri. or Sat.]

After Aug. 15:
\$50 [both days] / \$40 [Fri. or Sat.]

The ticket for both days includes a \$10 COUPON to use at the WAR Chest Boutique during the Event.

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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, 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.

The Prayer of Jabez **1 Chronicles 4:9,10**

Pastor Robert K. Spradling • August 7, 2016

1. A Prayer for Grace.
("Bless me indeed.")
2. A Prayer for Growth.
("Enlarge my coast.")
3. A Prayer for Guidance.
("That Thine hand might be with me.")
4. A Prayer for Godliness.
("Keep me from evil.")

A Point to Remember: God answers prayer.

Summer

AT BIBLE CENTER

August

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	Student Ministry Meeting for all leaders - 6:30 PM
10	W	Praying for our local schools - 6:45 PM
14	Su	Promotion Sunday
14	Su	Girlfriends Serve 2gether All-Volunteer Meeting - 3:00 PM
15	M	Baptismal Class - 6:30 PM
17	W	AWANA/Element/Fusion begin - 6:30 PM
17	W	Praying for our children and Children's Ministries - 6:45 PM
20	Sa	Bible Center Bikers Ride 'n Dine to Fayetteville (Southridge Campus parking lot) - 10:30 AM pull out
21	Su	OWLS Baked Steak Luncheon (Oakhurst Campus, RIM) - 12:30 PM
23	Tu	Picture Day, Bible Center School
24	W	Picture Day, Bible Center Preschool

24	W	Fall Workshops begin - 6:45 PM
27	Sa	Jesus Fest incl. Bible Center Band & Pastor Matt Friend speaking (Haddad Riverfront Park) - 5-9 PM
28	Su	Hymn Sing - 6 PM

September

5	M	Labor Day
11	Su	Outdoor Baptism Sunday

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