

NEW TO BIBLE CENTER?

Welcome!

You're invited to meet Jane Jackson-Fowler at the Connect Table in the Gathering Space after the 9 or 10:30 AM services to answer questions or to help you get more connected.



We'd Love to Pray With You!

Men and women are available in the prayer room, located on the back right of the Worship Center, after the 9 and 10:30 AM services for anyone wanting prayer and counsel.

The Bible Center App

For details on upcoming events and links to sign up, download our app, and tap on *Media & Resources* or *Events & Sign-Up*.

Get Updates with the Weekly Newsletter

Enter your email at the bottom of our website, BibleCenterChurch.com.

WORSHIP

8 AM Hymn Service (Rm. 3105/06)

9 AM & Worship Services

10:30 AM Early Childhood
Children's Ministry

10:30 AM Student Ministry (6th-12th)

BELONG

Find your fit in a group!

- For prayer, study, or just doing life together!
- BibleCenterChurch.com/groups

SERVE

Find your fit on a volunteer team!

- Opportunities for people of all ages to make an impact for eternity!
- BibleCenterChurch.com/serve

Connect

Visiting or need info? Fill out our Guest/Connection Card.



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Beautiful Unity

EPHESIANS 4:1-6

First in a 4-part series titled: *This is Us*

**"Unity is the ultimate goal of all the ways of God."
—Abraham Kuyper**

Why is this possible? Because we are/have:

1. One body (v. 4)
2. One Spirit (v. 4)
3. One mission (v. 4)
4. One Jesus (v. 4)
5. One source of truth (v. 5)
6. One baptism (v. 5)
7. One Heavenly Father (v. 6)

How can we all contribute? (v. 2)

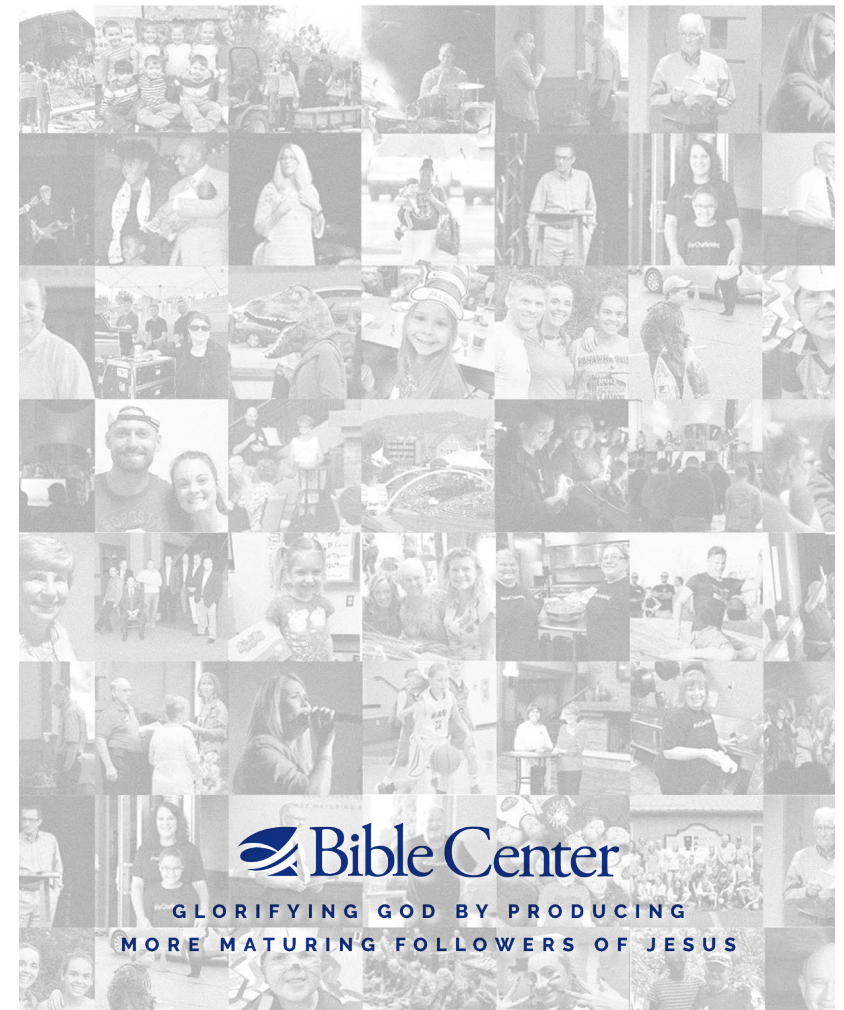
1. Have an honest view of yourself. (humility)
2. Be more gracious and polite. (gentleness)
3. Give others room to grow. (patience)
4. Love others more than you love being right.

TWO EASY WAYS TO FIND A GROUP...

1. BibleCenterChurch.com/groups
2. On our app: Click **Connect** > **Belong**.



THIS IS US



Bible Center

GLORIFYING GOD BY PRODUCING
MORE MATURING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Dear Friends,

Welcome to church! We've prayed all week for these services to inspire and strengthen your faith. Please make yourself at home.

Do you come from a perfect family? Are your holiday dinners and birthday parties stress-free? Do rainbows and unicorns color all your childhood memories?

This is unlikely even in the best families, and it is equally unlikely in the church. Life is messy. Community is chaotic. Family can be frenzied. However, God reminds us that the rewards far outweigh the risks.

As followers of Jesus, God has welcomed us into the greatest family ever. Through the Gospel, we share a foundation of one: Spirit, body, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, God and Father. Though we all have unique gifts and talents, we share a common goal: to build up one another to maturity in Christ.

Today we launch a new 4-week series, *This is Us*, exploring our "Beautiful Unity" from Ephesians 4:1-6. Next Sunday's message is about our "Beautiful Diversity" (Ephesians 4:7-16), followed by our "Beautiful Mess" (Ephesians 4:17-32) on August 26th. Over Labor Day weekend, we'll conclude the series with an overview of the Book of Hebrews, learning how God has designed Christian growth to take place in a community of faith.

As the African proverb states, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Let's commit to digging into God's Word together over the next four weeks!

With you for the Gospel and for the city...

Pastor Matt



Matt Friend, Senior Pastor



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Register for an Event

- Go to BibleCenterChurch.com/register
- Call (304) 346-0431
- Use the Bible Center app. Download it now for free!



Group Leadership Summit

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Saturday, Aug. 25
9 AM-1 PM

Free ♦ Registration required
Snacks provided ♦ Rm. 3105/06
Led by Pastor Mike Graham

WHO All present and potential group leaders and hosts of all types of Bible Center groups

WHAT Tips and ideas to lead your groups in care, outreach, and discipleship

The Summit is an expectation for current and future leaders; and content is different every time.

Questions? Contact Jane Jackson-Fowler (jjackson@BibleCenterChurch.com).

BELONG

OWLS Sternwheeler Ride (55+)

Friday, August 17 • 8:45 AM • Marietta, OH • \$30 + food • Details online.

GEMS Indoor Picnic (Widows Ministry)

Tues., Aug. 21 • 5:30-7:30 PM • Music by Almost Heaven Dulcimer Club

Celebrate Recovery Small Group Step-Study

Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 11 • 6 PM • Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-based recovery program designed to help people address a variety of hurts, habits, and hang-ups. A Step Study is a personal journey through 12 steps in a confidential, gender-specific group setting. Contact Sheri Skidmore (sskidmore@BibleCenterChurch.com).

SERVE

Union Mission Crossroads Dinner

Thursday, Aug. 23 • Be the hands of Jesus by feeding people, offering a smile or speaking a kind word. Register online or contact Sheri Skidmore (sskidmore@BibleCenterChurch.com) to help serve or make a donation. Volunteers are needed at 4 PM. Thank you to those who help each month!

CHILDREN & STUDENTS

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, Aug. 19 • All nursery, children, and students.

Student Ministries Events (6th grade-12th grade)

Tonight • 6-8 PM • Pajama, Pizza & Pints (of ice cream) Night of Worship.
Aug. 22 • 6:30-7:45 PM, doors open 6:05 • *Wednesday* Night Program Launch! Yes, we're moving to Wednesdays! Fusion Band, games, and small group time.

AWANA Clubs Resume August 22 (2 years old-5th grade)

Wednesdays • 6:30-7:45 PM • For info, contact Jess Backus (jbackus@BibleCenterChurch.com) or Pastor Steve Neill (sneill@BibleCenterChurch.com).

New Member Applicants

Sonya Butcher, Lauren Easter, Chris & Bridget May and Tom & Jennifer Minturn

Baptism Class

Monday, Aug. 20 • 6:30-8 PM • Living Rm. • For anyone interested in being baptized. Please bring a photo or be prepared to have one taken.

Bible Center School Employment Opportunities

- **Full-Time Preschool Aide:** Contact Mabelle Huffman (304-941-1710, mhuffman@BibleCenterSchool.com).
- **Part-Time Aftercare Attendant:** Weekdays, 3-5:50 PM. Contact Principal Stephanie Schafer
- **K-8th Gr. Substitute Teachers:** Contact Principal Stephanie Schafer (304-941-1704, sschafer@BibleCenterSchool.com).

Family Vision Night (Member Meeting)

Plan to join us on Sunday, August 26 at 6 PM as we talk through some exciting things coming this fall in the life of Bible Center. Attendees also invited. Ice cream afterward!

Girlfriends Grow 2gether: Relationship Renovation *Restoring the Hardwood Floors of Your Heart*

Sept. 14, 7-9:30 PM and Sept. 15, 9 AM-Noon • Get a fresh, Biblical perspective on finding hope in your ever-changing relationships! Speaker: Tammy Smith, PhD, Counselor; and Musicians: Jason Gray and Carrollton.

BBQ PICNIC

Everyone's invited—and bring some guests, too! BCC will provide the bbq, buns, and paper products. Attenders will bring according to last name:

- A-I** Dessert (sugar- and gluten-free sections will be set up.)
- J-O** At least a 24-pk of water AND a 12-pk of soda. Drop them off at the mission wall by the end of the day today.
- P-Z** Side Dishes

Please put food in disposable containers, and bring enough to serve 10. Volunteers are also needed for a variety of tasks; and students as well as adults can help! Questions? Contact Jane Jackson-Fowler (jjackson@BibleCenterChurch.com).

Wednesday, August 15
6-8 pm
North Lawn