

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 Diversity

EPHESIANS 4:7-16

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

No person is identical, but every person is important.

Why am I important to this church family? Because...

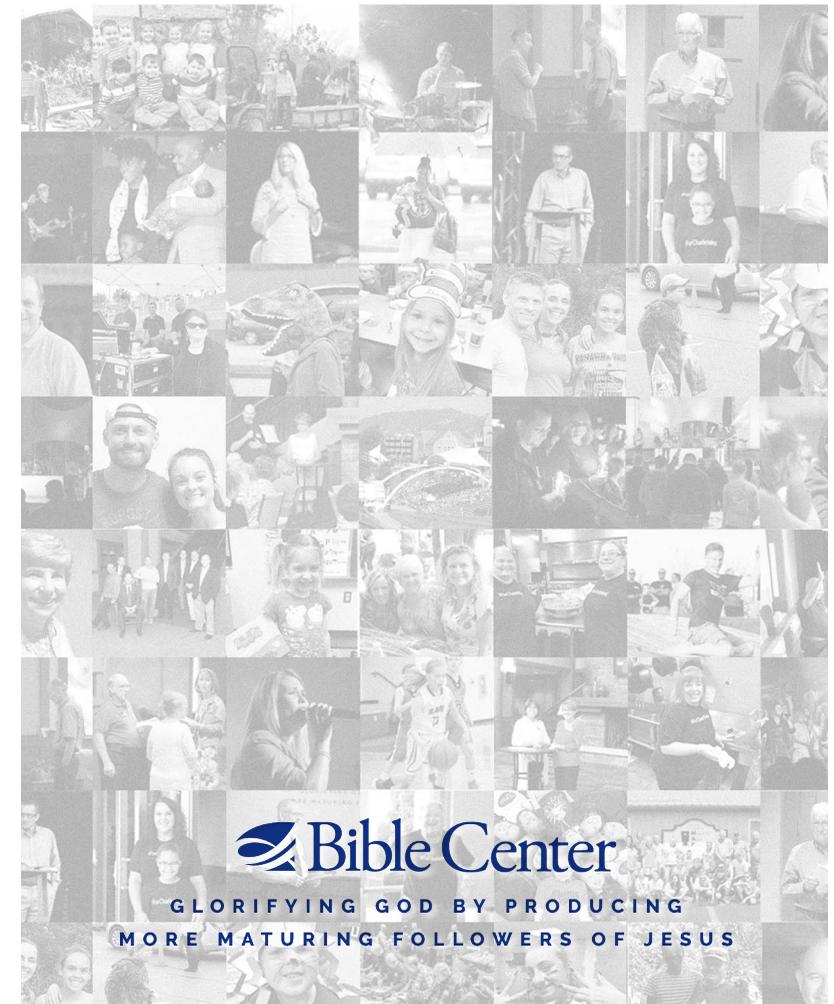
1. Jesus has uniquely gifted me. (v. 7; cf. Romans 12:4-8)
2. When I use my gifts, I prove that Jesus arose and ascended into heaven. (vv. 8-10)
3. I can reach more people than my pastor. (vv. 11-12)
4. My presence paints a more complete picture of Jesus. (v. 13; cf. 1 Corinthians 12)
5. I can teach others what God has taught me. (vv. 14-15; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
6. Someone needs my encouragement. (v. 16; cf. Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:24-25)

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!

Have you ever attended an outdoor baptism? It's an extraordinary experience. Situated not far from our campus, in the Middle Fork of Davis Creek, two of our members (Chuck and Rachel Kinder) host the perfect spot in their back yard. From waterfalls to babbling brooks, from cliffs to hillsides covered in a sea of greenery... it's a gorgeous place to be baptized!

On Sunday afternoon, September 9, we'll gather there for our third annual outdoor baptism as multiple men, women, and children go public with their faith.

Why is baptism so important? The practice is thousands of years old, and Jesus calls all true believers to participate, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). The New Testament, especially the Book of Acts, highlights thousands of people deciding to follow Jesus and being baptized soon thereafter.

Baptism illustrates an eternal truth—just as Jesus died, was buried, and rose again—the one being baptized goes under the water and rises to declare, "I believe this message!"

Have you been baptized? If not, join me in the Living Room (room 2101) tomorrow at 6:30 PM for a brief baptism class. I'll explain it from the Bible, answer your questions, and give you all the information you need for the outdoor baptism on September 9. I'd love to see you there!

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

Pastor Matt

Matt Friend, Senior Pastor



Register for an Event

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



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Group Leadership Summit

Saturday, Aug. 25
9 AM - 1 PM

Free ♦ Registration required
Breakfast & lunch provided
Rm. 3105/06 ♦ Led by Pastor Mike

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

Men's Breakfast at Ryan's

Saturday, Sept. 1 • 8 AM • All men are invited! Speaker: Edwin DeQuiros.

GEMS Indoor Picnic (Widows Ministry)

Tuesday, Aug. 21 • 5:30-7:30 PM • Free • 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. Register today or contact Sheri Skidmore (sskidmore@BibleCenterChurch.com) for more info.

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!

Classroom Helpers (Early Childhood)

Want to make an eternal impact on the next generation, but prefer not to teach? Our 3-4-year-old classroom helper option might be the perfect fit! See Jane at the Connect table beside the fireplace, or email Jess Backus (jbackus@BibleCenterChurch.com).

Save the Dates: City Ministries

Be a part of helping the Gospel enter the city while wearing jeans and work boots: • **West Side Neighborhood Clean-Up:** Saturday, Sept. 29 • 9 AM - Noon
• **Habitat for Humanity - One Day Build:** Saturday, Oct. 27

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

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).

Baptism Class

Monday, Aug. 20 • 6:30-8 PM • Living Rm. • For anyone interested in being baptized.

Bible Center School Employment Opportunities

- **Part-Time Aftercare Attendant:** Weekdays, 3-5:30 PM. Contact Principal Stephanie Schafer
- **K-8th Gr. Substitute Teachers:** Contact Principal Stephanie Schafer (304-941-1704, sschafer@BibleCenterSchool.com).

Open Gym Thursdays This Fall

Begins Aug. 23 • RAM Center • Contact Brice Long: brice@bluefinsol.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. Attenders also invited. Ice cream afterward!

Save the Date: Church on the Levee

Sunday, Sept. 23 • 10 AM • Haddad Riverfront Park

Our Sympathies to...

- Larry Reynolds, whose aunt, Urita Kathrine Lanham, passed away.

CORE CLASS

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

Thursdays, Sept. 13 - Nov. 29

6:15 am / 9 am / Noon / 6:15 pm • Rm. 3105/06

Why Bible Center is committed to providing high quality, in-depth classes for the spiritual growth of the individual and the church.

Who Core Classes are an expectation for our present and future leaders and an opportunity for everyone in the church.

What The class will include a Biblical study of the Gospel message along with the reading of: *Shaped by the Gospel* (Keller); and *The Explicit Gospel* (Chandler). Books can be purchased at the Info Desk starting Sept. 2.

When The same class will be offered at 6:15am, 9am, noon, and 6:15pm. No classes Thanksgiving week.