

NEW TO BIBLE CENTER?

Welcome!

After services, see Jane Jackson-Fowler at the Connect Table beside the fireplace if you have questions.



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, for anyone wanting prayer or counsel at the end of services.

Get Event Details: The Bible Center App

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

9 & 11 AM

- Multigenerational Service (9 AM)
- Modern Service (11 AM)
- Kids (Birth-5th Grade, Level 1)
- Special Needs Ministry (The Lodge, Level 1)

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

Sunday Student Gatherings

- Middle School – 9 & 11 AM, Room 1105
- High School (meet to serve) – 9-10 AM, Room 2104
- High School (hangout) – 10-11 AM, Room 2104
- See all weekly gatherings: BibleCenterChurch.com/students

WAYS TO GIVE

- Text **BCCWV** to 77977
- On the BCC app
- Online
- Mail it
- Offering Basket
- Boxes beside the fireplace

Why Baptism?

ACTS 8:1-13

Part of a series titled: *Why?*
Pastor Matt Friend — May 19, 2019

Because...

1. It's one of the first things Christians do after we decide to follow Jesus. (*Acts 2:41; 8:12; 26-38; 9:18; 10:47-48; 16:13-15, 31-34; 18:8; 19:3-5; Galatians 3:27*)
2. It's a public confession that we believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Mark 1:4-5; Acts 8:12, 26-38; Romans 6:1-11; 10:9; Colossians 2:11-12*)
3. It's a public symbol that our sins have been forgiven. (*Acts 2:38; 22:16; Titus 3:5*)
4. It's a public testimony that God is changing us from the inside out. (*Acts 8:9-13, 18-24*)
5. It's a public illustration that Jesus is the only "ark" that can save us from the "flood" of God's judgment to come. (*1 Peter 3:20-21; cf. Genesis 7:1-24*)
6. It's a public celebration that we are part of God's spiritual family. (*Matthew 28:18-20; John 4:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13*)

Why



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to church! I'm so glad you're here.

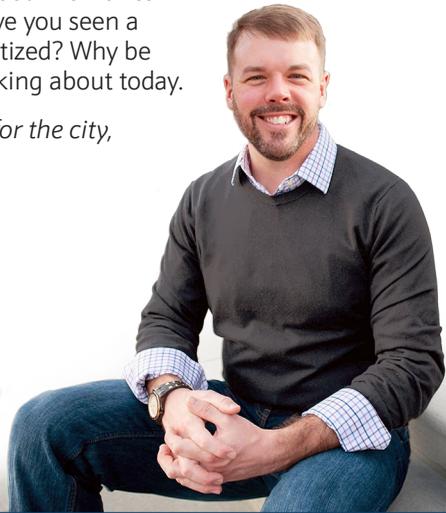
Where were you on Sunday evening, March 9, 1986? Maybe you were glued to the evening news, hanging onto every word shared by President Reagan. Perhaps you were rocking out with your Walkman, listening to *Kyrie* by Mr. Mister or *How Will I Know* by Whitney Houston or *Sara* by Starship. Possibly you were gearing up for the release of the popular BMX movie *Rad* or the hit show *Magnus*. Perchance you were engrossed in a new book like *Greed And Glory On Wall Street*. Maybe you were munching on Funyuns and drowning in Mountain Dew while lost in an arcade game like *Baluba-Louk No Densetsu* or *Mappy-Land*. Perhaps you weren't yet born.

On that cool evening, I was a scared kid standing in the baptismal in my church in Nitro, WV. The cool water reached almost to my neck as cameras flashed, Pastor Don said a few words, and then it happened... under the water I went! In the half-second that it took to re-emerge and catch my breath, the sound of our church's congregational singing filled the room, "I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back."

Baptism conjures up many good memories for me. What about you? Have you seen a baptism? Have you been baptized? Why be baptized? That's what I'm talking about today.

With you for the gospel and for the city,

Pastor Matt



Matt Friend, Senior Pastor

Event Registration

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



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BAPTISM CLASS TODAY

For anyone interested in being baptized, there will be an opportunity to be baptized any Sunday in June! Come to the Living Room (#2101) today to attend the Baptism Class. Choose from 10:15 AM, 12:15 PM, or 6 PM. Please bring a photo or be prepared to have one taken. See Jane at the Connect Table beside the fireplace if you have questions.

CHURCH LIFE

Grandfamilies Picnic

Saturday, May 25 • 11 AM-2 PM • Are you a grandparent raising your grandchild(ren)? Bible Center would like to celebrate your hard work and dedication. You are invited to a family picnic in your honor. Inflatables for the kids, games, food, and more.

Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes in Concert

Sunday, June 30 • 7 PM • Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes are coming to Bible Center for their *Summer Worship Nights Tour!* Don't miss this powerful night of worship! General admission tickets can be purchased at the Info Desk for \$25 or you may purchase your tickets at PremierProductions.com.

Save the Date: Global Leadership Summit

Thursday & Friday, August 8 & 9 • Fresh, actionable, and inspiring leadership content from a world-class faculty, like Craig Groeschel, Danielle Strickland, Devon Franklin, Patrick Lencioni, and more! No matter where your influence is—in your family, school, work, or church—you are invited to learn how to maximize it.

Our Sympathies to...

- Aaron Johnson, whose father, Robert Johnson, passed away.
- Craig Bowden, whose grandmother, Louise Cook, passed away.
- Melissa Harper, whose father, Warren Harris, passed away.
- Matthew Scarberry, whose grandfather, Carl Scarberry, passed away.

CHILDREN

Save the Date: Power Up! Vacation Bible School (3 years old-5th Grade)

July 14-18 • 6-8 PM • Kids, raise your game by realizing that *God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life* (2 Peter 1:3a)! Register on the app today. Evening snacks provided.

Student Ministry Wednesday Schedule (Middle & High School)

May 22 - Middle Schoolers participate in a *May We Serve* Project. High Schoolers participate in *May We Serve: Combs Family Yard Work*

Burger Bash

Wednesday, May 29 • Gathering Space • Join us for our 2nd Annual Burger Bash! Invite friends for fun, games, and burger eating contests! We are asking that girls bring chips and guys bring a 2-liter of soda.

Coming this Summer... Cribs (Middle & High School)

Wednesdays in June & July • 6-7:30 PM • Cribs is a chance to stay connected and hang out with friends. We will meet at different host homes throughout the city. Details to follow.

Middle School Missions Trip

Leave at 8 AM, June 5 and return at 10 AM, June 8 • Students will have the opportunity to work for 2 days on projects still needed from the 2016 flood in Clendenin, WV. On the final day, we will have fun at King's Island! The cost is \$175. Sign up on the app or online. Space is limited—register soon!

BELONG

GEMS Luncheon at Panera (Widows)

Saturday, June 1 • 12-2 PM • Panera (Southridge) • All are invited! Dutch treat. Call Suzanne Lackey at (304) 610-3034 to attend.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 1 • 8 AM • Ryan's in Southridge • All men are invited! Speaker: Deacon Larry Reynolds. Dutch treat.

Men's Picnic

Saturday, June 1 • 4 PM • North Lawn (picnic tables) • \$5 • All men and their wives are invited. Great time to learn more about our Men's Groups. Register online and sign up to bring a side item. Contact Roger Young for details (youngster7@suddenlink.net).

OWLS Luau (55+ Adults)

Sunday, June 9 • 12:30 PM • Bible Center School, The RIM • \$5 at the door • Don your busiest Hawaiian shirt (or not) and join us for a pulled pork lunch! Register by June 3.

SERVE

May We Serve

Visit the group wall or website to see how you can impact our city this month. BibleCenterChurch.com/2019mws.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Opportunity

Serve in a fun environment by helping with registration, crafts, or in a classroom. Middle school students through adults are welcome. For questions email Pastor Steve (sneill@BibleCenterChurch.com). Sign up online or on the app.