

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
- Mail it
- On the BCC app
- Offering Basket
- Online
- Boxes beside the fireplace

Distress, Abandonment & Despair: Does God Care?

PSALM 77

Part of a series titled: *Summer in the Psalms*
Pastor Matt Friend — June 9, 2019

Two Things to Know about Despair:

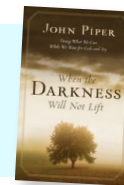
1. Even godly people experience despair. (vv. 1-2)
2. God doesn't promise to relieve our pain on this side of the resurrection. (vv. 2-4)

Two Things to Do about Despair:

1. Get brutally honest with God in prayer. (vv. 5-9)
2. Remember everything God has done for you in the past. (vv. 10-20)

THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDATION

When the Darkness Will Not Lift: Doing What We Can While We Wait for God—and Joy
by: John Piper



SUMMER IN THE
Psalms

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to church!

I've titled today's message *Distress, Abandonment & Despair: Does God Care?* The writer of Psalm 77 walks through a deep valley and gets honest with God about what he feels. The first part of the Psalm reminds me of a song written years ago by Bill Gaither and Lily Isaacs: "Does Jesus care when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth or song; as the burdens press, and the cares distress, and the way grows weary and long?" My prayer is that you'll be able to say by the time you leave today, "Oh, yes, He cares, I know He cares; His heart is touched with my grief. When the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares."

If you're a member here (or plan to be in the future), please join us this evening for our Member Meeting (6:00-7:15 PM). I'll share my heart, as I do annually, about what I feel is going well and what challenges and goals are on the horizon for the coming year. Current and new church leaders will be introduced (Elders & Deacons), along with the 2019 Nominating Committee that prayed diligently through your nominations. Our Elder Chairman will update us on an exciting ministry initiative and the Deacons will present next year's budget for approval. At the end, we'll celebrate Pastor Richard's 20-year staff anniversary with cake and ice cream!

Deeply thankful for God's grace in your life,

Pastor Matt



Matt Friend, Senior Pastor



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Event Registration

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



JUNE 23 • 2:30 PM

OUTDOOR BAPTISM

BAPTISM LOCATION
From Parkway Rd. (Bible Center Dr. intersection)
 Drive 6.1 miles southbound on SR-119 • Turn left onto Little Coal River Rd. • Turn left onto the Public Stream Access • Park on graveled area and walk out to the Coal River (cement boat ramp)

SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHTS

KARI JOBE x CODY CARNES
SUNDAY, JUNE 30 • 7 PM • BIBLE CENTER

General admission tickets sold at the Info Desk for \$25 or you may purchase deluxe tickets at PremierProductions.com.

Want to Be Baptized?

Choose any Sunday in June! Contact Jane (jjackson@BibleCenterChurch.com).

Member Meeting (Annual Meeting)

Tonight • 6 PM • Join us as Pastor Matt and the Elder Board share their hearts and vision for the decades ahead. Next year's budget is at the Info Desk now.

Books for Sale

Stop by the Group Wall to check out the books and study guides available.

Our Sympathies to...

- Tim Huffman, whose mother, Donna Huffman, passed away.

OWLS Luau (55+ Adults)

Today • 12:30 PM • Bible Center School, The RIM • \$5 at the door • Join us for a pulled pork lunch! Bring your friends! No need to register.

Union Mission Crossroads Dinner

Thursday, June 27 • 4 PM • Sign up online to volunteer, bring supplies, or make a monetary donation. Volunteers must register and should arrive at 3:30 PM.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Opportunity

Help with registration, crafts, or in a classroom. Middle School students through adults are welcome. Sign up online or on the app. Or contact:

- Jess Backus to serve in Early Childhood (jbackus@BibleCenterChurch.com);
- Pastor Steve to serve in K-5th grades (sneill@BibleCenterChurch.com); and
- Emily King to serve in Special Needs (eking@BibleCenterChurch.com).

Beach Camp Meeting Today

12:15 PM • Middle School Room (#2104) • For parents of attending students.

5th Grade Missions Trip

Kids leave tomorrow at 8 AM from the Church campus.

Cribs (Middle & High School)

Wednesdays in June & July • 6:00-7:30 PM • Stay connected and hang out with friends. Meets at different host homes each week. Check the online schedule.

Child Dedication

Sunday, June 16 • Register today! Email or text Jess Backus (jbackus@BibleCenterChurch.com, 304-941-2836).