

## NEW TO BIBLE CENTER?

### Welcome!

If you have any questions, see Jane at the Connect Table beside the fireplace after services.



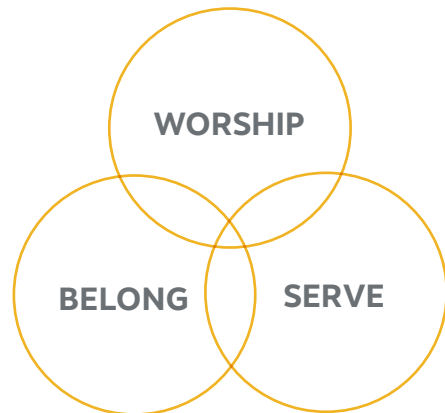
### We'd Love to Pray With You!

Men and women are available in the prayer room for anyone wanting prayer or counsel at the end of services. Located at the back right of the Auditorium.

### Sign Up for the Weekly Newsletter

Enter your email at the bottom of our website, [BibleCenterChurch.com](http://BibleCenterChurch.com).

Sunday Morning Services	Times
• Multigenerational Service	9
• Modern Service	11
• High School, Rm. 2104	9
• Middle School, Rm. 1105	9, 11
• Special Needs Ministry, Rm. 1106	9, 11
• Nursery & Kids (up to 5th Grade, Level 1)	9, 11



#### Find your fit in a group!

For prayer, study, or just doing life together. [BibleCenterChurch.com/groups](http://BibleCenterChurch.com/groups)

#### Middle & High School Teens:

[BibleCenterChurch.com/students](http://BibleCenterChurch.com/students)

#### Find your fit on a volunteer team!

Opportunities for people of all ages to make an impact for eternity!

[BibleCenterChurch.com/serve](http://BibleCenterChurch.com/serve)

## 6 WAYS TO GIVE

to advance the gospel and impact our city:

- Text **BCCWV** to 77977
- On the BCC app
- Boxes beside the fireplace
- Online
- Offering basket
- By mail

## Why Church Membership

Part of a series titled: *Why?*  
Pastor Matt Friend — September 15, 2019

### What does God want us to know?

1. He created community. (*Gen. 1:26-27; 2:18, 20-25; 3:8*)
2. Sin broke community. (*Gen. 3-11; Gal. 5:19-21*)
3. Jesus' cross, resurrection, and ascension made community more possible than ever. (*Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:13-14, 26-29; Eph. 2:11-22; Col. 1:20*)
4. The Holy Spirit's permanent indwelling made community more powerful than ever. (*John 14:15-27; 15:26-27; 17:9-11, 20-23; Gal. 5:13-26*)
5. The local church makes community more practical than ever. (*Acts 2:37-47; 1 Cor. 12*)

### What does God want us to do?

Become a member of a gospel-preaching, Bible-believing local church.

### Why be a church member? Because...

1. In the Bible, community always requires commitment. (*Gen. 17:1-14; Ex. 12:43-49; Deut. 29:9-13; Matt. 4:18-22; 16:24; Luke 14:25-33*)
2. It's God's strategy for making sure we receive proper care. (*Acts 4:32-37; Rom. 16:1-16; 1 Tim. 5:3-16; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; James 2:14-17; 5:14*)
3. It's God's strategy for making sure genuine believers are the ones teaching, leading, and voting in the church. (*Matt. 16:16-19; Acts 6:1-7; 20:28-31*)
4. It's God's gift to protect our spiritual growth. (*Matt. 18:15-20; Gal. 6:1-10*)
5. It's God's gift to pastors to know the people for whom they will give an account. (*Acts 20:28; Titus 1:7; Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-4*)

## THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDATION

Register online or on the app for the next *Belong: Membership Weekend* (Sept. 27-28)!

**PRAISE BE**  
TO THE NAME OF GOD  
FOR EVER AND EVER;  
WISDOM AND POWER  
ARE HIS. HE CHANGES  
TIMES AND SEASONS...  
**DANIEL 2:20,21**

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to church! I hope you'll make plans to join us again next Sunday, September 22, for three BIG reasons...

**#1 – We're rolling out our year-long theme.**

Our year-long themes run with the school year (September through May). This year, the Lord has led us to emphasize *Making Spiritual Friends*. Join us next Sunday to hear what it's all about.

**#2 – We're kicking off a new series.**

Good news! You were made for more than simply surviving the 9-to-5; for more than binge-watching Netflix alone every weekend; for more than having a million Instagram friends but not having anyone to call when you're discouraged. The book of Ephesians teaches that we've been adopted into a spiritual family, we have a new identity as God's people, and we're brothers and sisters in Christ. Join us for this 8-week series and be inspired... You were *Made for More!*

**#3 – We're having a picnic.**

Shortly after the second service (around 12:15 PM) we'll enjoy *Lunch on the Lawn*. Bring a lawn chair and your own lunch. You can also purchase food from truck vendors on site who will take cash, debit, or credit cards. Kids (and adults) will have lawn games to play, and there's plenty of shade. This gives us a great way to enjoy the last official day of summer, and I pray we'll all meet someone we don't already know.

Much love!

*Pastor Matt*

Matt Friend, Senior Pastor



**EVENT REGISTRATION**

- Go to [BibleCenterChurch.com/events](http://BibleCenterChurch.com/events)
- Use the Bible Center app
- Call (304) 346-0431



    
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CHURCH LIFE

**Cards for Military**

If you know a service member who would like to receive a card of encouragement, email the following info to Wanda Casto ([wandawv@frontier.com](mailto:wandawv@frontier.com)): name, branch of service, rank, mailing address, email, cell, and birthday.

**New Member Candidates**

Tim & Kelly Britton and Brett & Hiedi Woody

**Bible Center School Employment Opportunities**

Email Principal Stephanie Schafer ([sschafer@BibleCenterSchool.com](mailto:sschafer@BibleCenterSchool.com)) to apply:

- Part-time Aftercare Attendant
- Substitute Teacher, grades K-8. Flexibility with days and grade levels needed.

**Big Daddy Weave Concert: *The Alive Tour***

Sunday, October 13 • 7 PM • Purchase tickets online today!

**Our Sympathies to...**

- Paula Toney, whose aunt, Dreama Merritt, passed away.

SERVE

**Family Night**

September 19 • Make a difference in our community through love and hospitality by connecting with families and serving food at Family Night. Volunteers are needed to arrive at 4:30 PM at Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary. Sign up on the BCC website or app to help. Email Michelle Thompson ([mthompson@BibleCenterChurch.com](mailto:mthompson@BibleCenterChurch.com)) for details.

**The Maker's Center Work Days**

September 21, October 12 & 26 • 8 AM-4 PM • 602 Patrick St., Charleston • You can help prepare the Maker's Center for its grand opening by painting, cleaning, demo, removing trash, etc. Drop by for an hour, or stay all day!

**Health Right Medical Clinic**

October 18-20 • School Campus • Share the love of Christ in tangible ways with medical teams and patients arriving at Bible Center School for Health Right's Free Medical Clinic. We will welcome, feed, pray with, shuttle, and hang out with individuals and families waiting for medical care. Sign up on the BCC website or app. **Dentists, eye doctors, and physicians who would like to volunteer must sign up at [ramusa.org](http://ramusa.org), NOT through the church.** For more info, email Todd Fowler ([tfowler@Advantage.Tech](mailto:tfowler@Advantage.Tech)).

BELONG

**Souper Fall Festival**

(Widows)

Saturday, October 5 • 12:30-2:30 PM • Lobby • Join us for soup, sandwiches, and music from the Almost Heaven Dulcimer Group. RSVP by September 20 to Suzanne Lackey at (304) 610-3034.

**BELONG: MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND**

Friday

**September 27  
6:30-8:30 PM**

&

Saturday

**September 28  
8:30 AM-1:00 PM**



Want to know more about BCC, what we believe, the Ministry Staff, or becoming a member? Then you're invited! At the conclusion, there will be no pressure to join.



Because child care and Saturday's meals are provided, registration is preferred. This is a free event. Contact Jane ([jjackson@BibleCenterChurch.com](mailto:jjackson@BibleCenterChurch.com)) with questions.