

NEW TO BIBLE CENTER?

Welcome!

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



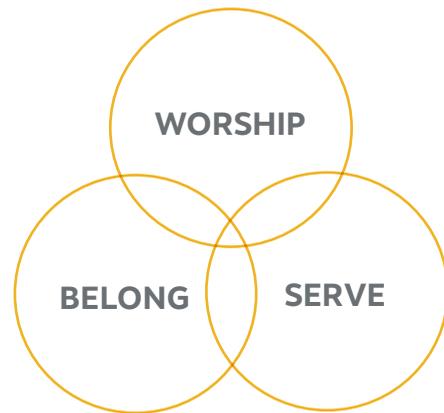
We'd Love to Pray With You!

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.

| Sunday Morning Services | Times |
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| • 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

Middle & High School Teens:

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

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 Adoption/Foster Care?

ROMANS 8

Part of a series titled: *Why?*

Pastor Matt Friend — November 17, 2019

Why do we encourage Adoption/Foster Care here at Bible Center Church? Because...

- #1 – It illustrates our new identity. (vv. 1-4, 31-39; 2 Cor. 5:17, 21)
- #2 – It highlights our new heart. (vv. 5-11, 13-14, 26-27; Jer. 31:31-34)
- #3 – It pictures our new family. (vv. 12, 15-17; Ps. 68:5; John 14:18; 20:17; Gal. 3:23-4:9)
- #4 – It highlights our heavenly home. (vv. 18-25, 28-30; Rev. 21-22)
- #5 – It helps hurting children. (vv. 35-36; Ps. 10:14; 82:3; Isa. 58:1-12; Js. 1:27)

Everyone can do something. How is the Lord calling you to get involved?

- #1 – Pray
➔ *Today 6,996 West Virginia children live in foster care.*
- #2 – Explore adoption or foster care for yourself.
➔ *Visit the Mission West Virginia table in the lobby today or go to MissionWV.org.*
- #3 – Support one of your church's adoption/foster care services (e.g., The Foster Closet, parent & grandparent support groups).
➔ *Talk with Michelle Thompson or Donna Lucas in the lobby today, email MThompson@BibleCenterChurch.com, or join *The Foster Closet* Facebook group.*



THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDATION

Adopted for Life by Russell Moore

Why
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to church! I'm so glad you're here. Today it's our privilege to celebrate Adoption/Foster Care Sunday. I couldn't be more thrilled!

Why celebrate Adoption/Foster Care Sunday?

1. To celebrate God's adoption of us
2. To celebrate those in our church who have adopted or fostered
3. To dream as a church how we can continue to be more included in this movement

Can you imagine waking up as a child each morning thinking, "Maybe today will be *the* day that I get a home, bedroom, or family of my own!" A few of you have lived that experience, which is why adoption and foster care are so close to your heart. Others of you have made an eternal investment by adopting or fostering children into your home.

All of us can support this movement in one way or another. Our little church can't do everything, but we can do something. At the end of today's service, I'll share three tangible ways we can get involved.

Members (and those planning to be members): Please join me back here at 6 PM this evening for our fall Member Meeting. In addition to celebrating Paula Toney's 15-year staff anniversary, I'll be sharing concrete vision for the next two years and we'll conclude with a time of prayer. Bring the kids... even the little ones with their coloring books or iPads. We're a family, so I like to imagine us all in one big living room!



Pastor Matt

Matt Friend, Senior Pastor

EVENT REGISTRATION

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



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MEMBER MEETING TONIGHT

6:00-7:15 PM · AUDITORIUM

Join us for hot chocolate and cider as our Senior Pastor & Elder Board share their hearts and clarify our vision for the decades ahead. These meetings help explain the *Why?* behind what we do. We hope all members will attend, along with those considering membership. Afterward, we'll celebrate Hospitality Director Paula Toney's 15-year staff anniversary in the Lobby.

New Member Candidates

- Roger & Jill Ash
- Zachary & Rachel Salladé
- James & Carlee Ojeda
- Helen Summers

Food Collection Ends Today

Today's the last day to donate food for the Food Distribution. Doors will remain unlocked until the conclusion of the Member Meeting (approximately 9 PM).

Memorial Poinsettias: Today's the last day to order

If you'd like to buy a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, forms are at the Info Desk or order on the website or app. Poinsettias can be taken home after the 5 PM Christmas Eve service.

BCS Christmas Craft & Vendor Show

Friday, December 6, 3-4:30 PM & 6-8 PM • Saturday, December 7, 10 AM-1 PM • School campus, RAM Center • Bible Center School is excited to hold its first Christmas Craft and Vendor Show! View the variety of beautiful products from 20+ crafters and vendors. Shop for yourself or check some names off your Christmas list and help support BCS. Invite friends and bring the whole family!

Christmas Parade Helpers

Thursday, December 12 • BCC will participate in the Christmas Parade again! Opportunities are available to build the float, hand out candy along the route, or be a parade walker. Register or contact Jane (jjackson@BibleCenterChurch.com).

Christmas in Charleston Concert

Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15 • 6 PM • Auditorium • Invite your friends and family! Identical programs celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Our Sympathies to...

- Avon Cobourne, whose mother, Diane Mebs, passed away. Mrs. Mebs was also Trey, Quion, and Nova Cobourne's grandmother.

SCHOOL

Save the Date: Annual Gala

January 31, 2020 • 6 PM • Tickets go on sale in December.

SERVE

Union Mission Thanksgiving Gospel Service & Food Distribution

Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution on Saturday, November 23. There are a number of different positions available, and you have the option of serving inside or outside. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the church no later than 8 AM. If you are interested in helping at the Thanksgiving food distribution, register on the BCC app, go to BibleCenterChurch.com/events, or contact Sheri (304-346-0431, sskidmore@BibleCenterChurch.com).

FAMILY

Wednesdays at BCC (Holiday Break)

(K-12th Grade)

The last day of Wednesday night AWANAs & Student Ministries is November 20. Groups will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Children's Choir Practice

(K-5th Grade)

Now to mid-Dec., rehearsals for the Christmas season will take place between the Sunday services (10:20-10:50 AM) in Rm. 1124. Contact Mary Ann Nelson.

Save the Dates!

- **Small Group Night Out (6-12th Grade)** Friday, December 4 • 6 PM
- **Christmas Party (6-8th Grade)** Saturday, December 7 • 6-8 PM • Auditorium
- **Pajama Party (K-5th Grade)** Sunday, December 29 • 9 & 11 AM • Base Camp

BELONG

12TH ANNUAL

MEN'S Thanksgiving Luncheon

All men are invited to join Pastors Mike and John for lunch in the Gathering Space. \$12 at the door. Registration preferred. Go online, on the app, or contact Sheri Skidmore (304-346-0431, sskidmore@BibleCenterChurch.com).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27 • 11:45 am - 1 pm

OWLS Christmas Brunch

(Adults 55+)

Saturday, December 7 • 9-11 AM • Gathering Space • We will have a delicious breakfast and then assemble Christmas baskets to deliver to our elderly shut-ins and those with special needs within our church family. RSVP by Dec. 1.

GEMS: Cookies, Cupcakes & Christmas Music

(Widows)

Friday, December 20 • 5:30-7:30 PM • Gathering Space • RSVP to the church office (304-346-0431) by Dec 10.