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Welcome!

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



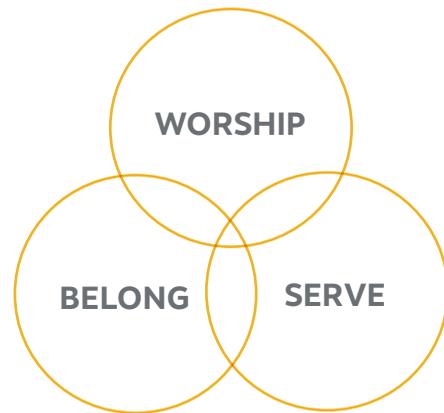
We'd Love to Pray With You!

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.

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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

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

Jesus is a Gift to Ordinary People

LUKE 2

Third in a 4-part series titled: *The Gift of Christmas*
Pastor Matt Friend — December 15, 2019

#1. Jesus came to earth as an ordinary person.

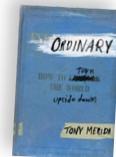
- He was born into a world of taxes and census. (vv. 1-3)
- He was born to ordinary parents. (vv. 4-5; cf. Luke 3:23-38; 4:22-24)
- Though conceived extraordinarily, He was born in the ordinary way. (vv. 6-7)
- Though fully God, He grew the way all ordinary kids grow. (v. 40)

#2. Jesus loves to save ordinary people. (cf. Luke 4:14-21)

- Ordinary shepherds (vv. 8-16)
- Ordinary senior saints (vv. 25-38)
- Ordinary sinners (cf. Luke 3:7-13; 5:29-32; 7:36-50)
- Ordinary soldiers (cf. Luke 3:14; 7:1-10)
- Ordinary sick people (cf. Luke 4:38-40; 5:12-26; 6:6-11, 17-19; 7:11-17; 8:40-56)

#3. Jesus loves to use ordinary people. (vv. 17-20; cf. Luke 5:1-11; 27-28; 6:12-16; 8:26-39; 9:1-6, 20)

This Christmas, let God use your ordinary self to do extraordinary things.



THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDATION

Ordinary: How to Turn the World Upside Down
by Tony Merida

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

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Dear Friends,

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

Today we'll read the famous true story of the shepherds who welcomed Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

Shepherds have been around for thousands of years. In fact, shepherding is probably one of the oldest occupations in the world. Are there still shepherds around today? You bet! Although technology has made raising sheep easier, there are still many places around the world where shepherds still tend their flocks.

From the mountains of the American West to the highlands of Peru and Chile, you'll find shepherds tending to their sheep. It's not uncommon for Peruvian and Chilean workers to travel to the U.S. to herd thousands of sheep on open ranges that can be hundreds of miles long and wide.

So, what's it like to be a shepherd? Although it might seem peaceful to lead obedient sheep across a green pasture, it's actually a very tough job. In addition to difficult weather, shepherds must keep a constant eye on their herds, for fear of predators, like wolves and mountain lions.

Let's take a journey back in time and imagine the moment when these shepherds met Jesus.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Matt

P.S. I hope you'll join me back here at 6 PM this evening for another *Christmas in Charleston*. Tonight's concert is the same as yesterday's, with the exception of a guest singer you won't want to miss. Bring a friend or neighbor with you!

Matt Friend, Senior Pastor



**EVENT
REGISTRATION**

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



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New Member Candidates

- Bruce & Kemi King
- Carrie Miller
- Terri Smoot
- Cheryl Stuart

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24 • 3 PM & 5 PM • Auditorium • Child care (for children up to 2 years old) and the Lodge (special needs room for people of any age) available at the 3 PM service.

Bible Center School Gala

Friday, January 31 • 6 PM • Be our guest and plan to join us for dinner, a silent auction, and stories of impact from BCS students and alumni. Tickets (\$35) on sale now. They are available on the app or BibleCenterSchool.com.

Our Sympathies to...

- Holly Bohman, whose uncle, Larry Full, passed away.
- Andrew Combs, whose great-grandfather, Bob C. Nesselrodt, passed away.

FAMILY

Pajama Party

(Grades K-5)

Sunday, December 29 • 9 & 11 AM • Base Camp • Come dressed in your PJs!

Dodgeball Tournament

(Grades 3-5)

Saturdays, January 18-February 8 • 9-11 AM • Bible Center School, Gym • Break the winter blues with our annual Dodgeball Tournament. Not only is it tons of fun, but it's a great way to introduce your friends and family to Bible Center. Gather your team of 4-8, and register to play. Cost: \$5 for food.

Beach Camp Deposits

(Grades 6-12)

Just a reminder that if you're sending your student to Beach Camp in June, your \$60 deposit is due on Tuesday, January 31. For questions about Beach Camp, contact Pastor Matt Garrison (mgarrison@BibleCenterChurch.com).

BELONG

GEMS: Cookies, Cupcakes & Christmas Music

(Widows)

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

Location Change: Life After Divorce Support Group

Beginning January 6, the *Life After Divorce* support group will meet in the BCC Living Room (#2101). If you've gone through divorce, you're invited to join us! This group is for both men and women. We meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30 PM. Meetings resume on Jan. 6. For questions, contact leaders Bob Jones (irrajon@suddenlink.net) or Dan Miller (danielmiller@suddenlink.net).

2019 Christmas OFFERING

Through the years, the Bible Center family has creatively given in various ways during the holidays. This year we are designating all December giving as the "Christmas Offering" to ensure we end the year strong and look forward to all that God will do next year. You may give on Sundays, or anytime online, on the app, or through the mail.

All December giving focuses on two goals:

- 1) Fund the ministry
- 2) Catch up on our budget shortfall so far this year

Your December giving will catch up our budgeted expenses, allowing us to:

- Reach people who may never step foot inside a church by hosting conferences and training events.
- Partner with local organizations like Union Mission
- Repair and maintain our parking lot
- Serve families affected by special needs
- Teach the Bible to hundreds of children weekly, and reach teens with the gospel
- Lead approximately 1500 people in worship each Sunday
- Support missionaries worldwide