

## NEW TO BIBLE CENTER?

### Welcome!

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



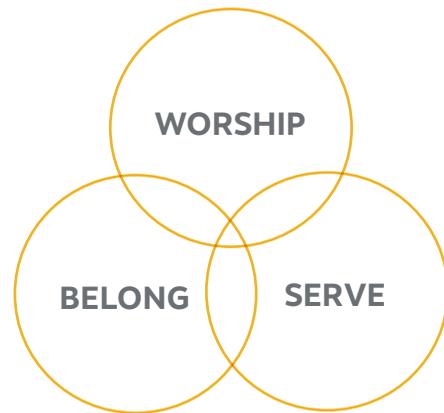
### We'd Love to Pray With You!

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

# Jesus is a Gift to Broken People

ISAIAH 53:1-12

Last in a 4-part series titled: *The Gift of Christmas*  
Pastor Matt Friend — December 22, 2019

Jesus was born to die and rise again  
so we can live forever.

### Jesus was born (53:1-3)

1. He lived an ordinary life. (53:2)
2. He endured extraordinary suffering. (53:3; cf. 52:14)

### ...to die (53:4-10a, 12b)

1. He paid the price for all our sins. (53:4-10a, 12b)
2. He paid the price for all nations. (cf. 52:15)

### ...and rise again (53:10b-11a)

1. Many saw Him when He arose. (53:10b-11a; cf. 52:13)
2. Everyone will see Him when He returns. (cf. 52:15)

### ...so we can live forever. (53:11b-12a)

1. Jesus offers us total forgiveness. (53:11b)
2. Jesus offers us eternal life. (53:12a)



### THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDATION

*Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born. Hope is Here.*  
by Max Lucado

A large red graphic with a white border. At the top, the words 'THE GIFT OF' are written in a white, serif font, with a white starburst graphic behind them. Below this, the word 'CHRISTMAS' is written in a large, white, serif font. At the bottom, there is a white logo consisting of a stylized cross or star shape inside a circle. Below the logo, the text 'BIBLE CENTER | CHURCH' is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below that, the text 'Glorifying God by producing more maturing followers of Jesus' is written in a white, italicized, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, the address '100 BIBLE CENTER DR. | CHARLESTON, WV 25309' and the phone number '(304) 346-0431 | BIBLECENTERCHURCH.COM' are written in a white, sans-serif font.

Dear Friends,

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

Did you celebrate any birthdays this year... perhaps the birthday of one of your heroes or a milestone of your own? For his 21st, Justin Bieber rented a private island in the Caribbean. When Beyoncé turned 35, she went big with a '70s theme bash, hosting the families of two presidents. Kate Moss celebrated her 40th with a four-day party and an army of fire jugglers. Simon Cowell spent over a million dollars on his by renting a fleet of limousines and a tank of live sharks.

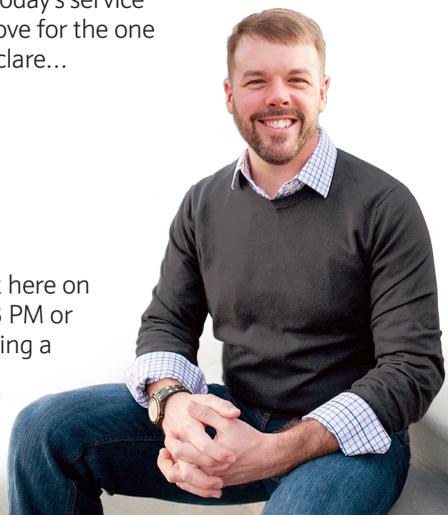
However, no birthday deserves more festivity than that of Jesus! His life accomplished so much and—most importantly—His death purchased our salvation and the future restoration of the universe.

To celebrate what Jesus did for us, we'll partake of communion together at the end of today's service. (If you're new to Bible Center, don't worry. We'll explain everything.)

Together, we'll reflect on the child who was *born to die*. In Luke 22 Jesus declared, "This bread is My body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

I pray that everything about today's service draws your heart upward in love for the one because of Whom we can declare... Merry Christmas!

*Pastor Matt*



P.S. I hope you'll join me back here on Christmas Eve for either the 3 PM or 5 PM Candlelight Services. Bring a friend or neighbor with you!

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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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](http://BibleCenterSchool.com).

**Our Sympathies to...**

- Rob Nichols, whose father, Edward Nichols, passed away.

**FAMILY**

**Wednesday Night Time Change (Preschool-High School)**

AWANA and Student Ministries (which resumes Jan. 8) will slightly shift times to 6:15-7:30 PM.

**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](mailto:mgarrison@BibleCenterChurch.com)).

**Location Change: Life After Divorce (Men & Women)**

Beginning Jan. 6, the *Life After Divorce* support group will meet in the Living Room (#2101). If you've gone through divorce, join us! We meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:30 PM. For questions, contact leaders Bob Jones ([rrajon@suddenlink.net](mailto:rrajon@suddenlink.net)) or Dan Miller ([danielmiller@suddenlink.net](mailto:danielmiller@suddenlink.net)).

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