

May 2019

I'm looking forward to those May flowers brought about by April showers. How about you? I do see evidence that they might appear soon. This season of the year has so much to do with New Life. We just celebrated Easter - when we remind ourselves of the incredible fact of the resurrection of Jesus. He was dead in the ground for three days and then came to life again. As you see flowers breaking through the surface of the soil, think about this work of Jesus. But in addition to that, I suggest you ponder the new life that can be yours in, and because of, Jesus.

I leave you with this verse for the day: John 1:12 "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." That's New Life!"

-Pastor Rob

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



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Noon at Becker City Hall

The residents of our community will join together in a time of prayer on behalf of city, our country, our troops, our churches and our people.

A meal will be served inside City Hall afterward (come prepared to make a donation).

"UNITE National Day of Prayer"
will take 7pm at Grace Church in Eden Prairie for "the largest next-generation-led prayer and worship gathering on the National Day of Prayer".
Please contact Pastor Kevin if you plan to attend.

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship

Classes meet Sundays at 9:15am through May 19

Adult Bible Fellowship updates:

- **"Luke—New Hope, New Joy"** — We are studying the life of Christ using Luke's gospel as our guide. The Pharisees complain about Jesus' interaction with sinners. Their assertion that His power against demonic forces comes from Satan rather than the Holy Spirit reveals the unpardonable sin in their own lives. Failure to acknowledge their own sinfulness and their need for a savior prevents them from entering the Kingdom that Jesus is bringing. Taught by Steve Wilcox [Fireside Room #204] Study guides are available from Steve for \$6.75 each.
- **Builders Class** — Last fall we began our study by focusing on parenting. Realizing godly parenting begins with our individual walk with our Lord we considered specific guardrails to implement in our lives and families. You are invited to join us as we move into a potpourri of gospel conversations on complex cultural issues affecting the family today, making intentional decisions to guide our families, along with how the gospel provides a foundation for ourselves and others. Bring your kids to Sunday School and then meet us in the library! Led by Caroline Olsen and Sue Persons.
- **Koinonia Class will be studying *Jesus the King*** — Exploring the Life and Death of the Son of God (Gospel of Mark), led by various facilitators. Meets in Room #106.
- **Women's Class**—"Names of God" (led by Wendy Johnson in Room #139)
- **Men's Class**—Gospel of *John* (led by Malcolm Olson in Room #105)
- **"Coffee Connection"**—linking current events to appropriate scripture using *The Wired Word* (facilitated by Greg/Terri Mason in Room #110)

Youth and children classes

- **High School "Jesus Studies"**—Our class is designed to cut through the confusion of this world and the society students live in by teaching a Christ-centered look at the major issues they deal with in their daily lives. Meets in Room #136, taught by Pastor Kevin & Kim Wheeler.
- **Grades 5-8: "Becoming a Young Man of God"** by Ken Rawson — taught by Cory Walsh [Room #138]
- **Intermediate (grades 3-4): "Who Do You Say That I Am?"**—The life of Jesus and the Most Important Question, taught by Christine Olsen [Room #125].
- **Primary (grades 1 & 2)**—taught by Laura Slack [Room #123], using "Hands-On Bible" curriculum.
- **Beginners (Pre-K & K)**—teachers Lora Meisner & Diane Wilcox [Room #111], using *Answers in Genesis* "ABC Bible Curriculum".
- **Nursery Childcare / Toddlers (2- & 3-year-olds)**—teachers Dustin & Heidi Weege (Nursery area) using the *Gospel Light* curriculum series.

—No Sunday School/ABF on May 26—

Becker Adult Fellowship (age 55+) has planned another exciting tournament of "Chair Volleyball." Please join us for an evening of crazy fun on Friday, May 17, 6:30pm at The HUB (across the road from the BBC parking lot). Refreshments will be served - remember to wear clothes that will allow you to freely wave your arms in the air!

Becker Baptist Friends ministry at Woodbriar Senior Apartments meets typically on the fourth Monday of each month (this month's meeting is May 20 at 2:30pm). We will have fellowship time with the residents including music, stories, devotions, prayer time, crafts, & refreshments. If you'd like to share God's love with them, please contact Deb Tischner, or tischner4@windstream.net or 762.662.2074.

Don't-Eat-Alone Lunch Bunch meets for those who want to eat with others on Sunday, April 7 at Café Pawz following the worship service (meets on the first Sunday of every month).

BBC Co-ed Sand Volleyball League: Wednesdays, June 5- August 28. Team league plays 7-8pm, with open ball at 8pm. League cost is \$10 per player. Sign up at the Welcome Center by May 19. More details to follow. Questions? Contact Steve or Elizabeth Roemer 763.360.5957 or 763.360.6176.



BBC Missions
Bake & Plant Sale

May 16, 2-6pm / May 17, 7am-Noon
Donations accepted starting May 14
*Proceeds benefit Faith in Action & Backpack Buddies

Contact Carol Kiehn with questions about baked goods and Stephanie Johnson about plants.



"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light." ~ Colossians 1:9-12

Would you like to host an "IF: TABLE" in May or June? Just provide a simple meal and facilitate Christ-centered conversation with a devotional and conversation cards made available to you-- super-easy to host! Contact Sue Persons, Ann Olson or Diane Wilcox if you're interested.

The Trout Lake Camps "Fall Refreshment" Women's Retreat is September 20-22 and registration opens Noon on Tuesday, May 1. Register online at troutlakecamps.org/retreats/womens-retreat. You may request to be roomed with "Becker Baptist". Cost is \$135-\$160 depending on lodging chosen. (\$10 coupon codes are available by calling the Church Office.) Connect with Caroline Olsen (651.216.5589) with questions about who's going and transportation—let her know you're joining the BBC group!

The Tuesday morning Bible study ladies will be meeting for lunch at Cafe Paws on Tuesday, May 7 at 11am. This is open to all women from the church.

~Grace Women's Ministry Team: Kristi Bucher, Shannon Holm, Terri Mason, Caroline Olsen, Ann Olson, Susan Persons, Diane Wilcox

Men's Ministry



Men, join us for our last monthly breakfast before summer break— Saturday, May 11 at 8am. Hang out with the guys while enjoying a fantastic breakfast and time spent in God's Word.

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 19 — during our Worship Service, we will celebrate our graduating high school seniors and pray over them as they move on into their next steps in life. It's an exciting time for them and we want to honor those graduates who attend Becker Baptist and/or *Momentum*. There will be an informal cookie reception to follow in the foyer. Please stop and greet our grads!

Becker High School Senior Baccalaureate service will be Thursday, May 30, 8pm hosted by Grace Lutheran Church. The graduating seniors of Becker High School will lead this time of celebrating what God has done in their lives.



I often wonder what parents think "*Momentum*" is? I'm sure they imagine a place where teens come and play games and read the bible. But I wonder if they realize the true impact that is being made in their hearts by Christ? The tears that flow. The cries that ring out for God to do a work in their heart that only He can do! Yes, we play games. And sure, flag football and pizza are fun. However, there is nothing like witnessing 40+ students seek God to be the King of their life. Not just Savior, but King. We live in a generation of entertainment today. If you ever want to see young people make a commitment to God and walk that out, they must experience more than entertainment. They must have their own experience with Christ. At *Momentum*, we are a small family with a lot of people and they're coming to have their own experience with Christ. And because of Jesus and Jesus alone – we are forever changed.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1 – Senior Dinner & Red Carpet Night - We will be hosting our annual RED CARPET NIGHT honoring and celebrating our seniors. All are welcome to join us for this exciting night!

May 3-5 – Urban Immersion Mission Trip - Please pray as we serve those less fortunate in the Twin Cities. Cover our team in prayer: Kennedy Drehmel, Alexis Drehmel, Kevoun Simmons, Micah Wheeler, Titan Hoover, Dylan Mason Johnson, Sam Nalty, Ben Nalty, Heather Enyart, Greg Mason and Pastor Kevin.

May 19 – Graduate Recognition Sunday - During our Worship Service, we will celebrate our seniors and pray over them as they move on into their next steps in life. It's an exciting time for seniors and we want to honor those that are graduating that attend Becker Baptist and/or *Momentum*. There will be an informal cookie reception to follow in the foyer. Please stop and greet our grads!

May 19 @ 6 PM – SUMMER SQUAD WARS & Week 1 Family Feud (Family) - As summer begins, make sure you grab a SUMMER CALENDAR from the Welcome Center, so you don't miss out on our summer events and activities. We will compete in summer squad wars along with teaching from God's Word (see below). Bring a friend and don't even think about missing it!

CURRENT SUMMER SERIES: Every family feuds. Whether the latest feud is about curfews, chores, harsh words, someone's attitude, or someone else's questionable choices, everyone knows what it's like to experience conflict with a family member. Although some families may have more struggles or conflict than others, every family can learn how to fight more fairly. In this series, we'll challenge students to let their relationship with God transform their relationships with their family members as they seek to **be more patient, forgive more often, be more**



To keep up and check out what is going on for *Momentum* Youth this summer, make sure to follow on Instagram: @bbcmomentum and use our hashtag: #MomentumBBC19

Because They Matter, Pastor Kevin

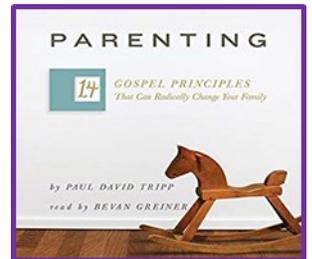


What an incredible spring and Easter we've had! And there is so much to celebrate here at BBC! I am so grateful for what we saw God do in kids lives over the past few weeks while we solved the "mystery of Easter" together. It was incredible to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with BBC Kids! As I was reading the Easter story in with them (from Luke 24), Peter's response to news about Jesus' resurrection caught my attention. Scripture says when he saw Jesus' linen cloths lying there by themselves in the tomb, he went home **MARVELING**. We can marvel at the fact that God would become human. We can be grateful that Jesus, a good and sinless man, would take the punishment for our sins in a torturous way. We can marvel in the reality of our forgiveness. We can marvel in the fact that God experienced death. Then, we can marvel in

the reality that Jesus rose again, and all of us who believe in Jesus will experience resurrection and life after death. I find it easy to marvel at what he's done on the cross and the days that followed during Easter time but what about the rest of the year. May this be a year that we spend our days MARVELING!

FAMILY RESOURCE FOR MAY: Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles that Can Radically Change Your Family

What is your calling as a parent? In the midst of folding laundry, coordinating carpool schedules, and breaking up fights, many parents get lost. Feeling pressure to do everything "right" and raise up "good" children, it's easy to lose sight of our ultimate purpose as parents in the quest for practical tips and guaranteed formulas. In the book, you'll get a big-picture view of God's plan for us as parents. Freed from the burden of trying to manufacture life-change in our children's hearts, we can embrace a grand perspective of parenting overflowing with vision, purpose, and joy. A copy for your review is on our Parent Resource wall in the Quest Room!



BBC KIDS CALENDAR

AWANA AWARD NIGHT – MAY 1: Clubbers and Leaders should be in uniform. We are excited to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our Sparks and T&T kids with you! Everything your children have done in Awana Clubs this year will be recognized and rewarded, however, the eternal blessings of hiding God's Word in their hearts far outweighs anything we can give as an award. There will be an Ice Cream Celebration to follow for all! **AWANA LEADERS:** THANK YOU for investing in each child's eternal story! We LOVE you! **PARENTS:** THANK YOU for bringing your children to Awana Clubs at BBC and for helping them memorize God's Word! See you next fall!

FAMILY FIRST SUNDAY – MAY 5: Children attend the adult service with their family on the 1st Sunday of each month. This is a wonderful opportunity to worship together as a family and to partake in Communion together.

NERF & NACHO NIGHT – MAY 24: A free event for elementary students (grades: 3-5) from 7-9 PM. Join us for Nerf tournaments, nachos and games. Bring your friends!

BBC KIDS MISSION PROJECT: CREOLE BIBLE PROJECT – We are learning to live out the Great Commission and have launched an initiative to raise funds to purchase 60 Jesus Storybook Bibles in Creole for the new kindergarten students at Grace Emmanuel School in Haiti. The cost (including shipping) for each box is approximately \$250. We would like to send 4 boxes, so we started with a hefty goal of \$1,000 to raise. We are ½ way to our reaching our goal. Donations can be placed in the hallway in the lower level or you can see me to help our kids reach this goal and meet this need.

CURRENT SUNDAY MORNING QUEST/QUEST JR. SERIES: Everyone loves a story about a big adventure, don't they? The best stories are stories of life change, big dreams, dramatic rescues, and journeys to far-away places. Those adventure stories are even better when they're true stories! In this series, we'll follow the true story of the early church. Kids will imagine they are explorers and adventurers as they hear the stories of Saul's conversion, Peter and Cornelius, Peter's escape from prison, and Paul and Barnabas' missionary travels. By the end of this series, kids will learn and remember that **Jesus changes lives, Jesus loves everyone, Jesus gives us freedom, and Jesus helps us share His story.**



~ Amy Drehmel, Children & Family Ministry Director