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BBC NEWSLETTER

To know Christ and make Him known



SEASONS OF CHANGE MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NATE

Dear BBC Family,

As fall vanished overnight, I can't help but think of the suddenness of change that can happen in our lives—especially when the change brings sorrows and suffering. We can have tragic things occur in an instant, or we can have a surprising joy happen within an instant.

Lament is seasonal in its nature. As the "Preacher" says so in the oft-quoted passage from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate, a time for war, and a time for peace."

Though no one wants to sit in sorrow, it is an important season for reflection. We must learn to give voice to our suffering and see the truth being revealed within us and surrounding us, the ultimate truth being that God is near. Even in our dark night, He is working and has not forgotten us. *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."* (Rom. 8:28).

Right now, as we wait for the advent season that marked the first coming of Jesus, we are also in another advent season—awaiting His final arrival. During that first advent season, 400 years of silence changed in an instant. We must remind ourselves that God always makes a way, where there is no way.

Dear people, as seasons change in your life, always hope in the final season to come, eternity in God's Kingdom!

Blessings,
Pastor Nate



Join us in-person or online on Sundays at 10:30AM for praise and worship. Pastor Nate will continue the sermon series, "When Sorrows Roll" based in the book of *Lamentations*.

Happenings

Worship Service
Sundays 10:30am

Adult Sunday School / Away
Sundays 9:15am

Women's Bible Study: *Parables*
Tuesdays 9am

Imago Kids
Wednesdays 3-5pm

Men's Bible Study (ongoing)
Thursdays 7pm

Men's Monthly Breakfast
Saturday Nov 11 8am

**BBC Students:
HUB Hangouts**
Mondays & Wednesdays, 3-6pm

Midweek
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Annual Turkey Olympics
Sunday, November 12 2pm

**Grace Women's Bible Study:
"The Wonder of Advent"**
Mondays Nov 13- Dec 4 6:30pm

**Becker Baptist Friends
@ Woodbriar Apts.**
Nov 13 & 27 2pm

**Operation Christmas Child
Shoebbox Collection**
Now - November 19

**Northern Thailand
Short-Term Mission Trip
Cookie Tray Fundraiser**
November 5 - December 10

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Here's What's Happening in November

BBC Kids | Children & Family Ministry

MESSAGE FROM CISSY HORSTMAN

Thankful! Recently, we asked the 3rd - 5th grade Sunday School kids to pray out loud. Intimidating for so many people, adults and children alike. I started the prayer and asked them to say one thing they were thankful for – all 7 boys boldly and loudly mentioned multiple things for which they were thankful. Parents, it is a privilege to serve your children! The kids are eager to learn about God. On October 22nd, during Children's Church Lori Shafer taught the kids (age 4 - 5th grade) the salvation message using the Wordless Book method. We had the kids practice sharing the gospel using the wordless book they created in class. We even grabbed a few women who were working in the kitchen and asked them if the kids could practice on them. It was so much fun to see the kids line up and practice sharing the Gospel. If you are unfamiliar with the Wordless Book, Google it. Although Lori and I just learned this method at a conference we recently attended, a church member informed us that this has been around for 60+ years! God is good!

Serving joyfully,
Cissy

SUNDAY MORNING:

Nursery & Kids Church (birth - 5th grade) happens every Sunday during the 10:30am service (except on the 1st Sunday which is Family Sunday and only nursery is available). We will wrap up the worship series, "The Greatest Story Ever Told" in November.

Sunday School: AWANA (infant - Grade 12)

Will meet every Sunday at 9:15am. Registration and more information is available on our website ("Kids" or "Students" page), or you can visit and sign up after trying it out.



Samaritan's Purse: "Operation Christmas Child" Shoeboxes

The mission of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child "is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations." Be part of the journey by shopping and filling a shoebox. No liquids, toothpaste, candy or war-related items (e.g., gun, knife or military figure). You may want to include a personal note and photo (optional). Leave boxes at church anytime **through November 19** after the worship service.

For more information, visit: www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ or stop by the display in the church foyer.



IMAGO KIDS is an after-school program for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade on Wednesdays from 3-5pm. Each week we will eat snacks, create art, play games, sing songs, and learn "The Biggest Story" - the story that God has written from creation to proclaim Jesus Christ, His Son. Registration for new participants will be open Thursday through Sunday while there are openings (limit of 50). Visit our website to register your children.



Happenings cont.



BBC Students (Grades 6-12)
MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEVIN

BBC STUDENTS MEET WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:30-8pm at The HUB* | CURRENT SERIES - "REAL":

It's easy to spot a fake friend (and even easier to be a fake friend at times), but what's not-so-easy is figuring out how to make and keep friendships that are real. Maybe it's just easier to keep our friendships on the surface. Or maybe we've never seen real friendship in real life before. Or maybe we don't actually know anyone we trust enough to be real with. These days, when "friends" are just a click or a follow away, it's more important than ever to figure out what true friendship really looks like.

In this series, we'll explore the words and stories of Jesus, the disciples, Paul, Timothy, David, and Jeremiah to help us understand what authentic friendship can look like. Together, we'll discover that real friends choose each other wisely, show each other grace, comfort each other, and help each other grow.

HUB HANGOUTS | 3-6pm @ The HUB* - MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS (with some exceptions): Students are invited to come over after school to come play some 4-square, ping pong, basketball, video games, among many other activities. . . finish homework or just hangout. Concessions available for \$. We will have a few planned activities or speakers throughout the year. Keep an eye on social media for updates.

10TH ANNUAL TURKEY OLYMPICS | NOV. @ The HUB* – 2-5pm:

Join us as we compete in some Olympic style events and a chance to get your name on the famous turkey trophy!!! Invite your friends to this fun outreach event!

Because they matter,
Pastor Kevin

**The HUB is located at 11952 Hancock St., across from the church parking lot.*

Short-Term Mission Team Going to Thailand
February 17-March 2, 2024
Christmas Cookie Tray Fundraiser

Lynel Johnson, Elizabeth Roemer and Terri Mason will be joining BBC-supported missionaries, Todd & Karen Indehar in their ministry as part of "The Northern Thailand Least-Reached Peoples Project". Their time will include children's VBS-type camps, ESL outreach and prayer ministry. To help raise funds for their trip, they will be making and selling Christmas assorted-cookie trays, small and large (~\$20 - \$40). Ordering is available November 5 - December 10 in the church foyer and online. Taste samples will be available on November 5th. Pickup dates (from BBC) will be December 3, 10 & 17. You may also donate through our Giving app or by using the QR code shown on the right.



Missions Spotlight

Global
Ken & Linda
Danielson

Lake of the Woods Area of
Minnesota & Canada

Pastor Ken Danielson and his wife Linda serve the Lord as staff with Oak Hills Center for Indian Ministries among Native families in Lake of the Woods area. They minister to the Native and local community through the "All Nations New Life Center" church in Warroad, MN and conduct Bible School, Bible study and door-to-door evangelism on Canadian reserves of the Lake of the Woods. *Please remember them in your prayers this month!*

Local Outreach

Becker Baptist Friends
Meets 2nd & 4th Monday
of each month at 2pm
(Nov 13 & 27)

Share God's love by spending time with our senior friends at Woodbriar Apartments in Becker. Our time together will include stories, devotions, music, refreshments and crafts. All ages are welcome! Contact Deb Tischner at 763-662-2074 for more information.



Happenings cont.

Adult Sunday School

Sunday School meets every week at 9:15am in Room #106.

During the month of November, Marilyn Wallberg & Elizabeth Roemer will teach on the topic of "Prayer".

Grace Women's Ministry

- "The Wonder of Advent"
Mondays, November 13-December 4 at 6:30pm in room #218

In this 4-session study, trace the themes of Advent—hope, joy, peace, and love—through Scripture. Because when your eyes are opened to these threads in the Bible, you'll stand in awe of God's glory and love and want to share the wonder of Advent with the world. Watch the promo video on YouTube. Led by Laurel Johnson. Books are \$18 each (including video access in case you need to miss a week).

- Grace Christmas Gathering
Mark your calendar: Friday, December 1 @ 6:30pm

Join us for a special time of reflecting on Christ's birth through scripture and music, sweet fellowship over top-your-own cheesecake dessert & beverages, and being the hands of Jesus by tying fleece blankets for donation to The Compassion Connection. Bring a favorite Christmas decoration/ornament to help spark conversation (optional) and a small gift (~\$5) to be used in a fun game. We welcome women of all ages for this special evening.

Sign up for either or both of these opportunities using the [Grace Women's Contact Form online](#) or in the church foyer.

For the Men

- Men's Bible Study
Thursdays, 7pm in room #218 (aka Library)
Meet with other men as we together study God's Word. No signup is needed. Just bring your Bible.

- Men's Monthly Breakfast
2nd Saturday of every month at 8am

Join us on November 11 at 8am in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship & a time of faith-building in God's Word. Invite a friend to come with you!



See all upcoming events

See all upcoming events and register for events by scanning the QR code or by visiting the desk in the foyer.



Have an announcement?

Deadlines for submission:

- Weekly Email and/or Bulletin: Thursday by 8:30am
- Newsletter: One business day before publishing by 10am
- TV Slide: Friday by 8:30am

Send to
office@beckerbaptist.org

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Share God's love by spending time with our senior friends at Woodbriar Apartments in Becker, with stories, devotions, music, refreshments and crafts. All ages are welcome! Contact Deb Tischner at 763-662-2074 for more information.

Visit beckerbaptist.org/current-series/ to watch online.

AWANA & Adult Sunday School classes meet at 9:15am each week. Worship service and kids church at 10:30AM (except the 1st Sunday of the month when children worship with the adults.)

Worship with us on Sunday!

HELLO NOVEMBER!



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"And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord,

'For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.'

And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid."

-Ezra 3:11

Have a Prayer or Care Request?

Submit your request via email to:

office@beckerbaptist.org

or go online to:
beckerbaptist.org/welcomecenter
and click on "Request Prayer"
or "Request Care".