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BBC NEWSLETTER

To know Christ and make Him known



DON'T BRING JUST THE FIGGY PUDDING!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NATE

Dear BBC Family,

Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin. This small refrain from the classic carol "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" focuses us on evangelism this season of Advent. We as followers of Christ have the best news — glad tidings indeed. The Savior of the World has come!

Jesus, the snake crusher (Gen. 3:15), came. The promised blessing to the world of Abraham's seed (Gen. 12:3), the Davidic King (2 Sam. 7:12-13), the One to rule in holy righteousness for eternity in His heavenly Kingdom (Rev. 22:1-5). He is the glad tidings we bring to the dark world.

It's easy to get caught up in the distractions of this season—gifts, parties, decorations, etc. Though these things are good, they don't bring us ultimate joy. Only the babe born of Mary does.

May we continue to be a community of people that bring glad tidings to the rest of the world, reminding others that Jesus is the only one to break the silence of sorrow and suffering, bringing us freedom from sin, and bright hope for tomorrow in His Kingdom!

And so I say, *Glad tidings to you and your kin!* May you share the joy of Jesus with all those you interact with this season!

Blessings,

Pastor Nate

Join us in-person or online on Sundays at 10:30am for praise and worship. Pastor Nate will bring messages from the book of *Luke* for the sermon series, "Glad Tidings".



Happenings

Worship Service

Sundays 10:30am

Adult Sunday School / Awana

Sundays 9:15am exc. 12/24 & 12/31

Imago Kids

Wednesdays 3-5pm exc. 12/27

Men's Bible Study (ongoing)

Thursdays 7pm

Men's Monthly Breakfast

Saturday, Dec 9 8am

BBC Students:

HUB Hangouts

Mondays & Wednesdays, 3-6pm

Midweek

Wednesdays 6:30pm

NO Hangout or Midweek on 12/27

Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, Dec 20 6:30pm

Grace Women's

Christmas Gathering

Friday, Dec 1 6:30pm

Becker Baptist Friends

@ Woodbriar Apts.

Monday, Dec 11 2pm

All-Adult "White Elephant" Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec 9 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec 24 4pm

Northern Thailand Short-Term Mission Trip Cookie Tray Fundraiser

Through December 10

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Here's What's Happening in December

BBC Kids | Children & Family Ministry

MESSAGE FROM CISSY HORSTMAN

December means it's time to focus on and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! It's fun to spend time with kids during this time of year.

In the *Imago Kids* program, we will finish our time in the Old Testament. On 12/6 we will talk about Esther and the big idea is "God always has a plan to save his people", and on 12/13 we will learn about Daniel and how "God's people should put God first no matter what." On Wednesday, 12/20 Pastor Nate will share about Jesus's birth and that Jesus was born to save people from their sin.

In Children's Church, our Sunday mornings continue to be a great time for learning, singing and worshiping Jesus. These past few months we have been learning the following songs: 'God's not dead (NO!) He is alive,' The NT books of the Bible, 'Be Careful little eyes what you see', and 'My God is so Big, so Strong and Mighty.'

We will be launching a new curriculum this month from *Go! Curriculum* (www.gocurriculum.com). Children's Church includes kids from age 4 through 5th grade. This curriculum addresses the age variation and the differing learning styles (Visual, Auditory, Read/Write, Kinesthetic). The videos are well-done and are relevant to the Bible story. The older elementary age videos are 10-12 minutes long, and they have us stop the video and read directly from the Bible, and then finish the video. I loved that piece! It allows the kids to connect that the weekly video is directly related to the Bible -- God's Word. The preschool/younger elementary-aged version is like *Blues Clues*. We are looking forward to having the 4-year-olds currently hanging out in the nursery join us for Children's Church when they are ready for the transition. Parents stay tuned for more information on the *Go! Curriculum* topics for December and January. Additional information will be sent via email.

Sunday School: AWANA (infant - Grade 12) meets every Sunday at 9:15am (except 12/24 and 12/31). Registration and more information is available on our [website](#), or you can visit and sign up after trying it out.

Serving joyfully,
Cissy



Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Worship Service December 24, 10:30am

Join us on Christmas Eve morning for a shorter worship service, as we celebrate together the coming of Jesus to earth so we can have peace in our hearts. No Children's Church or Nursery.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 4pm

Hundreds of candles will be lit for this service that features the Christmas story as told by Scripture, as sung in songs, and as proclaimed through special readings. Your heart will be overjoyed by Immanuel. Nursery will be open for families to use.



Happenings cont.



BBC Students (Grades 6-12)

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEVIN

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

There are certain things that make Christmas really feel like Christmas, right? Christmas trees, holly, candy canes, nativity sets, that one Christmas album your family can't get enough of . . . oh! And angels. If you pay attention, you'll find them everywhere this Christmas season. They're on Christmas trees, ornaments, and greeting cards. They're in Christmas carols, movies, and nativity sets. And they're all over the pages of Scripture, too.

That's because angels played an important role in the very first Christmas. In this series from the Gospels, we'll pay close attention to the announcements the angels made surrounding Jesus' birth. Together, we'll see why the messages the angels shared back then still matter today — like the message that **God's timing is always right**, that **Jesus is always good news**, that **we can always share**.

We won't meet on 12/20 or 12/27. Read below for what's happening on 12/20.

HUB HANGOUTS | 3-6pm @ The HUB* - MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS (with some exceptions - no Hangout on 12/27): 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.



CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT 6:30-8pm @ The HUB*

Join us for a wild adventure as we build community with each other and create memories during the Christmas season! Bring a friend!

Because they matter,
Pastor Kevin

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



Missions Spotlight

Global

Bill Arvan and
READ Ministries

BBC supports Bill Arvan and READ Ministries. Their work: "training Leaders, reaching dangerous places, and changing culture." Please pray for power and protection over Bill Arvan, READ Ministries, their pastors and leaders as they spread the biblical Gospel in Eastern Europe and in Central Asia.

Northern Thailand Short-Term Mission Team Fundraiser

Lynel Johnson, Elizabeth Roemer and Terri Mason will be joining BBC-supported missionaries, Todd & Karen Indehar in their ministry in sharing the Gospel as part of "The Northern Thailand Least-Reached Peoples Project", Feb 17-Mar 2, 2024. To help raise funds for their trip, they are baking and selling Christmas assorted-cookie trays, small and large (~\$20 - \$40). Ordering is available through December 10. Remaining delivery dates are December 10 or 17. Order in the church foyer and online. You may also donate through our Giving app or by cash/check at the Welcome Center in the foyer.

Local Outreach

Becker Baptist Friends
December 11, 2pm

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! Starting in 2024, we'll meet the 4th Monday of each month. Contact Deb Tischner at 763-662-2074 for more information.



Happenings cont.

Grace Women's Ministry

- Grace Christmas Gathering
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.

- "Sermon on the Mount" Verse-by-Verse Study
(revised & updated video series by Jen Wilkin)
Thursdays, January 11-March 7 at 6:30pm in room #106

"In His sweeping depiction of kingdom citizenship, Jesus utters some of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture. Most of us have only encountered the Sermon on the Mount in fragments, considering its subdivisions as complete teachings in their own right—a study on blessedness; a reflection on the Lord's Prayer; a discussion of religious devotion, money, ambition, and relationships. What if we navigated these three chapters in Matthew as they were originally heard? What if we read them as one cohesive, well-ordered message, intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus? This 9-session study will give you the opportunity to do just that. Come and learn from Jesus, just as His disciples did." Led by the Grace Women's Ministry Team. Books are \$25 each (including video access in case you need to miss a week). Scholarships available - contact Terri Mason in the Church Office if you need help covering the cost.

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 December 9 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!

All-Adult "White Elephant" Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9 @ 6:30pm at The HUB*

Everyone from 18 to 101 is invited! Bring your favorite item from home that is no longer your favorite item, all wrapped in pretty Christmas paper so someone else can enjoy what you no longer enjoy. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share; beverages will be provided.

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

Adult Sunday School

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

Fred Vermeulen will teach on December 3. For the next two weeks, Marilyn Wallberg will teach on praying for outlandish things and what the Word has to say about bitterness. **There will be no Sunday School on December 24th or 31st.**

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

AWANA & Adult Sunday School classes meet at 9:15am each week (except 12/24 & 12/31). 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!



Becker Baptist Church
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"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

~Galatians 4:4-5

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".