



JANUARY 2024

BBC NEWSLETTER

To know Christ and make Him known



NEW YEAR REFLECTIONS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NATE

Dear BBC Family,

Another new year. The calendar continues to change as we finite humans mark linear time, contrasting with God existing for eternity, with no need to measure time. We use these measures of time to navigate and reflect on our lives, to remember big events, to adjust course, to mark out time to rest our frail frame.

These are the things we do as we mark a new year. As I reflect on the ministry of BBC over the past year, I have a couple of highlights and reflections I wanted to share in regards to the ministry of BBC and our mission— *to know Christ, and make Him known.*

First off, praise God for the baptisms of the last year. What a joy it is to symbolically welcome new people into the family of God, as we witness to others that we are new creations, as Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.* (5:17) What a beautiful thing! But new creation, new beginnings, need care and tending in order for growth to happen. We need intentional discipling, to live with and walk with those who are further on their own journey. This is something we can continue to grow in, outlining this process and equipping people to do this good work.

Second, I remember the driving force behind all the ministry we do as a church, prayer in the Spirit and His outworking of power. This is not just a way to fill a gap, or an obligation to start a meeting, but it is communing with our creator, our Savior, and our King! Many prayers of the saints throughout the last two thousand years have resulted in God's name being made greater and greater for His glory and by His will. How can we as a church be more intentional in this part of our ministry life?

Lastly, we rest in Him. Slow down. Rest in the assurance that *while we were still sinners Christ died for us* (Rom. 5:8). He came once to rescue us, He will come again to bring his final and ultimate rescue for His people. So don't worry about the future, don't strive for things of this world, but only rest in Him, *He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* (Micah 6:8)

New Year Blessings,
Pastor Nate

Join us in-person or online on Sundays at 10:30am for praise and worship. Pastor Nate will bring messages from "God's Word".

Happenings

**Worship Service /
Children's Church**
Sundays 10:30am

**Adult Sunday School /
Awana Clubs**
Sundays 9:15am

**BBC Students:
HUB Hangouts**
Wednesdays 3-6pm

Midweek
Wednesdays 6:30pm

SERVE Night
Friday, Jan 12 5pm

Imago Kids
Wednesdays 3-5pm exc. 12/27

Men's Bible Study (ongoing)
Thursdays 7pm

Men's Monthly Breakfast
Saturday, Dec 9 8am

**For the Men: Chili Cookoff &
NFC Championship Watch**
January 28 5:30pm

**Grace Women's
"Sermon on the Mount" Study**
Thursdays starting Jan 18 6:30pm

**Becker Baptist Friends
@ Woodbriar Apts.**
Monday, Jan 22 2pm

Annual Business Meeting
January 28 12pm

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Here's What's Happening in January

BBC Kids | Children & Family Ministry

MESSAGE FROM CISSY HORSTMAN

January. A new beginning while reflecting on all of God's surprises from the previous year. For me, the biggest surprise of 2023 was taking on the role of Director of Ministry to Children and Families. What a fun surprise it has been! As Marilyn mentioned during the Christmas Eve candlelight service, God desires us to be more childlike. Why? One reason is that children live in the moment. I admire that trait and strive to be more childlike this year! I've learned so much from the kids. They are eager to share their stories with you. They laugh when they run. They enjoy making adults laugh. They enjoy learning about Jesus and reading their Bibles!

Our Awana Sunday school program continues to have the highest number of participants, with an average of 30-35 kids each week. ImagoKids and Children's church has 17-21 kids each week. The nursery is bursting with infants, toddlers and preschoolers!

Upcoming

Children's Church: We will focus on the life of Jesus using the Go! Curriculum ("Pixel Party!")

Imago Kids: We will be learning more about Daniel and how we can trust and obey God no matter what happens. We are using The Biggest Story curriculum by Crossway.

We offer a variety of curricula and teaching styles to engage with the kids. Scripture is always the focus. How we share and teach Scripture varies by program. We play running games and have craft time during Imago Kids, whereas Children's Church tends to be non-running games and coloring sheets and word puzzles. AWANA is focused on scripture memorization.

Here's to 2024, being more child-like and eagerly anticipating all of the surprises God has waiting for us!

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

Joyfully serving,
Cissy



Missions Spotlight

Global

Don & Angie Finley

Don & Angie Finley serve in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where they train Brazilian missionaries to be sent throughout Brazil and around the world.

Please keep them in your prayers this month.

Local Outreach

Becker Baptist Friends January 22, 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! We meet the 4th Monday of each month (with a few exceptions). Contact Deb Tischner at 763-662-2074 for more information.



Happenings cont.



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

MIDWEEK STUDENTS RESUMES JANUARY
3RD - 6:30-8pm at The HUB* WITH A NEW
SERIES - "NOT YET":

Does life ever feel like a never-ending waiting game? Like you're always waiting to get a little older, to gain a little more freedom, or to find a little more clarity about your future? When you think about the person you're becoming and what your future holds, do you ever just want to skip ahead in your story to see how it all turns out, who you'll become, what you'll do, or what kind of difference you'll make?

In this series, we'll talk about all the questions, fear, frustration, and excitement that thinking about our futures can bring. As we explore passages from Ecclesiastes, Revelation, and more, we'll discover four truths about what God has in store for us: **we're all a work in progress, your purpose is to be like Jesus, God's plans for you are good, and your next step is to get closer to God.**

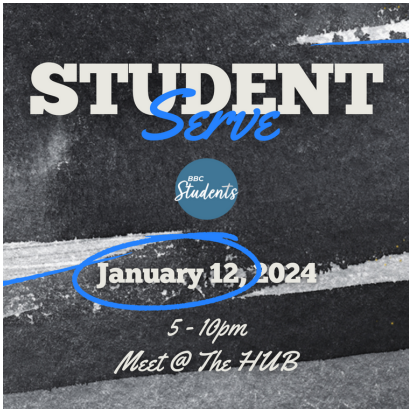


HUB HANGOUT* | WEDNESDAYS 3-6pm

Join us each Wednesday after school from 3-6pm to hang out, get help with homework, play games, 4 square, fellowship and more. Concessions available. Punch cards \$10.

STUDENT SERVE NIGHT
JANUARY 12TH, 5-10pm

We will be heading out to serve others in some way. (Plan to be determined.) This could be packing meals at Feed My Starving Children, serving dinner at the Salvation Army or bringing hot cocoa, sandwiches, blankets and socks to the homeless. Watch for more information to come on specifics. If you haven't completed the 2023-24 Annual Permission/Consent/Liability Release and Student Covenant Form for your student, it will need to be completed prior to attending this night. Forms are available on the [website](#) or printed copies are at The HUB.



Because they matter,
Pastor Kevin

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

Annual Business
Meeting

You're invited to attend this annual meeting whether or not you are a member. You'll hear reports of what happened in 2023, as we praise God for His faithfulness and ask for His guidance for 2024.

The proposed budget for the year will be presented as well as a ballot of new Deacon Board Members & Church Board member(s) / Committee Chair(s) nominated for election, before voting upon by church members. A copy of the ballot will be posted at the Welcome Center one week prior to the meeting.

Church Directory
Update

A new paper church directory will be published later in January - please check your listing on the draft in the church foyer available starting January 7 -- note any changes or or mark it to let us know it's all good. If you're not listed, please fill out one of the forms provided. The directory also will be available on our website (password-protected and accessible for members & regular attenders).

An digital directory also is available in the "Church Center" app. If you already were listed in that app as of last year, you may need to add any children born this year. Please contact the church office if you would like to be included in the app but are not listed or if you have any questions..

Happenings cont.

Men's Bible Study

- Thursdays, 7pm (new location TBD)

Meet with other men as we together study God's Word. We are currently in the book of *John*. No need to sign up; just bring your Bible.

Men's Monthly Breakfast will NOT meet in January. We'll resume on February 10th.

Just For the Men

- Annual Chili Cookoff & NFC Championship Watch Party
January 28 @ The HUB* | Doors open at 5:30pm

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

Grace Women's Ministry

- *The Sermon on the Mount Study* (updated version by Jen Wilkin)
Thursdays, January 18-March 14, 6:30pm at Sherri Erickson's*

"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. First released in 2014, this study is now updated with new teaching videos from Jen Wilkin." Led by the Grace Women's Ministry Team. Study guide books are \$25 each (including video access — there may be some weeks when you may watch on your own). Sign up using the Contact Form (link below) or in the church foyer. *address can be found in Church App/Church Directory or contact Church Office for the address and location is subject to change.

- "February Fondue & Fellowship"
Friday, February 2, 6:30pm in Room #106

Join us for a fabulous fondue & friendly fellowship! We'll have a variety of food for cheese and chocolate and maybe pizza fondue. Infants are welcome and we will provide childcare. Sign up using the Contact Form (link below) — please specify child/ren age(s) if you need childcare or indicate if you are willing to help with childcare.

*You can find more information on Grace Women's Ministry including our [contact form](#) on the ["Adults" page of our website](#) or at the Welcome Center desk in the foyer.

Adult Sunday School

Meet with us at 9:15am each Sunday in Room #106. Elizabeth Roemer will teach the first three weeks of January: "Seek and Tell" - seeking the Lord and telling of His wondrous deeds.



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. 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!

Happy New Year



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"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

~Isaiah 43:18-19

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".