



FEBRUARY 2024

BBC NEWSLETTER

To know Christ and make Him known



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NATE

Dear BBC Family,

As I sit to write these words on the heels of the annual meeting, I reflect about all the conversations that were had and the conversations undoubtedly many wished to have. The meeting made clear that we all realize the enormous opportunity we've been given and the honor of the task that is set before us by our Lord and Savior, the great commission (Matt. 28:18-20).

Over and over God has laid on my heart that we must continue to seek unity. It's not assumed in the New Testament, but it is sought. We (myself included) must day in and day out seek the Lord's will for us to be part of knowing Christ, and making Him known.

This is no easy task, because sometimes we humans often pray for our will to be done — we easily get tunnel vision and, to be fair, oftentimes on things that are very godly and biblical. However, we start to feel weighed down by our desires and frustration and bitterness can quickly grow in our hearts. Unity is sought, as Paul says to the Corinthian Christians: *I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment* (1 Cor. 1:10). We must diligently seek to be unified in the main thing, praying that God would help us to seek unity for the mission He has given us.

So I ask you, will you pray each day that more in our community would come to know Christ more and make Him known? Don't try to fill in the tangible bits, just sit with praying the big vision of Becker Baptist Church. This is the reminder I needed. I pray that it will be encouraging to you as well.

May Becker Baptist seek unity together, until Becker (and the surrounding communities) love Jesus.

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 exc. 2/7

Winter Retreat

Friday, Feb 23 - Sunday, Feb 25

Imago Kids

Wednesdays 3-5pm exc. 2/7

Men's Bible Study (ongoing)

Thursdays 7pm

Men's Monthly Breakfast

Saturday, Feb 10 8am

BBC Adults Luncheon

Sunday, February 18 12pm

Grace Women's

"Sermon on the Mount" Study

Thursdays 6:30pm

February Fondue & Fellowship

Friday, Feb 2 6:30pm

"The God You May Not Know" Study

Tuesdays, 9am

Northern Thailand Short-Term Mission w/ Indehars

February 17-March 2

Becker Baptist Friends @ Woodbriar Apts.

Monday, Feb 19 2pm

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Here's What's Happening in February



BBC Kids | Children & Family Ministry

MESSAGE FROM CISSY HORSTMAN

VBS 2024 planning is underway! Last year we had 133 kids register and more than 60 volunteers. Becker Evangelical Free Church (BEFC) is partnering with us again this year. We will host a 4-day program and use the Lifeway curriculum. This year the theme is Breaker Rock Beach and the main verse is Romans 12:2. *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Please prayerfully consider ways you are able to serve the kids July 15-18, 2024!

The following is from David Rausch who is the author of the *Go! Curriculum* we use in Children's Church.

"4 Tips for leading a Kid to Christ"

Avoid coercion. Most kids have the desire to please adults. Avoid language that might pressure a kid into a disingenuous decision to follow Jesus. It's okay to present opportunities by asking questions like, "Do you ever think about asking Jesus to be your Savior?" But allow them to reach a conclusion on their own. In other words, lead them towards a decision; don't push them towards one.

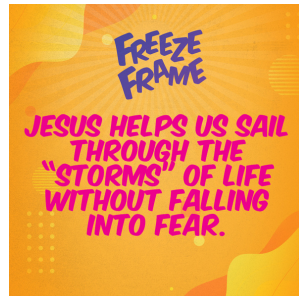
Use the ABCs. There's no formula or magic words for becoming a Christian, but the "ABC's" of salvation are a good way to help kids pray the salvation prayer. It goes like this: "A"—Admit you have sinned and ask God for forgiveness. "B"—Believe that God has sent His son, Jesus, to die for your sins. "C"—Choose to follow Jesus and make Him the leader of your life.

Prompt the child in prayer. It's important that the salvation prayer comes from the heart of the child. Instead of having a kid repeat the prayer after you, provide prompts and let them do the praying. For example, begin by opening the prayer, but then prompt the kid to "admit" they've sinned and ask God for forgiveness. Pause for the kid to say his own prayer and then prompt them through "believe" and "choose."

Celebrate! This is the greatest decision anyone could ever make and it's worth celebrating! Let kids know that all of heaven is rejoicing over their decision. If the kid doesn't have a Bible yet, you might consider buying one for them as a celebration gift. Be sure to share the news with their parents, leaders, or any other people who are important in the life of the child."

The new series for Children's Church in February are "Mixed Up Max" for age 4-Gr. 2 and "Freeze Frame" for Gr. 3-5. We meet at 10:30am every Sunday on the lower level, except for the 1st Sunday of each month when families worship together in the sanctuary for "Family Sunday".

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.



Serving joyfully,
Cissy



Missions Spotlight

Global

Tunji & Aderonke Olasunkanmi | Antidote Ministries

Tunji and Aderonke joined Chris and Faith Creech as co-directors of Antidote Ministries on January 1st, 2023. They will be trained by Chris & Faith in the teaching of the Antidote for about the first two years. Then, Tunji and Aderonke will step into the primary role of Antidote leadership while Chris and Faith take a secondary role.

Please keep them in your prayers this month.

Northern Thailand Short-Term Mission February 17-March 2

The team for this short-term mission consists of Lynel Johnson, Elizabeth Roemer and Terri Mason. They will be partnering in ministry with BBC-supported missionaries, Todd & Karen Indehar. Their time will include working with church partners (including time with school children), prayer time, outreach and home visits. Please keep them in your prayers for this mission trip.

Local Outreach

Becker Baptist Friends February 19, 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 - WEDNESDAYS, 6:30-8pm at The HUB* - "ON THE FLIP SIDE":

When Jesus was on earth, he wasn't exactly known for telling people what they wanted to hear. Jesus' message was unlike any message people had ever heard before. He didn't give shallow motivational speeches or feel-good sermons. He didn't recycle the same messages other religious leaders were teaching. He flipped people's ideas about God, the world, and themselves completely upside down — usually in uncomfortable ways. And that's always how God's words have worked! In this series, we'll compare Jesus' words in the Gospels with the words of the Old Testament prophets to see how God's words have always challenged our understanding of what's wrong or right, good or bad, and just or unjust. We'll talk about how, both then and now, God flips our **assumptions about who God values**, our **definition of righteousness**, our **understanding of what's good enough**, and our **definition of justice**.



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.

WINTER RETREAT | FEBRUARY 23-25, 2024 | COST: \$125

What exactly is love? Join us for a weekend retreat where we'll look at the words of Jesus and His closest followers to discover that love is not something we should have to earn, or something only meant for a few. Instead, we are free to love others and we are free to be loved. For more info, see Pastor Kevin or beckerbaptist.org/ministries/youth/. Please REGISTER your student ASAP so we can plan accordingly.

Because they matter,
Pastor Kevin

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

Annual Business Meeting Report

The 114th annual business meeting of Becker Baptist Church was held on January 28, 2024. At that meeting, a motion was approved to replace the flooring in the foyer (& other nearby areas, excluding sanctuary). Also, a ballot was presented for electing new officers which will be voted upon on Sunday, February 4. A copy of the ballot is posted at the Welcome Center, where you can also pick up a copy of the 2023 Annual Report.

Church Directories Available

An updated paper church directory is available in the foyer - 1 per family, please. The directory also is available on our website. It is password-protected and accessible for members & regular attenders -- contact the Church Office for the password.

A digital directory also is available in the "Church Center" app. If you are listed in the app, please note that as your family is expanded, you will need to add those family members yourself. 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 (Room #218 aka "Library")

Meet with other men as we together study God's Word. No need to sign up; just bring your Bible.

Men's Monthly Breakfast

- 2nd Saturday of each month at 8am in the Fellowship Hall

Join us on February 10 for food, fellowship and a time of faith-building in God's Word. Invite a friend to come along with you!

Grace Women's Ministry

- "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 marinara fondue. Infants are welcome and we will provide childcare. Sign up using the Contact Form on our website — please specify child/ren age(s) if you need childcare or indicate if you are willing to help with childcare.

New Women's Bible Studies

- "The God You May Not Know" Video Study
Tuesdays, 9am starting February 6* in Room #106

In this video study, Dr. Jeremiah introduces you to the God you may not know—to His knowledge, holiness, all-pervasive presence, unlimited power, love, and the other qualities that make Him who He is. Knowing our eternal God changes our daily lives—and He is well worth knowing, for He alone is worthy of all praise! No signup is needed.

*On February 6 and the 1st Tuesday of each month, we'll go out for lunch together after the study..

- Community Bible Study: *Joshua*
(A "Precept Upon Precept" study, led by Dawn Bengtson from Becker E-Free Church)
Wednesdays, February 7-March 27; 8:30-10:30am at The HUB*

Joshua is timely as the world's eyes are on the Promised Land which is currently riddled with war. And this study has much personal application as we hear God repeatedly remind Joshua to be strong and courageous because He is with him! Cost is \$25 covers materials and assistance with kidcare, payable at the first week of study. Questions/sign up by texting Dawn Bengtson 715-497-2480

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BBC Adults (age 55+) - Luncheon

- Sunday, February 18 at 12pm in Room #106

Enjoy lunch and fellowship after church on February 18. Please sign up in the church foyer. Cost: \$5 payable at the door.

Adult Sunday School

Meet with us at 9:15am each Sunday in Room #106. For the next 2 or 3 weeks, Mike Graber will teach about including all generations as we continue our efforts to know Christ and to make Him known. That will be followed by Mark Nicholson leading an interactive study of what the Bible says about worship, music and how hymns and contemporary Christian music compare to it.

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!



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"Let all that you do be done in love."

~1 Corinthians 16:14

**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".