Please Note: All Children's Ministry workers have undergone and obtained a "clear" background check.

Frequently Asked Questions

What time is Sunday School and when can I drop my child off?

Berea's Sunday School ministry runs from 9:00-9:45 each Sunday morning. Children should be dropped off to their classroom no earlier than 8:55 AM to allow time for our teachers to be prepared for their arrival.

How does pick-up work after class?

In order to create the safest environment possible, we request that parents of children in 2nd grade and below, pick their child up directly from their classroom as close to 9:45 as possible. Children in grades 3 and up will be dismissed directly from their classrooms, unless other arrangements are made with your child's teacher.

What do I need for Sunday School?

All Sunday School participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles each week, regardless of age. Berea Bible Church encourages the use of the "New King James Version," as this matches the translation used during our morning worship service. The church does have Bibles available for use each Sunday morning. Youth group members and adults are encouraged to bring something to write with—all children will have supplies provided by the church.

Who do I contact if I have other questions?

Please feel free to contact Mark Gainer, Assistant Pastor at: markgainer@bereabiblechurch.org with any questions you may have.

Additional Weekly Opportunities

Junior Church (Ages 3-6): During Morning Worship Service AWANA (Ages 3-6th Grade): Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group (Grades 7-12): Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM Small Groups: Location/Time Based on Group **See website for schedule changes due to holidays/special events**

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Christian Education Ministry Guide Spring 2025

March 2, 2025 to May 25, 2025

Berea Family and Guests,

Berea Bible Church takes the Bible's call to disciple one another seriously. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." With God's Word as the foundation for our educational programming, we desire to come alongside parents as they teach and train their children and challenge adults to grow more closely into the image of Christ. We encourage you to view this guide to gain a deeper understanding of our various Christian education ministries that we have at Berea. Our hope is that you and your family find these offerings to be engaging, challenging, and relevant for today's world.

Pastor Brian Miller Senior Pastor Mark Gainer Assistant Pastor

Adult Sunday School

These multi-generational classes, allow adults in a variety of stages of life to come together weekly to study God's Word, and gain practical applications to use in their daily lives. Each quarter, Berea is pleased to offer "electives" which allow for adults to choose a course of most interest to them.

Spring Quarter Adult Elective Offerings: "Visions of Glory": Ezekiel

Teachers: Wes Kitchen and Mike Dantzer

This course presents God's glory as revealed in the book of Ezekiel. The major themes include God's revelation of Himself, God's judgment on sin, and God's restoration of His people. The learner will respond to a fuller glimpse of God's glory with a renewed trust in and submission to God.

Parenting from the Tree of Life

Teacher: Dana Love

This course is designed for parents of children from pre-school to high school. During the course, which has been continued from Fall and Winter Quarters, participants will study God's Word to gain wisdom in parenting on the topics of relationships, character development, encouragement, and correction.

Bibliology: Building Conviction and Confidence in the Bible Teacher: Mark Gainer

This doctrinal study of the Bible addresses topics such as revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, canonicity, and preservation. It also explains the Bible's story and purpose and helps the learner with understanding and interpreting the Bible correctly. Special emphasis is given to current attacks on the Bible and its authority. As a result of the course, the learner will develop a conviction that the Bible is true and will use God's Word with confidence.

<u>Children's Sunday School</u>

Nursery: Infant to 2 Years Old

Our workers are trained to provide a safe, loving, and secure environment for all children. We provide both a secure and sanitary nursery in order to allow parents to give their full attention toward worshiping and serving Berea.

Toddlers: 2 and 3 Year Olds

Teacher: Beth Kitchen

Our toddlers will learn God's care for Moses, along with five lessons on Jesus' love as we approach Easter. Twos and threes will thank God for His care and for Jesus.

Beginners: 4 and 5 Year Olds (Kindergarten)

Teacher: Cierra Phillips

Our "Beginners" will learn that God sent Jesus to deliver the world from sin. They will understand why Jesus had to die on the cross and how He rose again from the grave. They will also learn about God's deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt. They will rejoice in God's provision of deliverance from sin and marvel at His power to deliver His people

Primary: 1st and 2nd Grade

Teacher: Jeannette Miller

First and second graders will learn that Israel's rejection of Jesus led to His death on the cross. They will understand that God offers them forgiveness of sins based on Jesus' death. They will also learn that Israel rejected God's gracious offering of the Promised Land. The students will be challenged to trust their gracious, forgiving God.

Middlers: 3rd and 4th Grade

Teacher: Ellen Williams

Third and fourth graders will study the tabernacle in great detail throughout the Spring quarter. They will discover how it was constructed, why it was important, and how it was used by the Israelites in the Old Testament.

Juniors: 5th and 6th Grade

Teacher: Victoria Greenwood

"Junior" students will get to know God's character through His commandments to Israel on Mount Sinai. They will understand that God's commands reveal humanity's sinfulness and that God's grace offers forgiveness for commandment breakers. They will turn to God for forgiveness of their sins and thank God for His glorious grace.

Junior High/High School: Grades 7-12

Teacher: Justin Schlatmann

This quarter the teens will be going through the books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. These two letters from Paul are full of great truths about the hope of the coming of Jesus, but are also filled with warnings about false teaching, messages of steadfastness, and the expectation of what believers do as they wait and hope on the return of Christ.