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.

<u>Additional Weekly Opportunities</u>

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 Winter 2024-2025

December 1, 2024 to February 23, 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 Mark Gainer
Senior Pastor 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.

Winter Quarter Adult Elective Offerings: "Walking Wisely in a Foolish World:" A Study in Proverbs

Teachers: Mike Greenwood and Pastor Miller

Solomon wrote that fearing God is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs is for those who respect God and desire to live for Him. Believers who study the book will find practical instructions for living in a foolish world. This course focuses on topics such as fearing God, purity, work, generosity, speech, honesty, and friendship.

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 Quarter, participants will study God's Word to gain wisdom in parenting on the topics of relationships, character development, encouragement, and correction.

Why Dispensationalism Matters

Teacher: Mark Gainer

Dispensationalism is far more than simply a way to organize history or a system of belief. It is an overall understanding of the Bible that comes from a careful, literal interpretation of Scripture. This course employs that careful interpretation to help learners understand Israel, the church, Christ's present ministry and coming Kingdom, and other future events.

Children's Sunday School

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 that Jesus is God's Son and later in the quarter will also learn that obeying and helping please God.

Beginners: 4 and 5 Year Olds (Kindergarten)

Teacher: Cierra Phillips

Our "Beginners" will learn that Jesus came to earth to die for their sins to provide salvation. They will also learn about God's direction for Jacob and God's protection of Joseph. Students will be encouraged to pray to God and trust Him in all circumstances.

Primary: 1st and 2nd Grade

Teachers: Suzanne Deardorff and Jeannette Miller
First and second graders will learn about the births of Christ and Moses.
Christ was born the Savior of the world, while Moses was born a deliverer.
Students will be challenged to trust Christ as their Savior and to learn to trust God through the example of Moses. They will marvel at God's love in sending Jesus and God's power in delivering His people from Egypt.

Middlers: 3rd and 4th Grade

Teacher: Ellen Williams

Third and fourth graders will continue the Bible timeline, covering the Exodus through Israel's spying out the Promised Land. They will join the Children of Israel in learning about our great God, discovering among other lessons that He is promise keeper, redeemer, wise leader, provider, instructor, and gracious giver. The students will be challenged to truly know God and to humbly respond to Him.

Juniors: 5th and 6th Grade

Teacher: Victoria Greenwood

"Junior" students will use various Scripture passages in learning to obey God.

There will be an emphasis on living morally with Him, and with others.

Junior High/High School: Grades 7-12

Teacher: Justin Schlatmann

This quarter the teens will study a book called <u>The Gospel-Centered Life</u>. Within the book, teens will read about and discuss gospel-centered ideas such as repentance, forgiveness, and idolatry, and seek to find practical ways to live out the gospel. The youth will discuss real world scenarios which will have them think critically about how to apply these gospel-centered ideas to other believers, as well as unbelievers.