



# BEREA

Bible Church

*Connect Jesus Christ with passion and precision to our communities.*



## Christian Education Ministry Guide Spring 2023

March 5 – May 28

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 the various Christian education ministries 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  
Elder/Sunday School Superintendent

## **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**

#### **Biblical Foundations for Church Planting**

##### ***Pastor Reed Waggoner and Various Teachers***

Berea Bible Church has a vision to help start a church plant in 2023. The basis for this vision lies in the biblical pattern and the growing need for sound, biblical churches. For the Spring quarter, Pastor Reed Waggoner, and selected other teachers, will present biblical and practical foundations for church planting. We will examine the teaching of Jesus, the pattern of the New Testament, the need for church planting in the 21st century, an introduction to the process, as well as personal accounts. If the idea of church planting is new to you, join us for this enlightening study.

#### **Responding to God's Faithful Intervention: Minor Prophets, Part 1**

##### ***Teachers: Mark Gainer and Keith Huffman***

This study on the Minor Prophets (Hosea-Micah) helps class participants understand God's faithfulness to His people Israel as seen in His intervention in their lives. God never stopped loving them no matter how far His people wandered from Him. His love for us is just as deep. Learners will be challenged to respond to God's loving faithfulness in their lives.

# 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 worshipping and serving Berea.

## Toddlers: 2 and 3 Year Olds

*Teacher: Elizabeth Kitchen*

Our toddlers will learn three truths about God this quarter: God protected, God loved, and God cared. The main focus will be on the life of Moses, and students will also spend time in the book of Matthew learning about Jesus.

## Beginners: 4 and 5 Year Olds (Kindergarten)

*Teacher: Lara Gainer*

Throughout the spring, 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

*Teachers: Tammy Kitselman*

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*

This quarter, our third and fourth grade graders will be continuing their trip through the whole Bible using the study "Route 66." Students will get an overview of each book during this multi-quarter study.

## Juniors: 5th and 6th Grade

*Teacher: Victoria Greenwood*

Fifth and sixth graders 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

*Teachers: Sam Watkins and Justin Schlattmann*

This quarter, Berea's teens will be studying the basics of Church History. In this "birds-eye view" survey, we will trace the major changes and developments across the four major eras of the Christian Church.

**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 a.m. 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.

What about health concerns?

Please make your child's teacher aware of any allergies or health concerns when you drop your child off. If you or your child are sick, out of an abundance of caution, you are encouraged to not attend Sunday School or church.

Who do I contact if I have other questions?

Please feel free to contact Mark Gainer, Sunday School Superintendent at: [markgainer@bereabiblechurch.org](mailto:markgainer@bereabiblechurch.org) with any questions you may have.

### **Additional Weekly Opportunities**

Berea Bell Choir (Ages 9+): 9:45-10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning

Children's Church (Ages 3-5): During Morning Worship Service

Youth Group (Grades 7-12): Sundays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Children's Fellowship (Ages 3-6th Grade): Sundays from 6:00-7:00

Adult Bible Study: Sundays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

AWANA (Ages 3-6th Grade): Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

*Schedule changes due to holidays and special events can be viewed on our website: [BereaBibleChurch.org](http://BereaBibleChurch.org)*

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