

Berea Bible Church



Christian Education Ministry Guide Fall 2021

Fall Quarter ends November 28, 2021

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.

Fall Quarter Adult Elective Offerings:

"12 Ordinary Men"

Teacher: Mike Greenwood

Have you ever felt like you can't make a difference, that you aren't good enough, that your past will always haunt you? In this study, you'll see how Jesus chose 12 ordinary men and reflect on how they changed the world. The disciples weren't well educated, didn't attend seminary and weren't theologians, yet they carried forth the message and turned the world upside down. We will study their calling, training, betrayal, and the ultimate sacrifice they made for their steadfast belief.

Ecclesiastes: A 12 Week Study

Teachers: Mark Gainer and Wes Kitchen

This study through Ecclesiastes helps Christians understand the necessity of fearing God in a fallen and frustrating world, pointing us to God's mission to restore creation from the curse through the power of the Gospel.

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

In the fall, our toddlers will learn that God provides for us by looking at the stories

Beginners: 4 and 5 Year Olds (Kindergarten)

Teacher: Bonnie Cummings

Beginners will hear stories about the life of Ruth, Hannah, Saul, David, and Solomon throughout the fall.

Primary: 1st and 2nd Grade

Teacher: Tammy Kitselman

First and second graders will study the importance of having a Bible and learn basic Bible study skills in order to apply God's Word to their lives.

Middlers: 3rd and 4th Grade

Teacher: Ellen Williams

"Bible Belles" and "Ring Leaders" will be "truth travelers" this quarter, studying how God used women in the Old and New Testament as examples of prayer, patience, bravery, loyalty, leadership, and more!

Juniors: 5th and 6th Grade

Teacher: Victoria Greenwood

In the fall, our fifth and sixth graders will be studying the importance of worship and prayer.

Junior High/High School: Grades 7-12

Teacher: Sam Watkins

This quarter, Junior High and High School students will be utilizing "Bible Project" videos to guide captivating discussion sessions as we trace Biblical themes to become better readers of the Bible.

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.

What about health concerns?

Please make your child's teacher aware of any allergies or health concerns when you drop your child off. Berea Bible Church remains sensitive to the COVID-19 pandemic, and will regularly disinfect surfaces, and follow relevant guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health. 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 with any questions you may have.

Additional Weekly Opportunities

Berea Bell Choir (Ages 9+): 9:45-10:00 AM Sunday Morning

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

AWANA (Ages 3-6th Grade): Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM

Youth Group (Grades 7-12): Sundays from 4:00-5:30 PM

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

Adult Bible Study: Sundays from 6:00-7:00 PM

See website for schedule changes due to holidays/special events

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