

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 "English Standard 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, Senior Pastor at: [markgainer@bereabiblechurch.org](mailto:markgainer@bereabiblechurch.org) with any questions you may have.

### Additional Weekly Opportunities

Junior Church (Ages 3-6): During Morning Worship Service

Youth Group (Grades 7-12): Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM

AWANA (Age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade):

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM

**\*\*See website for schedule changes due to holidays/special events\*\***

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## Christian Education Ministry Guide Fall 2026

September 6, 2026 to November 29, 2026

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.

Mark Gainer  
Senior 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. For this fall, we will be offering only one adult Sunday School class, which will be held in the Family Life Center.

### **Old Testament Character Sketches**

Various Teachers

Have you ever looked at the figures of the Old Testament and felt they were either larger-than-life superheroes or ancient relic-like figures with little to offer your daily walk with God? In a world filled with constant noise, rapid change, and modern complexities, it can be easy to lose sight of how deeply God has always worked through ordinary, flawed people.

This fall, we will step back in time to discover how the raw, unfiltered stories of the men and women of the Hebrew Scriptures hold the key to a deeply rooted, emotionally healthy faith today.

Through this series, we won't just skim the surface of famous Sunday school stories. Instead, we'll dive beneath the surface to examine how leaders, dreamers, and everyday believers like Abraham, Sarah, Moses,

David, and Elijah navigated real-life struggles—from anxiety, doubt, and family conflict to waiting on God's promises and processing grief.

Our study will help you identify the hidden patterns in your own life, break free from superficial spirituality, and develop a more authentic relationship with God and others.

## **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.

### **Primary: Age 2- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Teacher: Beth Kitchen

We continue to have our youngest three classes combined together in one group from ages 2 through 2nd grade. Our primaries will learn that life comes from God, the Creator of all. They will also learn that God provided His grace for new life as the only solution for sin. The children will rejoice in their Creator and understand their need to trust in Jesus as their Savior.

### **Juniors: 3rd-6th Grade**

Teachers: Glenn and Debbie Izer

For the fall quarter, we'll continue to also combine together the 3rd-4th grade class with the 5th-6th grade class. During the quarter, Junior students will cover Genesis 1—9 to learn important lessons about God's attributes, His creative acts, and His plan to save the world. They will also be challenged to believe in God as they consider evidence for Creation and the Flood.

### **Junior High/High School: Grades 7-12**

Teacher: Bob Horton

Sharing your faith can feel intimidating. Do you need to have the whole Bible memorized? Do you need a special "gift" just to talk about Jesus? Do you have to have all the answers before you open your mouth?

Our Youth Sunday School class is diving into a study based on the book 21 Things That God Never Said by evangelist Larry Moyer.

Sharing the good news of Jesus isn't about sales pitches or complicated formulas—it's simply about sharing the love and truth of our Lord and Savior with the people in your everyday life.

In this series, we're going to bust common myths about God, faith, and evangelism that keep us stuck or hesitant. We'll cut through the confusion, look at what God actually says in His Word, and build real-world confidence to live out and talk about your faith naturally with your friends, classmates, and family.