

## How to Become a Christian

"Dear Lord, I want to know You personally. I know that I have done wrong and I am sorry. I am willing, with Your help, to turn away from my sins and turn to You. I believe, Jesus, that You died and rose again for me. Please come into my life. I receive You as my Saviour and Lord, and surrender my life to Your care."

## Our Mission & Vision



1 BFMC is a community of believers intentionally planted by God in Barrie, working together as members of one body. (*Romans 12:4-5*)



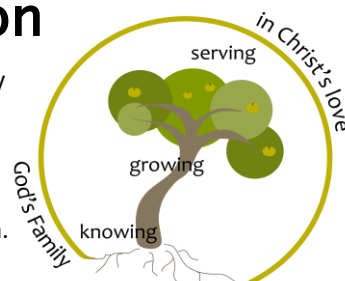
2 Our purpose is to live like Christ, leading people into an authentic relationship with Him. (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)



3 We are committed to making and becoming Christ's disciples; to maturing together (*Ephesians 4:14-15*) as we find our place in ministry – within our walls, in the community, and around the world. (*Galatians 6:9*)



4 All that we do is grounded in Christ's love, because without it, nothing else matters. (*1 Corinthians 13*)



## Sunday Worship

### Order of Service

Welcome (10 AM)

Worship

Offering / Announcements

Children (Age 3–Gr 6) are dismissed

Sermon

Worship & Prayer (Communion Aug 27)

Benediction

### Sermons

Sermon Series: "The Best Summer Ever!"



CD's of today's and previous sermons are available at the welcome centre. You can also listen to and download sermons online from our website.

## Contact Us!

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Church Office Summer Hours: Mon–Thur 9 AM–5 PM, Fri 9 AM–1 PM

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# Welcome!

to BARRIE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## BULLETIN

## August 2017

# HOW GREAT THOU ART

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

# Getting Connected

## Welcome Centre... Stop by and say hello

We'd love to meet you, show you around & answer your questions. Fill out and drop off a "VISITING TODAY" card, and ask us about our visitor information package!

## Next Steps... make BFMC your church home

Pick up our Next Steps card and fill it out to help get you started. We'd love to connect with you:

**Ask Anything!** Want to know more about Christianity, Baptism, becoming a member? Want to join a group or meet with a pastor? Let us know and we'll contact you. Ask to get on our weekly BFMC Check-in email list!

**Request a Mail Folder/Church Directory** Church mail folders and the directory are another great way to connect and get to know one another.

**Offering – Online or Personalized Envelopes** Use the card to request personalized offering envelopes or pre-authorized online offering, or you can contact our Financial Administrator, Diane Osborne, at [diane@bfmc.org](mailto:diane@bfmc.org).



## BFMC Leaders/Church Family News... Check the board!

**Our Leaders Board** will help you to match a name to a face. You can also pick up a handy Leadership Contact sheet at the board.

**Celebrating Church Family** – We want to celebrate with you! ...New baby? Milestone birthday or anniversary? Engagement or wedding? Let us know and we'll post it to share with your church family. Photos are encouraged! 😊

## BFMC Community Board... Church family helping one another

**Accommodations, Employment, BFMC Business Directory, the Give 'n Take...** to post an ad on the board, call the church office or email [office@bfmc.org](mailto:office@bfmc.org):

**Opportunities to Serve Flyer** – Our ministries meet real needs both within and outside our church family. Specific needs are posted in the flyer but there is always a place to serve at BFMC. Want to volunteer? Let us know!

**"Give 'n Take"** – This is an online program where no money changes hands. It's a place for church family to advertise items needed or to give away. Request to join our Facebook group "BFMC Give and Take" or email [giveandtake@bfmc.org](mailto:giveandtake@bfmc.org).

**BFMC Business Directory** – We want to use businesses and services we know and trust... the BFMC Business Directory is all church family. Pick one up today!

**Prayer/Care** – Let us pray for you... **Speak with a pastor**; meet in the **prayer room** for one-on-one prayer Thurs, 1-4pm; fill out a **Prayer Request card** at the Community Board; or **email** prayer requests to our confidential [prayerchain@bfmc.org](mailto:prayerchain@bfmc.org).

**Transportation Ministry** – Need a ride to church? Contact the church office and we'll post it here. Check the board for postings and let us know if you can give a ride.



# Weekly in August

For more information check out our **website**, or **contact us** at the church office!



## Tuesdays

7 pm **GriefShare Support Group** – room 116 (starts Aug 29)

## Wednesdays

7:30 pm **Church Family Prayer** – room 113. Come & pray together!

## Thursdays

1-4 pm **Intercessory Prayer** – prayer room (church office basement) – continuing through the summer. Bring a friend and spend time in His presence.

7 pm **Men's Summer Drop-in Bible Study "Book of Hebrews"** – room 116. All are welcome - come any Thursday night through the Summer!

## Sundays

10 am **Worship Service** – in the auditorium

- **Nursery** (Birth to Age 2) – drop off/pick up in room 103.
- **Children's "Discovery Zone"** (Age 3 to Gr. 6) – Kids start out in service.  
Note: Parents with children age 3 to grade 3 must check in at the children's desk at the entrance to the auditorium.



**Stay tuned for the start up of all our regular weekly programs coming in September:**

- **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**
- **Kids' Sports Zone**
- **Men's Ball Hockey**
- **Bible Studies for Women, Men and Adults 50+**
- **Kids' Wednesday Night Discovery Zone**
- **Youth Wednesday & Friday Night LIVE**
- **Young Adults Group**

... and more!

**Aug 9 & 23**      **“Park and Play” – for Kids SK to Gr 6**  
**1 – 4 pm at Stollar Park** – Parents drop off your kids at the park for an afternoon of fun and games! Pick up at the park at 4 pm. If raining we will meet in the gym.  
What to Bring: sunscreen, a hat, and your own snack. Water will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

**Aug 14–18**      **Passport to PERU Day Camp – Supplies Needed!**  
**Registration is now closed for the camp and we are looking forward to a great week with the kids!** Note: We need 25 paper towel tubes for crafts. If you can help, please drop off at the Welcome Desk, attention Sandie Mortley. Thank you!

**Sign up by Aug 20!**      **Young at Heart Adults 50+ Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays 10 AM**      **“Life Lessons from The Inspired Word of God” by Max Lucado**  
Our new study on the book of Revelation starts Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk by Aug 20 as we need to order workbooks.

### **BFMC Women’s Ministry – Keep up to date over the summer!**

- **Website** – Check the Women's page on our BFMC website.
- **Email** – Join our email list by contacting us at [women@bfmc.org](mailto:women@bfmc.org) (you can also use this address to send a note to Lisa Bickle, Women’s Ministry Director).
- **Facebook** – Like our Facebook page - BFMC Women, and for those who call us home, join our Facebook group - BFMC Women Connect.
- **Online Daily Devotional Studies** – join via “BFMC Women's IF:Equip” Group

### **starts Tue, Aug 29**      **GriefShare Support Group**

*Are you grieving the death of someone close? Do you know someone who is?*

**Tuesdays 7 - 9 PM (room 116)** – GriefShare's weekly support group is a perfect place for you to share your grief with those who are walking it too. GriefShare can help you cope during this most difficult time of life. Everyone is welcome... come on your own, or with a friend. The course is 13 weeks but you can come out anytime. Let us share your journey from mourning to joy! Pick up a flyer at the GriefShare booth in the foyer. **To register** or for more information, email [care@bfmc.org](mailto:care@bfmc.org) or contact Pastor Velma at the church office.

**starts Mon, Sept 18**      **MOPS Registration Open! / Volunteers Needed!**  
**9:30 – 11:30 am, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (room 116)** – To register, visit the MOPS booth in the foyer. We look forward to many of the new MOMS at BFMC joining! **Volunteers are needed:** Mentor Moms, and helpers with our MOPPETS program (nursery and preschool). If interested please speak to Phyllis Slessor or Tasha Rinaldi as you will need a police check and the Plan to Protect course offered at BFMC.

Below is a sneak preview of what's coming next month..more details to follow!

**Fri/Sat, Sept 8/9**      **24 Hr Prayer Vigil** – The whole church praying together around the clock! What an amazing way to start off our new Fall ministry season. Sign up for a ½ hr prayer slot – coming soon in the foyer.

**Sun, Sept 10**      **Celebrating Church Family!** – A special service with everyone all together!

◆ **Baptism** – If you are a believer in Christ but have not yet taken this next step, we encourage you to speak to any one of our pastors. For more information, pick up our “What About Baptism” booklet in the foyer.

◆ **Annual Fall Round-Up BBQ** – We hope everyone will stay after the service for a good ol’ fashioned end of summer church BBQ. All are welcome!

**Mon, Sept 11**      **Plan to Protect – New Orientation Training** – for new BFMC volunteers who have not yet taken this training. This is mandatory before volunteering at BFMC in ministries involving children, youth or other vulnerable people.

**Tue, Sept 12**      **“Young at Heart” Start-up Luncheon** – Our first luncheon of the season to kick-off our Adults 50+ group. Save the date and hope to see you there!

**Sat, Sept 23**      **Men’s Breakfast** – All men welcome!

**Thur, Sept 28**      **The Alpha Course – Free Introductory Dinner!**  
Alpha is for *anyone* who has questions about Christianity. See insert in this bulletin – sign up is at the Alpha booth.

**Thur, Sept 28**      **“A Life Worth Living”** – This course is for those who are new to the faith... a great next step after Alpha. See insert in this bulletin – sign up is at the Alpha booth.

**Coming Mid-Sept!**      **Christmas Child Shoe Boxes** – Why are we advertising this in the August bulletin? Because now is a perfect time to stock up while you’re shopping for back to school! ☺