

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



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



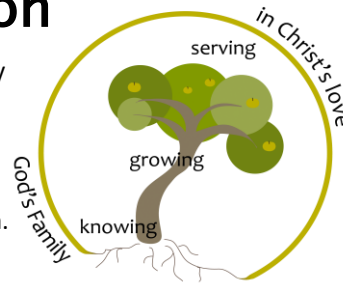
Our purpose is to live like Christ, leading people into an authentic relationship with Him. (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)



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*)



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/Youth (Age 3–Gr 8) are dismissed

Sermon

Worship & Prayer (Communion Jan 7/18)

Benediction

Sermons

Advent Dec 3 – Dec 24: “A Real Life Christmas Series”



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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Welcome!

to **BARRIE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

BULLETIN
December 2017

Getting Connected

Welcome Centre... Stop by and say hello!

We'd love to meet you, show you around and answer your questions. Fill out a "VISITING TODAY" card, and pick up our visitor info package. Be sure to stop by He-brews Café for a complimentary coffee or tea!

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 BFMC "Weekly Check-in" email list!

Request a Mail Folder/Church Directory Our church mail folders and church directory are two other great ways that we use to connect with one another.

Offering – Online or Personalized Envelopes Use the card to request personalized offering envelopes or pre-authorized online offering, or contact our Financial Administrator, Elizabeth Kerrigan at elizabeth@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:

"BFMC Ministry Opportunities" – 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.

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.

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 December

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

Most weekly programs start up again the week of Jan 14th, 2018 following our "Week of Prayer & Fasting."



Mondays

- 9:30 am **MOPS / MOMSNext Group** – we meet twice monthly (Dec 4 & 18)
4-5 pm **The Sports Zone (for kids Gr. 1-6)** – in the gym (to Dec 4)
Men's Ball Hockey starts Jan 15/18!

Tuesdays

- 10 am **Young at Heart Bible Study "Max Lucado - Revelation"** – room 116. All 50+ adults welcome! (to Dec 5) Christmas Luncheon on Dec 12th!

Wednesdays

- 7 pm **YOUTH Wednesday Night LIVE (for Gr. 6-12)** – Worship, Bible study & fun electives. Everyone welcome – bring a friend! (to Dec 13)
7:30 pm **Church Family Prayer Meeting** – room 109 (to Dec 13 / resumes Jan 3/18)

Thursdays

- Women's Thurs AM Bible Study** starts Jan 18/18 in room 116.
1-4 pm **Intercessory Prayer** – prayer room in church office basement (to Dec 21)
Men's Thurs Night Bible Study, "King's Men – Walking With the Master" starts Jan 18/18 (at 7 pm) in room 116.

Fridays

- 7 pm **YOUTH Friday Night LIVE (for Gr. 6-12)** – (to Dec 15) For details, pick up a youth calendar in the foyer, visit our website, join our youth facebook group! Christmas Banquet Dec 8th and Christmas Concert Dec 15th!

Sundays

- Men's Sunday Morning Bible Study** starts up again in the New Year.
9 am **Women's Drop-in Bible Study (Book of Genesis)** – room 116 (to Dec 17)
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.
 - **Jr Youth "Sunday Morning Live"** (Gr. 6 - 8) – start out in the service then move to room 115.

Be... ...in December!

It's Angel Tree time again!

Our white Angel Tree will be in the foyer until Sun, Dec 10th. Please take a tag and return the item to the tree by Sun, Dec 17th. **See insert for more details!** *There is also a need for mittens & gloves - see under **Donate to "Kids Need Coats"**.



Christmas Concert Rehearsals

Sun, Dec 3 - No practice due to the luncheon. **Tue, Dec 5** (7PM) - band practice. **Thur, Dec 7** (7PM) - choir and band practice. **Sun, Dec 10** (12 - 2PM) - full practice. **Wed, Dec 13** (7PM) - Full dress rehearsal.

Children's Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal Sat, Dec 9

10 AM – 12 NOON All children involved in the Dec 10th Sunday School Christmas Play are asked to attend this important dress rehearsal. Lunch is provided. Parents, please remember to practice your child's lines with them through the week, and bring them "gift-wrapped" to the dress rehearsal on Saturday! ☺

Women's Ministry in December

Our women's studies and events are over for 2017. This month, we encourage you to Celebrate Jesus' birth by stepping out to INVITE others to dinner, to coffee, to events at church and around Barrie! Join our email list: women@bfmc.org.

The BFMC Benevolent Fund – Christmas

Our benevolent fund needs an infusion! Your donations to this fund are used in so many care ways for our church family, and **with Christmas coming, the need is especially high**. Please prayerfully consider a little extra offering this month (over and above your regular tithe) – mark "benevolent fund" next to the amount on your offering envelope. Thank you!

Church Office Holiday Hours

Mon, Dec 25: closed
Tue, Dec 26: closed
Mon, Jan 1: closed



Offering Envelopes for 2018

If you require offering envelopes for 2018 or would like to start giving online, please fill out the white form (on the table by the bulletin boards). For questions, email our new Financial Administrator, Elizabeth Kerrigan at elizabeth@bfmc.org.

Mission Opportunities ...right here in our community!

Read with a Child – Bless a child, and encourage a teacher by serving at Cundles Heights Public School. Invest yourself in helping a child learn to read this winter! Please sign up at the welcome desk.

Donate to "Kids Need Coats" – Let no child go cold on our watch this winter!

Bless a child, and encourage a family by donating money to our winter coats, hats, mitts and boots campaign for Cundles Heights Public School. To give, write "Kids Need Coats" on your offering envelope.

***New this year** – Cundles Heights school is in need of Children's and Youth mittens and gloves... please drop off in the Angel Tree box (unwrapped).

Georgian College Food Locker – The Food Locker provides non-perishable canned/packaged goods to any student in need. Your donation of food is greatly appreciated by the college. The bin is located at the front entrance in the foyer.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive – A great way for a small group, a family, or a group of BFMC friends to serve in your community. If you would like to give a couple of hours of your time to stand (or sit) beside a kettle this year please **contact Flo Sharples (Salvation Army) at 705-321-2474**.

Coming in January 2018 ...mark your calendar!

Jan 7-14 **Week of Prayer & Fasting**

We will be starting off the New Year with a week of prayer and fasting. This is a special and important time we set aside to pray together as a church family.

Sun Jan 7: 6–7 PM Supper & Family Prayer
Jan 8-12: 7–8 PM Prayer
Sun Jan 14: 10 AM Healing Service

Mon, Jan 15 **Come to the AWANA CLUB Registration Party!**

6:45 PM – 7:45 PM (in the auditorium). What is Awana? Awana is an exciting new Monday evening program for children age 3 to grade 6 that is starting in January 2018 at BFMC. There are three age groups: Cubbies (age 3 – 5), Sparks (age 6-8), and T&T (age 9-11). You are invited to come with your children on Jan 15th to learn more about this program and to register. For questions, contact Children's Ministry Director, Lianne Purinton at lianne@bfmc.org.

NOTE: Leaders & helpers (age 12 – adult) are needed in various areas of this program. If interested, please sign up at the welcome desk or contact Lianne.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



You are invited!

Christmas

at Barrie Free Methodist Church!

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Sunday Mornings in Advent, “A Real Life Christmas Series”

Sundays, Dec 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 from 10 – 11:15 am

Come and worship with us each Sunday morning and hear how the Christmas message is alive and relevant in our lives today!

Annual BFMC Christmas Luncheon

Sun, Dec 3rd (following the service)

All are welcome! Join us for a hot turkey lunch to kick off the Advent season!

Kids’ Sports Zone Christmas Party

Mon, Dec 4th, 4 - 5 pm

For all kids grades 1 – 6. Come for some Christmas fun in the zone!

Youth Christmas Banquet

Fri, Dec 8th, 6 – 9 pm

Served Ham/Turkey dinner! Cost: \$3. For all youth Gr. 6-12 and youth leaders.

Attire: Semi-formal. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift (for gift exchange).

“Young at Heart” Christmas Luncheon – “King of Kings”

Tue, Dec 12th, 10 am – 12:30 pm

All 50+ adults welcome! Served Turkey & Ham dinner. Cost (offering). Special

Guest speaker. Please sign up at the welcome desk and pick up a flyer!

BFMC Multi-Media Christmas Concert

“Put a Little LOVE in Your Heart”

Two performances: Fri Dec 15th & Sat Dec 16th - 7 pm

A heartwarming Christmas celebration for the whole family. Admission is free!

Spread the word: share on facebook, invite your friends and neighbours.

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service

Sun, Dec 24th, 7 – 7:45 pm

Come and join together on this special night for the whole family. Drop ‘n

Park... additional parking at Frere Andre & Monsignor Clair schools.