

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*)



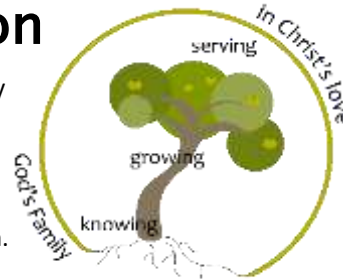
2 Our purpose is to live like Christ, leading people into an authentic relationship with Him. (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)



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/Youth (Age 3–Gr 8) are dismissed

Sermon

Worship & Prayer (Communion Apr 29th)

Benediction

Sermons

April Sermon Series: "Life Renos"



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

April 2018

Celebrate Easter!

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.
Matthew 28:6



Getting Connected

Welcome Centre... Stop by and say hello!

We'd love to meet you, show you around & answer your questions. Fill out our "Visiting Today" card and pick up a visitor info package. Stop by Hebrews 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 Church mail folders and the directory are two other great ways 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 April

For more information... check out the April "What's Happening" flyer, ask at the Welcome Desk, look on our website, or contact us at the church office!



Mondays

9:30 am **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** – meets twice monthly (Apr 9 & 23)

6:30 pm **AWANA Club (Age 3-11)** – New kids always welcome! (no group Apr 2)

Tuesdays

10 am **Adults 50+ Bible Study "The Path to the Cross"** – room 116. All are welcome. (Pot-Luck Luncheon & Games on Apr 10!)

7 pm **Young Adult Bible Study (18+)** – room 111. Bring your friends!

7 pm **GriefShare** – room 116 (to May 22). New people always welcome!

Wednesdays

7 pm **YOUTH Wednesday Night LIVE (Gr. 6-12)** – Worship, Bible study & fun electives. Everyone welcome – bring a friend!

7:30 pm **Church Family Prayer Meeting** – room 111. Come & pray together!

Thursdays

9:45 am **Women's Bible Study "The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations"** – room 116 (to Apr 19)

1-4 pm **Intercessory Prayer** – in the prayer room (church office basement)

7 pm **Men's Bible Study "Passion Week"** – room 116 (extended to Apr 19). Newcomers always welcome!

Fridays

7 pm **YOUTH Friday Night LIVE (Gr. 6-12)** – Pick up an April youth calendar in the foyer. Stay in the loop... join our BFMC Youth facebook group!

Sundays

9 am **Men's Drop-in Bible Study "Book of Hebrews"** – room 115 (ongoing)

9 am **Women's Drop-in Bible Study "Book of Genesis"** – room 116 (ongoing)

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 and then are dismissed to Sunday School. **Note: All kids Age 3 – Gr. 3 attending Sunday school must "check-in" (get a label) prior to the service, at the children's desk across from the Welcome Centre.**
- ◆ **Jr. Youth "Sunday Morning Live"** (Gr. 6 - 8) – start out in the service then move to room 115.

What's Happening in April?

Register NOW! Free Methodist Regional Gathering – Sat, Apr 14

SIGN UP APR 1st at the Welcome Desk or **EMAIL CAROL** in the church office **by Apr 4th**.

Cost: \$12 per person (includes lunch). Location: Wesley Chapel, Scarborough.

Carpooling is available. Pick up info sheet for all the details at the Welcome Desk!

NEW Sunday Morning Children's Check-in is here!

Starting Sun, Apr 1st we will be doing an electronic check-in each week that will automatically record your child's attendance and print a label with their name and age group. With this new check-in, all kids age 3 to grade 3 must be wearing a printed label to attend Sunday School. Parents must accompany their children to the desk as they will also receive a corresponding label which must be given to the Sunday School teacher when they pick up their children after the service. Look for the check-in desk in it's new location across from the Welcome Desk beside the big window in the foyer.

The Men's Ministry "Impact Event" has begun!

Do you have a job around the house that you're unable to physically do or need a helping hand to complete? During the month of May the men of BFMC would like to reach out in the name of Jesus, and serve the members of our congregation and this community by helping complete those light duty jobs around your home. Maybe you need help with some gardening, or raking, a room or fence painted, maybe some furniture moved. Whatever it is let us know and we'll do our best to be there for you. **Pick up a "Work Request" form at the Welcome Centre.** Just complete the form and place it in Rob Webb's mail folder and we'll be in touch with you by the first week of May to schedule the work. All work will be done during the month of May. **Any men who would like to volunteer** and be part of the team serving in this event, please email Rob Webb at men@bfmc.org.

Sun, Apr 8 "Camp Sunday" at BFMC!

Look for the BFMC Summer Camps table and visit other Guest Camp's booths in the foyer...and register your kids for camp! (**Tip: BFMC's Summer Day Camp is the week of July 23 – 27...only one camp this year so register early to save your spot!**)

Sign Up by Apr 8! Men's Promise Keepers Conference – Sat, Apr 28 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (at Mapleview Community Church in Barrie)

A special one day men's conference combining a large event experience with focused workshops on a variety of topics, a powerful main session and live worship.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Men, come on out and join with hundreds of other men – set aside this day, as we gather together to grow in knowledge and grace in Jesus Christ.

SIGN UP BY APRIL 8th at the Welcome Desk to get the discount **GROUP RATE** of \$45!

Join RightNow Media – FREE for all who call BFMC home!

Did you receive your invitation?

We're excited to share that our church has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a huge library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. We are always looking for ways to help you develop and strengthen your faith. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. It has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow. **Contact Carol in the church office if you have not received your invitation, or if you need help logging in.**

Tue, Apr 10 "Young at Heart" 50+ Pot-Luck Luncheon & Games

10 AM – 12 NOON (room 116) – 2nd Tues of each month. All are welcome to a time of fun and games followed by lunch. No need to sign up. Please bring a main course, salad or dessert. Feel free to bring a favourite game. Invite a friend!!

Apr 27/28 Women's Annual IF:Barrie Conference – Register NOW!

Fri 6:45-9 PM & Sat 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM (at the church) Join us for our annual key time to gather as women, for our favourite sampling of "IF:Gathering 2018", including our own live worship, lunch and great discussion times. This will be a time of powerful encouragement, a strengthening of our faith, and a clarity of mission -- we will look at 2 Timothy and the power and responsibility of sharing the gospel. \$40 includes lunch & snacks. Pay as able - *sponsorship is available (no need to ask - just place what you can in an envelope and register!). **Donations to our Sponsorship Fund are appreciated and will receive a Charitable Receipt.*

Register: 1. Sunday mornings at the IF Booth, cash or cheque (payable to BFMC),
2. or, email Barb at if@bfmc.org / pay by e-transfer
(more info at <https://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifbarrie>)

Coming in May/June...Mark your calendar!

"Days for Girls" Monthly Workshop – Thurs, May 3: 10 AM – 2 PM (room 116)

BFMC Annual Spring Work-Bee – Sat, May 5 – Save the date, many hands needed!

Men's Day at The Wolf's Den – Sat, Jun 9 – Stay tuned for details!

Annual Society Meeting – Tues, Jun 19 – starts with "Pie & Coffee" at 7 PM!

Annual Community Fun Day, Yard Sale & BBQ – Sat, Jun 23 – spread the word!



Attention all BFMC members!!!

We are currently looking for 3 more Sunday School Teachers who can go into a rotation to teach approximately every 8-12 weeks. **If you are interested in teaching, please contact Lianne Purinton as soon as possible at lianne@bfmc.org.** We have openings in our Jr/Sr Kindergarten Sunday School Class and our Grade 1-3 class.

Awana NEWS...

PRAISE! Awana is going very well. Our children are working hard on learning about God's word and making great new relationships with our Awana staff. We have had an amazing response to people that are willing to serve but we are already thinking about the Fall program and **we will be needing more staff in the following areas:**

- Teachers
- Youth leaders
- Listeners (people who sit with one or two children to help them with their verses).

All ages above 12 are welcome to participate.

Please take some time during the next few weeks to pray specifically about a role in this amazing program for September. We would like to set up our Fall staff in June and we will be having a BBQ night in the summer to welcome new staff and to pray for our upcoming year!

If you would like to join this amazing team for Fall 2018, please contact Lianne Purinton at awana@bfmc.org.

Hospital Visitors Needed!

Often, one or more members of the family at BFMC find themselves in the hospital. As much as possible, the pastors try to visit, but sometimes it's just not possible, and sometimes folks are in for a prolonged stay. We have a few people we call on to make visits, and we have a few more who do it on their own, but now we'd like to make it official!

- Would you have an hour or so in a week or month to visit someone in the hospital?
- Would you like to be part of a team who's role is just that?
Your parking and mileage will be reimbursed. You only have to go when it suits your schedule.

If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, please email Pastor Velma at care@bfmc.org. Thanks for care-ing for the family at BFMC!

IF:Barrie Women's Conference - April 27/28

1. Set up help needed Thursday AM
2. Tear down help post event, Saturday late afternoon (TBA)
3. Food/drink Service: Friday Eve & Saturday 8-4 (shifts available)

To volunteer, please email Barb at if@bfmc.org.

Community Fun Day, Yard Sale & BBQ – Sat, Jun 23

Women's Clothing area "Rags to Riches":

- Accepting donations of laundered, gently used clothing (no rips or stains please), shoes, boots, and accessories from June 1-21 in church office basement.
- Set up help needed Friday am
- Help needed with re-packing leftover items Saturday immediately after event

Contact Lisa Bickle at lisabickle@rogers.com.

Sunday Morning "EasyWorship" Team

What's EasyWorship? It's what we use to show the songs and slides on the screen on Sunday mornings...and it's easy! We have an opening for another EasyWorship operator to join our team. Training is provided...in fact, feel free to sit beside one of our operators Bob, Tom or Henry on a Sunday Morning and check it out yourself! ☺ **If interested, contact Carol in the church office.**

Volunteer in the Church Office!

We are looking for a couple more people to help out in the church office through the week. Shifts are 9 am – 1 pm or 1 pm – 5 pm. Openings available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Do you enjoy administration and greeting people? Are you comfortable on a computer? We'd love to have you on our team! Someone with computer graphic arts giftings is also much needed! **If interested, please contact Carol in the church office.**

Want to know more about serving in other areas?

...Kitchen, Ushering, MOPS, Men's Ministry, Maintenance, Youth, and many more ministries would be happy for more volunteers. Let us know! **Call or email the church office for more info.**