

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*)



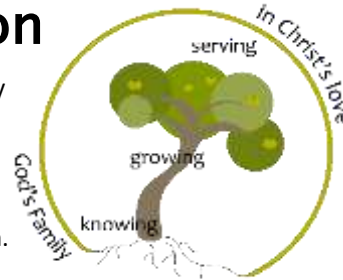
2 Our purpose is to live like Christ, leading people into an authentic relationship with Him. (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)



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

Benediction

Sermons

March Sermon Series: “Encountering Jesus”



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 March 2018

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

40 DAYS OF LENT

FEB 14 – MAR 31

PRAY FAST GIVE

Getting Connected

Welcome Centre... stop by and say hello!

We'd love to meet you, show you around and answer your questions. Fill out our "VISITING TODAY" card, and pick up our visitor info package. 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 March

For more information: See insert - "What's Happening...", visit the Welcome Centre, check out our website at bfmc.org, or contact us at the church office through the week!



Mondays

9:30 am **MOPS / MOMSNext** – meets twice monthly (Mar 5 & 19)

6:30 pm **AWANA Club (Age 3-11)** – New kids always welcome! (no group Mar 12)

Tuesdays

10 am **Young at Heart 50+ Bible Study "The Path to the Cross"** – room 116. All are welcome. (Pot-Luck Luncheon & Games on Mar 13!)

7 pm **Young Adult Bible Study "The Problem with God"** – room 111 (to Mar 13)

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

Wednesdays

7 pm **YOUTH Wednesday Night LIVE (for 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", by Mary Schaller & John Crilly** – room 116 (starts Mar 15) – Sign up required.

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

7 pm **Men's Bible Study "Passion Week"** – room 116 (to Mar 29). All men welcome. (see details in What's Happening insert)

7 pm **Women's Bible Study "The Armor of God"** – at the home of Adele Webb. (to Mar 15)

Fridays

7 pm **YOUTH Friday Night LIVE (for Gr. 6-12)** – Pick up a youth March 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)

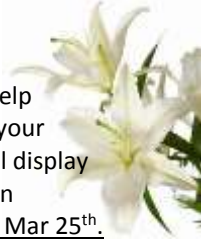
9 am **Women's Drop-in Bible Study "Book of Genesis"** – room 116 (ongoing)

10 am **Worship Service** – in the auditorium (Communion on Good Friday - Mar 30)

- **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.

starts Mar 4 **BFMC Annual Easter Plant Program**

It's that time again! Order an Easter plant at a discounted price, and help decorate the church at the same time! **Here's how it works:** **1.** Place your order at the Welcome desk using our Easter Plant Order Form. **2.** We'll display your plants in the church on Easter Sunday. **3.** After the service you can take them home or give to a friend or loved one. Order deadline: Sun, Mar 25th.



starts Mar 8 **Men's Thursday Night Bible Study - Passion Week**

7 PM (room 116) Men, join us Thursday evenings as we prepare our hearts for Easter in the study of God's Word. We'll follow our King from His triumphal entry Palm Sunday into Jerusalem; the Last Supper and His anguish in the garden of Gethsemane, to His death on a Roman cross and glorious resurrection and victory Easter morning. We'll see the incredible lengths that God went to on our behalf, every detail ordained before the foundation of the world... Jesus' journey of infinite love. Drop in, no sign up! (to Mar 29th)

Sun, Mar 11 **BFMC Membership Class**

11:30 AM (room 116) For anyone who is interested in learning more about BFMC or exploring membership. If you call BFMC home, or are already volunteering in the church, we encourage you to come to this class! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Note: Please pick up a Free Methodist Handbook and read through before the class.

Tue, Mar 13 **"Young at Heart" Pot-Luck Luncheon & Games**

10 AM - 12 NOON (room 116) - 2nd Tues of each month. Join us for fun, fellowship, food and games! No need to sign up. Please bring either a salad, veggie tray, main dish, or dessert. All 50+ adults are welcome...bring a friend!

Thur, Mar 15 **Women's Bible Study *The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations*** by Mary Schaller & John Crilly

9:45 AM (room 116) On Bishop Cliff's recommendation, we will be gathering in small groups for 6 weeks to discuss 2 chapters each week of this practical and inspiring book:

"If you've ever felt uncomfortable talking about your faith with people who believe differently - you're not alone. But it is possible to engage in open and honest spiritual conversations... without awkwardness! Jesus did this effectively, and when you learn from him, so can you. When you look at the life and ministry of Jesus, you'll see nine different ways in which he engaged with people. These practices, or "arts", are skills you can learn that will naturally deepen your connections with others. When spiritual conversations become an everyday reality, you'll have a front-row seat as God changes peoples' lives".

To join us, sign up at the Welcome Centre or email women@bfmc.org (Note: Book purchase required). Ask to join our email list and our "BFMC Women Connect" Facebook group for more information this month!

Sat, Mar 17 **Men's Breakfast**

8 AM (room 116) \$5 - pay at the door. All men welcome! Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship together. **Please sign up in advance** at the welcome desk so we can plan to have enough food. For questions, contact Rob Webb, rob@bfmc.org.

Mar 23-25 **Sr. Youth Winter Retreat - for all youth Gr. 9-12!**

Where: Ontario Camp of the Deaf. **Time:** Leaving BFMC at 6PM Fri, Pick up at BFMC at 3PM Sun. **Cost:** \$25. **What to Bring:** 1 bag w/change of warm clothes (to last the weekend), sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, warm outdoor clothing, skates, toboggan and of course your BIBLE! **Registration Info:** Register by Mar 17th. Pick up forms at the youth board in the foyer. Drop off with payment at Youth on Wed, Fri, or at the Welcome Desk on Sunday. **Questions:** Speak to Leader Dan or email youth@bfmc.org.

Mar 25 **Registration Opens! - Women's Annual IF:Barrie Conference**

IF:Gathering began in 2014 with 3 words: Disciple a generation. That happens with us in our places... in coffee shops, around tables, and in our local churches. We all get tired and we all start to think that this work of discipleship can be set aside until later. But at IF:Gathering 2018, we're reminded of the truth--this is worth it! And it's worth it today, tomorrow, and forever. For questions: email if@bfmc.org.

Join us for IF:Barrie - Fri evening, April 27th and Sat, April 28th as we relive this simulcast content and weave it together with our own worship, conversation and testimony. <https://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifbarrie>

Easter 2018 at BFMC!

Palm Sunday Mar 25: 10 AM - Morning service

Good Friday Mar 30: 10 AM - "The Stations of the Cross" / Communion

Easter Sunday Apr 1: 8:15 AM - Sunrise Service at Stollar Park on Livingstone St.

9 AM - Continental breakfast at the church (all are welcome!)
10 AM - Easter Service (*Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Georgian College Food Locker.*)



Coming in April...Save the dates!

- **Camp Sunday Apr 8 - Register your kids for camp!** Many Christian camps (including BFMC) will have booths set up in the foyer. Don't miss it!
- **Kick off of Men's Ministry "Impact Event"** - Stay tuned for details!
- **Women's IF:Barrie Conference at BFMC Fri/Sat, Apr 27/28** - see above for details!
- **Men's Promise Keepers Conference in Barrie Sat, Apr 28** - We'll be pre-purchasing a block of tickets again at the earlybird rate - watch more info to follow!