

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."

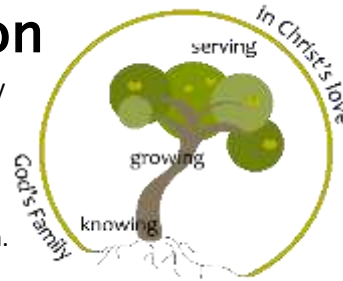
Our Mission & Vision

1 BFMFC 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 5) are dismissed

Sermon

Worship & Prayer (Communion Sept 30)

Benediction (11:15 AM)

Sermons

Fall Sermon Series: "This Is Who We Are"



Request CD's of today's and previous sermons at the welcome centre, or listen to/download online from our website.

Contact Us!

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Welcome!

to BARRIE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

BULLETIN

September 2018

Everything
starts up this month!
LOOK INSIDE
for all the details.

FALL KICKOFF

Getting Connected

Visitor Centre... Stop by and say hello (reno almost complete!)

We'd love to meet you, show you around & answer your questions. Let us know you were here – fill out our "VISITING TODAY" card. Stop by He-brews Café for a complimentary tea or coffee!

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 contact our Financial Administrator, Elizabeth Kerrigan at elizabeth@bfmc.org.



BFMC Leaders/Church Family News... under renovation!

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 (Available or Needed) – to post an ad on the board, call the church office or email office@bfmc.org.

"Give 'n Take" - A place for church family to advertise items needed or to give away (where no money changes hands). 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!

Transportation Ministry – Need a ride to church? Contact the church office and we'll post it on the board for you. If you can provide a ride, please let us know.

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.

"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!



Weekly in September

For more information... see the "What's Happening" insert, check out our website, or contact us through the week at the church office!

Mondays

9:30 am **MOPS / MOMSNext Group** – NEW SCHEDULE - meeting every week! Visit the MOPS table for more information and to register. (starts Sept 10)

6:30 pm **AWANA Club (Age 3 - Gr. 6)** – at the church. Register now! (starts Sept 17)

Tuesdays

10 am **"Young at Heart" Group** – room 116. (starts Sept 18 with Fall Kick-off Pot-Luck Luncheon) All 50+ adults welcome!

7 pm **Young Adult Bible Study (Book of Ephesians)** – room 111. All 18+ welcome. Bring your friends! (starts Sept 11)

7 pm **GriefShare** – room 116. Newcomers welcome anytime! (Aug 28 – Nov 20)

Wednesdays

7 pm **Youth "Wednesday Night LIVE" (Gr. 6-12)** – Worship, Bible study groups & fun electives. Friends welcome! (starts Sept 19)

7:30 pm **Church Family Prayer** – room 111. All are welcome...come pray together!

Thursdays

1-4 pm **Intercessory Prayer** – Come and spend time in His presence.

6:30 pm **The Alpha Course** – room 115/116 (starts Sept 27). Spread the word!

7 pm **"A Life Worth Living" Course** – room 111 (starts Sept 27) – sign up at the Alpha table. Join in with Alpha dinner at 6:30 pm (optional).

Fridays

7 pm **Youth "Friday Night LIVE" (Gr. 6-12)** – Pick up a Sept youth calendar for all the details. (starts Sept 14) Stay in the loop...join BFMC youth on facebook!

Sundays

NOTE: The Men's Bible Study starts Sun, Oct 7 at 9 am (room 115). Drop in – all are welcome!

9 am **Women's Drop-in Bible Study (Book of Exodus)** – room 116 (starts Sept 9)

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

- **Nursery** (Birth to Age 2) – drop off/pick up in room 103
- **Children's Sunday School** (Age 3 to Gr. 5) – Kids start out in service.

Note: All kids who attend Sunday school must "check-in" at the children's desk prior to the service.

- **Youth "Sunday Morning Live"** (Gr. 6 – 9) – room 115. (new start date Sept 16)

Sept 4-5 24 Hr Prayer Vigil

7:30 PM Tues to 7:30 PM Wed - The whole church praying together around the clock! Please sign up for a 30 min. prayer slot. **Worship & Prayer Service** at the church 7:30PM Wed, Sept 5 – see flyer for details!

Sun, Sept 9 Annual Fall Kick-Off Sunday

A special service with everyone all together. Wear your favourite team jersey!

Baptism – If you are a believer in Christ but have not yet taken this next step, it's time! We encourage you to speak to one of our pastors after the service or contact the church office through the week. For more information, pick up our "What About Baptism" booklet at the Welcome table.

BBQ Lunch – All are welcome to stay after the service for great time of food & fellowship together. Remember to bring your lawn chair!

starts Mon, Sept 10 MOPS & MomsNext – Register Now!

9:30 – 11 AM (every Monday in room 115/116) – Come and join a group of moms who desire to serve, share life together, and connect with other moms in Barrie. We welcome expecting moms, moms of infants and toddlers and moms who have school aged children. **What to expect:** coffee and breakfast, crafts and activities, small group discussion, monthly outings/activities, childcare and friendships! **Visit the MOPS booth in the foyer to learn more and sign up!**

YOUTH "Friday Night LIVE" starts up again this month for Grade 6-12!

Fall Kickoff "Mini Putt" – Fri, Sept 14, 6:30 PM (at Cedar Links Golf Centre)

Cost: \$5.00 (under 15) and \$6.50 (15+)

"Games Night" – Fri, Sept 21, 7 PM (at the church)

"Bowling & BK" – Fri, Sept 28, 7 PM (at Bowlerama, Bayfield St.) Cost: \$15 (for bowling & shoe rental), plus bring money needed for food/drinks at Burger King.

Youth Fall Retreat: Oct 19-21 at Ontario Camp of the Deaf (\$60). Register now!

starts Mon, Sept 17 AWANA Club – Register NOW!

6:30 PM (at the church) – Awana kicks off another fantastic year of learning about what God can do in each child's life... through large group time where we learn about what God is telling us through His Word, small group time where we share our learning and celebrate with achievement awards, and gym time where we laugh and develop great friendships. This exciting program is for children age 3 to grade 6. **Registration forms are at the Awana banner in the foyer or at the church office through the week. For questions, contact Lianne Purinton at awana@bfmc.org.**

Tue, Sept 18 "Young at Heart" Kick-Off Potluck Luncheon

10 AM (room 116). It's our first luncheon of the season to kick-off our Adults 50+ group! Guest Speaker, Tanya Prinsep. Please bring either a main dish, salad or dessert. No need to sign up... everyone is welcome!

Sat, Sept 22 Men's Breakfast

8 AM (room 116) \$5 pay at the door. All men welcome – bring a friend and come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship together! **Please sign up in advance** in the foyer so we can plan to have enough food.

starts Thur Sept 27 The Alpha Course – Free Introductory Dinner!

6:30 PM (room 115/116) Alpha is for *anyone* who has questions about Christianity. If someone you know is asking questions, we encourage you to invite them to this first night! To sign up or for more information, **visit the Alpha booth in the foyer!** Pick up a flyer, and take some invitation cards to give out when telling people about Alpha!

starts Thur Sept 27 "A Life Worth Living"

7-9 PM (room 111) Ideal for those who are new to the Christian faith, this 10-week course shows you how to live a life with new purpose, attitude and confidence. Guests are invited to come early and join in the Alpha dinner at 6:30 pm. Sign up is at the Alpha booth. For questions, contact Farouk & Suna Georgy at alifeworthliving@bfmc.org.

Men's Thursday Night Bible Studies – Postponed until January

The Men's Thursday Night Bible Studies will begin again in January 2019. In place of the Thursday night study The Men's Ministry Team would like to encourage the men of BFMC to participate in the Alpha Course. Please consider volunteering to help with the running of the course or by inviting someone to the course and attending with them. Contact Rob Webb at alpha@bfmc.org for more information.

Teachers and Leaders Needed for our Children & Youth Programs!

Calling all those who have a PASSION for our children and youth! We are getting ready for another great year of teaching, serving, guiding, praying and playing with the children in our community and church family. If you are between the ages of 14 and 120, we want you to prayerfully consider stepping into one of these ministries this Fall:

Sunday School, MOPS, AWANA, Wed Night Youth, Friday Night Youth

Make great lasting friendships while serving our children, our youth, and our amazing Lord Jesus Christ! Contact the church office to learn more.

Coming in October...

Women's Thurs Morning Bible Study "James, Mercy Triumphs" – An 8 week video teaching Bible Study, by Beth Moore (9:30 AM, room 116)

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. Topics include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer.

Watch for sign-up sheet coming in the foyer or contact women@bfmc.org and pre-order your (optional) homework guide for \$20.