

## 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.”

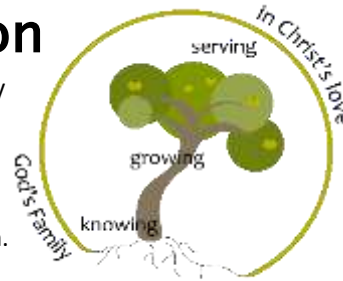
## Our Mission & Vision

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 9) are dismissed

Sermon

Worship & Prayer (Communion Nov 4)

Benediction (11:15 AM)

### Sermons

Sermon Series: “Are You My Neighbour?”



Request CD’s of today’s and previous sermons at the Connection Centre, or listen to/download online from our website.

## Contact Us!

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# Welcome!

to BARRIE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

## BULLETIN

## NOVEMBER 2018

*Lest we forget*



# Getting Connected

## Visitor 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 be sure to stop by **He-brews Café** for a complimentary coffee or tea!

## Connection Centre... make BFMC your church home

Browse the ministry boards in the foyer, ask about our programs at the Connection desk, or use our "Next Steps" card to help get you started:

**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 church 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 online offering. For questions, contact our Financial Administrator, Elizabeth Kerrigan at [elizabeth@bfmc.org](mailto:elizabeth@bfmc.org).



# Weekly in November

For more information... check the inserts in this bulletin, visit our website, or contact us at the church office!



## BFMC Leaders/Church Family News... Under renovation, returning soon!

**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... Under renovation, returning soon! 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](mailto: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](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!

**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 Connection desk; or **email** prayer requests to our confidential [prayerchain@bfmc.org](mailto: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!

## Mondays

- 9:30 am **MOPS / MOMSNext Group** – pick up a monthly calendar for all the details!
- 6:30 pm **AWANA Club (Age 3 - Gr. 6)** – at the church. New kids always welcome!

## Tuesdays

- 10 am **"Young at Heart" Bible Study (Ephesians)** – room 116. All 50+ adults welcome! (Pot-Luck Luncheon on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – see insert for details)
- 7 pm **GriefShare** – room 116. Newcomers welcome anytime! (to Nov 20)
- 7 pm **Young Adult Bible Study (Ephesians)** – room 111. All 18+ welcome. Bring your friends!

## Wednesdays

- 7 pm **Youth "Wednesday Night LIVE" (Gr. 6-12)** – Worship & Bible study. New youth always welcome – invite your friends!
- 7:30 pm **Church Family Prayer** – room 111. All are welcome...come pray together.

## Thursdays

- 10 am **Women's Bible Study "James, Mercy Triumphs"** – room 116. (to Nov 22)
- 1-4 pm **Intercessory Prayer** – Come and spend time in His presence.
- 6:30 pm **The Alpha Course** – room 115/116. New people welcome! (to Nov 29)

## Fridays

- 7 pm **Youth "Friday Night LIVE" (Gr. 6-12)** – a different fun activity each week! Pick up a calendar at the Connection Center in the foyer. Stay in the loop... join our BFMC Youth facebook groups.

## Sundays

- 9 am **Men's Drop-in Bible Study (Genesis)** – room 115, newcomers welcome.
- 9 am **Women's Drop-in Bible Study (Exodus)** – room 116, newcomers welcome.
- 10 am **Worship Service** – in the auditorium
  - o **Nursery** (Birth to Age 2) – drop off/pick up in room 103
  - o **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.**
  - o **Youth "Sunday Morning Live"** (Gr. 6 – 9) – Youth start out in the service then move to room 115. Every week except Communion Sundays (moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month for Nov, Dec & Jan!)

# THE BLESSING OF GIVING

*“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” – Proverbs 11:25*

## Church Family – Opportunities to help one another:

**Benevolent Sunday** – On Communion Sundays, please prayerfully consider a special offering (over and above your regular tithe). This special gift is to be designated to the Benevolent Fund which is used in so many care ways in our church life: groceries, heating bills, phone bills, clothing, car repairs...all for church family who just need a little help in any particular season, and with Christmas coming, the need is especially high. **To donate, write “benevolent” beside the amount on your offering envelope.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual BFMC “Angel Tree”** – What’s an Angel Tree? It’s a chance for you to be an angel to someone in your church family at Christmas. **Watch for the tree coming in our foyer this month!**

**Volunteering at BFMC** – Also a blessing, is your gift of time and talents. We currently have many ministries that are looking for people who can give a little time through the week or on a Sunday morning. **Speak to a pastor or contact the church office for more information!**

## Global Missions – Opportunities to help across the globe:

**Operation Christmas Child** – *Bless a child overseas this Christmas!*

Pick up a shoebox from the foyer and fill with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. (see pamphlet for packing instructions). Please return your (unwrapped) shoebox to the church by SUNDAY, NOV 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Thurs, Nov 8 – Days For Girls** – *helping girls to live a dignified social life 12 – 4 PM (room 116).* LADIES...volunteer your time to create personal hygiene kits for girls which helps them to feel confident and know they are not alone. If you can cut, sew, iron or fold, you can help! We meet once a month alternating Thursdays and Saturdays. Next month we’ll be meeting Sat., Dec. 8 (10-2pm) in room 111. For more information, contact Adele Webb at [daysforgirls@bfmc.org](mailto:daysforgirls@bfmc.org).

**World Relief Sunday Nov 11** – *Following Jesus where the need is greatest.* Help support Tearfund Canada’s vision to see all people freed from poverty, living transformed lives, and reaching their God-given potential! On Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, World Relief pamphlets will be handed out. Please bring your donation envelope back the following Sunday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> and we’ll send them all out from our church together! **NOTE: Please make cheques payable to Tearfund Canada.** You can also text “give” to 647-955-2255.

## Local Missions – Opportunities to help in our Community:

**Georgian College Food Locker** – *Help support students in need*

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 near the mail folders. Did you know? When the Food Locker receives more food than they can use, they donate it to the Barrie Food Bank! ☺

**Food Bank “BFMC Team” Sort Day Sat, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** – *Many Volunteers Needed...*

Over the Christmas season, the Barrie Food Bank receives so much food all at once that they need help to sort it all. Last year, our church was asked if we would provide the volunteers for one of their sort days... and we did! It was so successful that they have asked if we will come back again!

**They have two shifts to fill: 25 people for the morning (8am-12pm) and 40 for the afternoon (12:30-4pm).**

If you would like to be part of this fun and worthwhile day, please sign up at the Connection Centre in the foyer by the end of November. Note: For safety reasons, you must be at least high school age to volunteer.

**BFMC’s “Kids Need Coats”** – *Let no child go cold on our watch this winter!*

Bless a child, and encourage a family in our neighbourhood by donating money to our Kids Need Coats campaign. We have already begun receiving requests from Cundles Heights school again this year for boots, shoes and coats. To donate, write “Kids Need Coats” beside the amount on your offering envelope.



**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. If you have some time to donate throughout a school day, please contact the church office.

**Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive (Starts this month!)** – A great way for a small group, a family, or a group of BFMC friends to serve in our 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 Sarah (Salvation Army) at 705-321-2474.





# November Happenings!

## Communion Sundays are changing!

For the next 3 months we will be having Communion on the FIRST Sunday of the month:  
**Nov 4, Dec 2 and Jan 6**

**Tue, Nov 14 Young at Heart Pot-luck Luncheon – Remember When?**  
**10 AM (room 115/116)** This is our monthly “food, fellowship & fun”! All 50+ adults are invited. Reminder to bring a baby photo. ☺ Coffee, tea and cold drinks are provided. **Please bring a salad, main course or dessert.** New people always welcome! For questions, contact Phyllis Kirk at [youngatheart@bfmc.org](mailto:youngatheart@bfmc.org).

**Tue, Nov 27 Mom’s Night Out – Crockpot Meal Prep**  
**7 – 9 PM (in the church kitchen).** Join us as we prepare meals together that you can plop in your crockpot for quick healthy dinners! Participants will help prep one meal and go home with three! Cost is \$30 for three meals (feeds 4-6 people each). Space is limited. **To Register:** Please email Sarah at [sarah@bfmc.org](mailto:sarah@bfmc.org).  
**What to bring:** Cutting board, chopping knife/peeler and apron. All ingredients and food provided!

## Coming in December...mark your calendar!

**Sat, Dec 1 – Help Decorate the Church for Christmas** – The more the merrier... we’ll supply the refreshments & treats! Both men and women needed. If you can help, please contact Tara at [decorating@bfmc.org](mailto:decorating@bfmc.org) or the church office.

**Sat, Dec 1 – Surviving the Holidays**  
**10 AM – 12:30 PM (room 115/116).** When you are grieving a loved one’s death, the holiday season can be especially painful. There is hope and help! This seminar helps participants discover... *How to deal with emotions* | *What to do about traditions* | *Helpful tips for surviving social events* | *How to find hope for the future.*  
**Cost: \$10** (incl. lunch). **Register by: November 25<sup>th</sup>.**  
**For Tickets:** email [griefshare@bfmc.org](mailto:griefshare@bfmc.org), or pick up at the Connection Centre on Sundays, or the church office during the week.

**Sun, Dec 2 – Annual Church Family Christmas Lunch** – Plan to stay following the service for a Christmas family meal all together on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent! For those who are able, please bring cookies or (pre-cut) squares for dessert.

**Sun, Dec 9 – "Christmas... According to our Kids"**  
Don’t miss this special video presentation during the 10 AM service as our kids explain the story of Jesus' birth... in their own words! Come enjoy music and a video that will warm your heart!