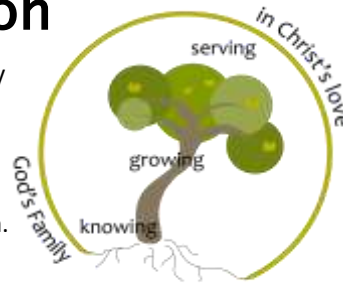






## How to Become a Christian

"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

We meet all together – one service at 10 AM

**Come as you are!** Whether you've grown up in the church or this is your first time checking one out, we want you to feel at ease. Stop by our Visitor Centre... we would love the opportunity to meet you! We also invite you to pick up a complimentary coffee/tea at our He-brews Café.

During the service we provide a loving nursery, and Sunday School for children and youth from birth to grade 9.

## Contact Us!

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# Welcome!

December 2018

**BARRIE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**



# Pastor's Message

I just want to take a moment to say, hello and welcome to Barrie Free Methodist Church!  
We are so very glad you joined us today!

I hope that you were welcomed well and made to feel at home. ☺  
If you are looking for a place to connect with Jesus and connect with people who are searching for the same things you are, then I invite you to check out BFMC! We have lots of opportunities for you to get involved, to experience healing, to learn, to hope, to laugh and to find that place of belonging you have been searching for.

Come join us Sunday Morning at 10 AM! If you have any questions... find a person with a blue "Here to Serve" tag, stop at the Visitor Centre, or check out our website @ [bfmc.org](http://bfmc.org). *Blessings, Pastor Jenn*

## Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service

Mon, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8 pm



Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World," whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life." Come join us Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of Jesus... His life changed everything, bringing life and light, joy and truth to all who would follow him! Service begins at 7pm. See you then! (Drop'n Park: Additional parking available at Frere Andre and Monsignor Clair Schools.)

## Exploring Christianity

Free 8-week course starts Thurs, January 24<sup>th</sup> (7-9 PM)!

Do you have questions? Questions like...

What does it mean to be a Christian? What's God like? Is there a purpose to life? How does Christianity fit the reality of the world?  
How can I know what is true? Can I trust the bible?

Exploring Christianity is designed to help answer these and many other questions about the basics of the Christian faith. This course will serve as an excellent refresher for believers, continued learning for new believers, and as an introduction to Christianity for those who are seeking truth.

**We invite you to come and check it out... challenge what you hear, ask questions!**



# Weekly Calendar

There is something happening at BFMC... for all ages!  
**Stop by our Connection Centre for information on upcoming events.**



### Mondays

- **MOPS / MOMSNext Group (9:30 AM)** – For moms of kids up to gr. 8. Pick up our December calendar for details! To join, email [mops@bfmc.org](mailto:mops@bfmc.org).
- **AWANA Club (6:30 PM)** – An exciting Monday evening program for children age 3 to grade 6. New kids welcome! For more information, email [awana@bfmc.org](mailto:awana@bfmc.org).

### Tuesdays

- **"Young at Heart" Bible Study "Ephesians" (10 AM)** – room 116. All 50+ adults welcome! (Christmas Pot-Luck Luncheon Dec 11<sup>th</sup>!)
- **Young Adults Bible Study "Ephesians" (7 PM)** – room 111. All 18+ welcome.

### Wednesdays

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

### Thursdays

- **Women's Bible Study "Galatians" (10 AM)** – room 116. Begins Jan 17/19 (6 wks).
- **Intercessory Prayer (1 to 4 PM)** – Come and pray on your own or with a friend. The prayer room is open in the church office basement.
- **Exploring Christianity (7 PM)** – room 115. Begins Jan 24/19 (8 wks).

### Fridays

- **Youth Friday Night LIVE for Gr. 6-12 (7 PM)** – A different fun activity each week! Pick up a calendar at the Connection Center in the foyer. Invite your friends! Stay connected... join our BFMC Youth Facebook group.

### Sundays

- **Men's Drop-in Bible Study "Genesis" (9 AM)** – room 115. Newcomers welcome!
- **Women's Drop-in Bible Study "Exodus" (9 AM)** – room 116. Newcomers welcome!
- **Worship Service** – in the auditorium
  - Nursery (Birth to Age 2) – drop off/pick up at the nursery.
  - Children's Sunday School (Age 3 to Gr. 5) – Kids start out in service. Parents with kids age 3 to grade 5 please check-in at the children's desk prior to the service.
  - Youth "Sunday Morning Live" (Gr. 6 - 9) – Youth start out in the service then move to room 115. (Every week except Communion Sundays.)

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS

December



## Sun, Dec 2 – Church Family Christmas Lunch

All are invited to stay after the service as we kick off the Advent season with a Christmas lunch all together!

## Sun, Dec 2 – Return “Angel Tree” Gift Items

Thank you church family for your generosity! All 120 Angel tags were taken off the tree in just 2 weeks! If you are not able to bring your gift item on Sunday, please drop it off at the church office by Wed, Dec 5. Thank you!

## Sat, Dec 8 – “Days For Girls” Mission

**10 AM – 2 PM (room 116)** LADIES... volunteer your time to create personal hygiene kits, which offer young women around the world a solution to help them live a dignified social life. If you can cut, sew, iron or fold, you can help! For more information, contact Adele Webb at [daysforgirls@bfmc.org](mailto:daysforgirls@bfmc.org).

## Sun, Dec 9 – “Christmas...According to our Kids”

**Join us at 10 AM** for this special Christmas performance for the whole family!

## Tue, Dec 11 – “Young at Heart” Christmas Pot-luck Luncheon

**10 AM (room 115/116)** All 50+ adults are invited to come for “food, fellowship & some Christmas fun”! 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, Dec 11 – “Mom’s Night Out” to the Movies

**At the Cineplex in the North end.** Stay tuned for movie title and time!

## Fri, Dec 14 – Youth & Young Adults Christmas Banquet

**6 – 9 PM (at the church)** Save the date... watch for details coming soon!

## Mon, Dec 17 – MOPS Christmas Party

**9:30 – 11 AM (at the church)** Join us for some Christmas crafts, treats and holiday photos!

## Sun, Dec 23 – Sunday School “Happy Birthday Jesus” Party!

**9:30 – 11 AM (in Sunday School)** Help celebrate Jesus' birth with Christmas crafts, treats, music and more!

## Mon, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Family Candelight Service

**7 – 8 PM** Join us on this special evening for the whole family!

## Church Office Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed from Mon, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> to Mon, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

## BFMC Financial Update – July to Oct 2018

Budget: 162,829  
Actual: 154,020  
YTD Shortfall: **8,809**

## The BFMC Benevolent Fund – Christmas Care

Your donations to this fund are used in so many care ways for our church family, but at Christmas the need is especially high. Please prayerfully consider a little extra offering this month (over and above your regular tithe). To give, mark “benevolent fund” next to your donation amount. Thank you!

## Thank you BFMC Family!

### A message from Don Miller, Tearfund Canada...

*“A huge thank you to the congregation at Barrie Free Methodist Church for your support of Tearfund Canada this past year! Our CEO, Wayne Johnson, really enjoyed his visit to the church. You are one of our key church partners and together we are seeing transformation around the world!”*

### A message from Jeff Penrice, on behalf of Operation Christmas Child...

*“Your shoeboxes are on the move! On Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, the Samaritan's Purse transport truck arrived at the Regional Collection Center and 6,242 shoeboxes (almost 300 cartons) were loaded onto that transport bound for the port of Montreal. Each of you is so appreciated and I want to thank you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child. Because of the generosity of your congregation, children in Central America, Western Africa and the Ukraine will feel the love of Christ and have an opportunity to hear of His Good News.”*

## Mission Opportunities ...right here in our community!

**Read with a Child** – Bless a child, and encourage a teacher by helping a child learn to read at Cundles Public School! Contact the church office to learn more.

**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 Public School. To give, mark “Kids Need Coats” next to your donation amount. Thank you!

**Georgian College Food Locker** – The Food Locker provides non-perishable canned/package goods to any student in need. Your donation of food is greatly appreciated by the college. Please place donations in bin located 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/sit beside a kettle this year, contact [Sara\\_Brown@can.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Sara_Brown@can.salvationarmy.org) or 705-728-3737 ext. 238.





Coming in January 2019...

### Jan 6-13 7 Days 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 6:** 10 AM Covenant Renewal Service  
6-7 PM Soup 'n Bun Supper followed by family prayer time
- Jan 7-12:** 7-8 PM Prayer Service each evening Mon - Fri
- Sun Jan 13:** 10 AM Healing Service

### Thur, Jan 24 Exploring Christianity (8 weeks)

7-9 PM (room 115) Exploring Christianity is designed to help answer questions about the basics of the Christian faith. This course will serve as an excellent refresher for believers, continued learning for new believers, and as an introduction to Christianity for those who are seeking truth. **Watch for sign up beginning in the new year! For questions, contact Rob Webb, rob@bfmc.org.**

### New Small Groups Starting in January – Sign up NOW!

Small groups can play a big role in helping you learn more about scripture, build community and encourage you in your discipleship journey. Understanding that they can also be intimidating, we are inviting you to give one a try for 6 weeks – just 6 weeks and then you can decide if you want to continue.

**We have 4 new groups and you can sign up in the foyer or if you have any questions, please contact Tanya at tprinsep@rogers.com.**

All 4 groups will be doing a video study on the book of Galatians. Here's a bit more!

*If someone asked you to explain the gospel, what would you say? What is the good news of the Christian faith? Writing to the Galatians, Paul made it clear how easily we can be tempted to turn toward fraudulent gospels, especially those that teach we can earn God's love through our works.*

*Though they may have the appearance of truth, they are lifeless and leave us empty in the end. In this Book of the Bible series, Kyle Idleman dives into the book of Galatians, one that contains some of the clearest explanations of the gospel in the New Testament. Through biblical study and engaging lessons, Kyle shows that true freedom is found in surrender, not self-dependence.*

*Because our gospel is not one based on our works, but faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.*

**NOTE: Our Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** will also be doing the 6-week Galatians video study in room 116 starting Thurs, January 17<sup>th</sup>!