

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.”

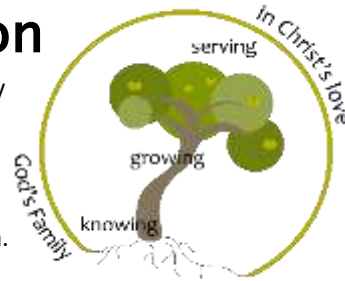
Our Mission & Vision

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 Jan 27)

Benediction (11:15 AM)

Sermons

Sermon Series: “The Book of Galatians”



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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Church Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 AM–5 PM

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Welcome!

to BARRIE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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Happy New Year!

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:*

The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

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, visit our Connection desk, speak with a pastor, or simply 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.

BFMC Leaders/Church Family News... 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... Church family helping one another

Accommodations, Employment (Available or Needed) – to post an ad, 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 – We want to 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**; come & pray (Wed 7:30pm); **email** prayer requests to our confidential prayerchain@bfmc.org.

"BFMC Ministry Opportunities" – Our ministries meet real needs both within and outside our church family. There is always a place to serve at BFMC. Want to volunteer? Let us know! Inquire at the Connection Centre or contact the church office.



Weekly in January

For more information... stop by our **Connection Centre**, visit our website, or contact us at the church office!

All programs & bible studies start the week of Jan 14th (except where indicated).



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)** – New kids always welcome! (starts Jan 21)

Tuesdays

- 10 am **"Young at Heart" Bible Study (Galatians)** – room 116. All 50+ adults welcome! (No Pot-Luck Luncheon in January)
7 pm **Young Adults Bible Study (Galatians)** – room 111. All 18+ welcome. Bring your friends!

Wednesdays

- 7 pm **Youth "Wednesday Night LIVE" (Gr. 6-12)** – Worship & Bible study. New people always welcome – invite your friends!
7:30 pm **Church Family Prayer** – room 109. All are welcome...come pray together.

Thursdays

- 10 am **Women's Bible Study (Galatians)** – room 116.
1-4 pm **Intercessory Prayer** – church office basement. Come and pray or on your own or with a friend(s).
7 pm **Men's Bible Study (Be a Godly Man)** – room 111. (7 weeks)
7 pm **Exploring Christianity** – room 115. (8 weeks - starts Jan 24)

Fridays

- 7 pm **Youth "Friday Night LIVE" (Gr. 6-12)** – (to 9:30 pm) a different fun activity each week! Pick up a calendar at the Connection Center in the foyer. Invite your friends! Stay in the loop... join our BFMC Youth facebook group.

Saturdays

- 7 pm **Young Families Bible Study (Galatians)** – room 116. (childcare in nursery)

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
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. **Parents**, please check-in with your kids 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.)
7 pm **Adult Group Bible Study (Galatians)** – room 116.

Calling All Cooks... Join our "Merry Meal Makers" list!

When there is an immediate need in our church family (due to illness/injury, recent surgery, new baby, etc.), we call on our "Merry Meal Makers" to provide occasional hot meals. We're looking for a few more people to add to our list. If interested or for questions, contact our Coordinator, Helen Tate at meals@bfmc.org.

Notice to Parents of Kids Age 3 – Gr 5:

- Check out the bulletin board near the children's check-in area for information regarding our NEW Sunday School program!
- Friendly reminder: To help create space on the coat racks in the main foyer, we're kindly asking parents who check-in their kids on Sunday morning, to use the coat racks in the children's hallway. Thank you!

Opportunities to reach out...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 at 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 students in need. The donation bin is located in the foyer.

Church Directory... coming out the end of January

We are in the process of updating the church directory for 2019. Be sure to stop by the Connection Desk and check your info! Not in the directory? Fill out our Next Steps card.

BFMC Financial Update – Jan to Nov 2018

Budget:	218,470
Actual:	<u>195,990</u>
YTD Shortfall:	22,480

Giving Options:

Offering Envelope in the plate (Cash or Cheque); Online Banking, Tithe.ly App (download the app, sign up with BFMC); BFMC website (go to bfmc.org and click GIVE); Email Money Transfer (send to donations@bfmc.org, password: giving)

Requests for Personalized (Numbered) Offering Envelopes

To request offering envelopes, or to give via online banking, pick up a request form at the Connection Centre, or contact Elizabeth Kerrigan at elizabeth@bfmc.org.

Benevolent Sunday – last Sunday of each month

Your donations to this fund are used in so many care ways for our church family. 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.

Jan 6–13**7 DAYS of Prayer and Fasting**

Each year we set aside this time to pray together as a church family. See prayer booklet.

- Sun, Jan 6: 10 AM – **Covenant Renewal Service**
6 PM – **Soup 'n Bun Supper** followed by **Family Prayer** (with the children)
- Jan 7–11: 7 PM – **Prayer Service each evening** in the auditorium
- Sun, Jan 13: 10 AM – **Healing Service**

Sun, Jan 13/20**Plan to Protect Training**

These courses are mandatory for anyone volunteering in BFMC ministries involving children, youth or other vulnerable persons. **To register:** Sign up at the Connection Centre or contact the church office.

- Sun Jan 13: **New Orientation Training** (room 116) – for first time attendees.
Lunch 11:30 AM (provided); Training 12-2 PM
- Sun, Jan 20: **Annual Recertification** (room 116) – 11:30 AM (approx.. 45 min)
This is a 2nd opportunity for those who missed the recert in Sept 2018.

Small Group Bible Study – "Galatians"

Starting the week of JAN 14, many groups are beginning a six-week study in the Book of Galatians. If you have not had a chance to be part of a small group, this is a great way to try it out! **To register:** Sign up in the church foyer or contact Tanya Prinsep at tprinsep@gmail.com.

- Tues 15th 10 AM - Adults 50+ group (at the church)
Tues 15th 7 PM - Young Adult group (at the church)
Wed 16th 7 PM - Young Adult group (at the home of Brett Purinton)
Thur 17th 10 AM - Women's group (at the church)
Sat 19th 6 PM - Young Families with children (at the church, childcare provided)
Sun 20th 7 PM - Adult group (at the church) - starts Jan 20

If you are interested in a Young Couples group, please contact Tanya.

starts Thur, Jan 17 Men's Thursday Night Bible Study "Be a Godly Man"

7 – 9 PM, room 111 (7 weeks). God has created men to have incredible strength. But today's culture has hijacked masculinity and distorted strength into passivity. In this video Bible study series we will learn God's definition of masculinity and to step into His calling. **No cost, no sign up – hope to see you there! Dads, we encourage you to bring your teenage sons!** For questions, contact Jeff Banville, banville.jeff@gmail.com.

Sat, Jan 19**Men's Breakfast**

8 AM, room 116. \$5 pay at the door. All men welcome – come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship together. Dads, are encouraged to bring your teenage sons! Sign up at the Connection Centre or contact Rob Webb at rob@bfmc.org. **Please sign up in advance** we can plan for enough food.

January Events

starts **Thur, Jan 24 Exploring Christianity**

7-9 PM, room 115 (8 weeks). *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 is an excellent refresher for believers, continued learning for new believers, and an introduction to Christianity for those who are seeking truth. Come and bring someone you know! **To Register:** Sign up at the Connection Centre or contact Rob Webb, rob@bfmc.org.

Fri, Jan 25 Mom's Night Out – "Chic Boxing"

7 PM (at 94 Dunlop St. W., 2nd floor) All ages and athletic ability welcome. Cost \$15. Space is limited! **To Register:** Email Sarah Knight at sarah@bfmc.org, or call the church office.

Coming in February... mark your calendar!

Sun, Feb 3 "Discovering BFMC" Luncheon

11:30 AM, room 116. This is our "get-to-know-you-and-introduce-you-to-who-we-are"! If you have been attending since September, or just visiting for the first time, we invite you to come meet our pastors and some of our ministry leaders, and hear a brief introduction to BFMC. Kids are welcome! Please sign up at the Connection Centre or contact the church office if you would like to attend.

Fri, Feb 8 BFMC Presents... "Trivia Night"

7 PM, room 115. Come out and test your knowledge. Topics Include: The Bible, The World, Geography, Music, & More...prizes included! **Register at the Connection Centre in teams of 5-7 people.** Drinks and Snacks Provided. \$5 donation (to cover cost of food).

Tue, Feb 12 Adults 50+ Pot-Luck Luncheon & Games

10 AM – 12 noon, room 116. Theme: The LOVE of God. Newcomers welcome! Come and make new friends or renew old friendships. Please bring a main course, salad or desert. For questions, contact Phyllis Kirk at youngatheart@bfmc.org.

Sun, Feb 17 Family Service – Baptism & Crock Pot-Luck Lunch!

We're celebrating church family with a Family Service, Baptism, and our annual winter crock Pot-luck luncheon following the service. You bring the crock...we'll supply the buns and refreshments! No crockpot? No problem...always enough for everyone! 😊

Baptism – Are you a believer in Christ but have not yet been baptized? Don't wait – speak to a pastor to discuss this important next step in your faith journey! For more information, pick up our "**What About Baptism?**" booklet in the foyer.