## 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."

# Who We Are – Our Core Values

1. **Jesus First:** We believe in the supremacy of Christ in all things. Every person is created to be in relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. Life transformation comes by grace through faith in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. *(Col 1:15-18; Eph 2:4-5)*
2. **Everyone Tells God's Story:** We believe that God uses people to accomplish His purposes on earth, equipping every follower of Christ to fulfill their part of sharing God's love. *(Rom 12:4-5; Acts 1:8)*
3. **Spending Time Daily:** We believe that the Bible (The Word of God) and prayer connects us with God and provides guidance for all of life. We turn to these first in every situation. *(Heb 4:12; Phil 4:6)*
4. **Unity of the Family:** We believe we were created for community. Spiritual transformation happens best when we meet together in small and large groups, providing everyone with the opportunity to worship God as we grow, serve and develop leaders in each generation. *(Hebrews 10:24-25, Colossians 3:14)*
5. **Sharing God's Goodness:** We believe God is abundantly generous to all. As we give generously with our time, talents and treasure, we experience joy and blessing as we glorify God and share God's love to others. *(Phil 4:19; Luke 6:38)*

# Sunday Worship

## Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements (10 AM)
Worship
Offering / Children are dismissed
Sermon
Worship & Prayer (Communion Mar 29)
Benediction (11:15 AM)

## Sermons

**Sermon Series: "Follow Jesus"**

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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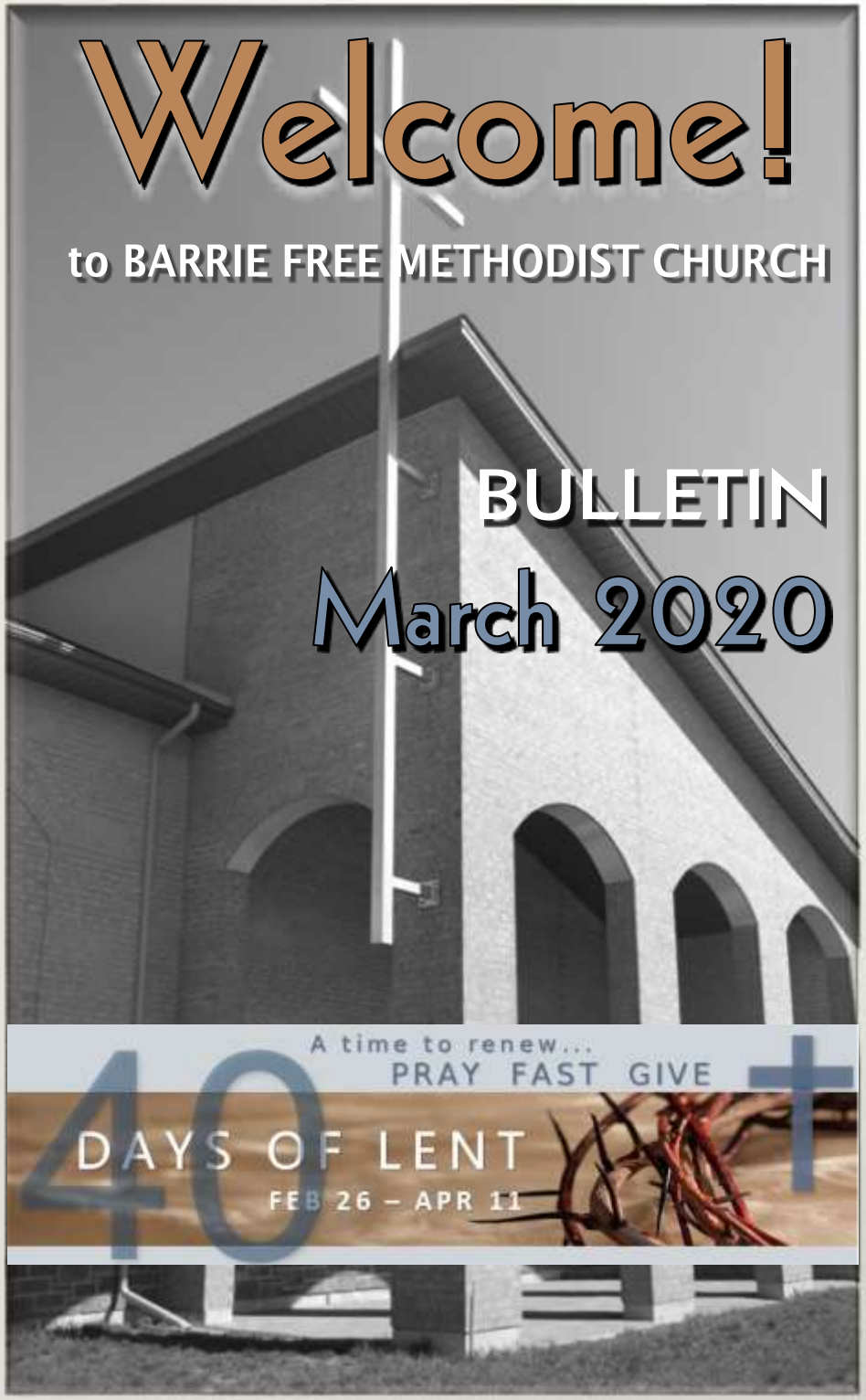


# Getting Connected

## Our Story… Welcome to Barrie Free Methodist Church!

You may be new to here, but we are not a new Church. In fact, we have been in the area for over 100 years, but our vision to help our community experience Christ is just as strong! We are a church that desires to see its community and world encounter Jesus and be transformed by His love. We want to create a welcoming community where people of all ages and backgrounds feel that they can get connected to God and each other. We want this to be a place to have questions answered and needs met. We're a family. Come and join us. ☺

## Visitor Centre / Hebrews Café… stop by and say hello

**Fill out our "VISITING TODAY" card.** We'd love to meet you, show you around, answer any questions, and we have a gift for you! Stay and enjoy a coffee or tea at our café.

## Connection Centre… make BFMC your church home

Browse the ministry boards in the foyer, visit the connection desk, speak with a pastor, or **fill out 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. Get in the loop... ask to get on our weekly BFMC Check-in email list!

**Request a Mail Folder/Church Directory** The church mail folders and the church directory are helpful ways to connect with one another.

**Offering – many ways to give!** E-transfer, Credit Card (via Tithe.ly app or BFMC website), Online banking, or Personalized offering envelopes. Ask us at the desk or contact our Financial Administrator, Elizabeth Kerrigan at elizabeth@bfmc.org.

## 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 info@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.

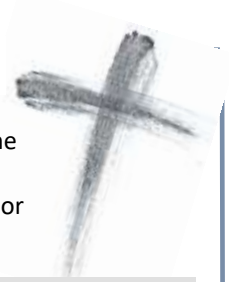
**BFMC Business Directory –** We want to use businesses and services we know and trust… the BFMC Business Directory is all church family. Pick one up today!

**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 out to **Weekly Prayer Meeting** (Wed 7:30pm); **email** requests to **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 March



**For more information:** Check out the "March Events" insert, stop by the Connection Centre, visit our website, or contact us at the church office!

## Mondays

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| 9:30 am | **MOPS / MOMSNext Group** – Join us …different topics/events each week! Pick up a calendar at the Connection Centre or visit our MOPS webpage. |
| 6:30 pm | **AWANA Club (Age 3 - Gr. 6)** – at the church. New kids always welcome! |
| 7 pm | "**Intentional Parenting" Bible Study** – room 111. (starts Mar 23 – 6 weeks) |

## Tuesdays

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| 10 am | "**Young at Heart" Bible Study (The X Commandments)** – room 116. All 50+ adults welcome! (Pot-Luck Luncheon w/Guest Speaker Mar 10th) |
| 7 pm | **Young Adults Group (Age 18-30)** – in the Mountain Lounge. Café Nights, Bible Study, Sports. New people always welcome! Connect on FB: *BFMC Young Adults*, Instagram: *bfmc_young_adults*, or Email: landon@bfmc.org. |
| 7 pm | **GriefShare** – room 116. New people always welcome. (to May 19) |

## Wednesdays

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| 6:45 pm | **Jr. Youth Program (Gr. 6-8)** – in the church (to 8:45 pm). Games, snacks and small group discussions each week – Invite your friends! |
| 7 pm | **Sr. Youth Bible Study & Worship (Gr. 9-12)** – in the Mountain Lounge (church office basement) – to 10 pm. Follow us on insta @ bfmc_youth! |
| 7:30 pm | **Church Family Prayer** – room 111. All are welcome…come pray together. |

## Thursdays

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| 1-4 pm | **Intercessory Prayer** – in the prayer room (church office basement). Drop in anytime to pray one-on-one, on your own, or with a friend. |
| 7 pm | **Exploring Christianity –** room 115. All are welcome! (to Mar 26) |

## Sundays

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| 9 am | **Men's Drop-in Bible Study (Romans)** – room 115. Come anytime! |
| 9 am | **Women's Drop-in Bible Study (Psalms)** – room 116. Come anytime! |
| 10 am | **Worship Service** – in the auditorium *(Communion last Sunday of each month)* |

- **Nursery** (Birth to Age 2) – drop off/pick up in room 103
- **Children's Sunday School** (Age 3 to Gr. 5) – Please "check-in" at the children's kiosk prior to the service. Kids start out in service. Parents pick up your kids in their classrooms after service (#'d labels are req'd).
- **Youth "Sunday Morning Live"** (Gr. 6 – 8) – Youth start out in the service then move to room 115 (every week except Communion Sundays).

# **March**Events

### Feb 26–Apr 11 40 Days of LENT
Pick up a BFMC Lenten Prayer Calendar at the entrance to the sanctuary!

### Sun, Mar 8 Small Group Leaders Get–Together
**11:30am - 1pm (room 116)** For current leaders and those interested in leading a small group. Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. For questions, contact Jeff or Barb Banville at smallgroups@bfmc.org.

### 2020 Photo Directory – Photos Sessions Continue!
We have extended the date to Mar 15th so that everyone can have their photo taken. ☺ Please sign up at the Connection Centre. We don't want to miss anyone so even if you missed your photo session, come to room 115 after the service! Everyone who calls BFMC home is welcome and encouraged to be in the church directory. For questions, contact Carol Phillips in the church office.

### BFMC Summer Camps 2020 – Register Now!
Three great camps to choose from this year: **Rocky Railway VBS** Jul 6-10 / **Hand's On Camp** Jul 27-31 / **Sports Camp** Aug 10-14. Register online at bfmc.org/camp or visit the Camp table in the foyer.

### Tue, Mar 10 "Young at Heart" (50+) Pot–Luck Luncheon
**10 AM – 12 PM, room 116.** Theme: **"Staying Independent"** with Guest Speaker, Sarah Orr-Shaw (Public Health Nurse. Newcomers always welcome! Please bring a main course, salad or dessert. For questions, contact Phyllis kirk at **youngatheart@bfmc.org**.

### Sun, Mar 22 Baptism Sunday / Family Service (children in service)
Have you recently accepted Christ as your Saviour or have been a Christian for a while but have not yet been Baptized? If yes, we encourage you to speak to Pastor Jenn about this important next step in your faith journey! For more details, pick up our **"What About Baptism?"** booklet in the foyer.

### BFMC Annual Easter Plant Program
Help decorate the church for Easter!

**Starts Sunday, March 15th.** Choose from many spring bulb plants (at a discounted price). Place your order at the Connection Centre. We'll display your plants in the church on Easter Sunday. Then after the service you can take them home or give to a friend or loved one. **Order deadline**: **Sunday, April 5th.**

# **March**Events

### Starts Mar 23 "Intentional Parenting" 5–week Video Series
10 ways to be an exceptional parent in a quick fix world

**6:30 - 8 PM (room 111).** Learn how to build a healthy family foundation and set long term goals. All parents welcome... invite your friends & neighbours. Awana parents, this course is perfect timing for you! For more information, contact Dwayne or Sandie Mortley at parenting@bfmc.org.

### Mar 27/28 Women's IF:Barrie2020 Conference – Register now!
**Fri 6:45-9 PM, Sat 9:30 AM-3:30 PM (at the church).** This year's focus is on Romans 8 – JESUS is our HOPE! For all women age 14+. Cost: $40 ($25 for students) – pay what you can. To Register, go to bfmc.org/women or visit the IF table in the foyer. **See insert in this bulletin for all the details!** For questions, email women@bfmc.org.

## Coming in **April**...mark your calendars!

**Apr 4 – Men's Breakfast:** 8 AM – Meet at the Symposium Restaurant. All men welcome! Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship together. Cost: $5 (pay at the door). Please sign up at the Connection Centre or email Rob Webb at rob@bfmc.org.

**Apr 6 – "Days for Girls Open Kit-Making Workshop:** 12 AM – 4 PM (room 116). Ladies, join us on the 1st Monday of each month to help make personal hygiene kits for young women around the world -- to help them live a dignified life and enable them to stay in school. If you can cut, sew, iron or fold, you can help! For questions, contact Adele Webb at daysforgirls@bfmc.org.

### Easter at BFMC!

**Palm Sunday Service Apr 5** – 10 AM
**Good Friday Service Apr 10** – 10 AM
**Easter Sunday Apr 12 –** 9 AM Continental breakfast (all welcome)
– 10 AM Easter Service *(please bring a non-perishable food item for the Georgian College Food Locker.)*

**Apr 19 – Camp Sunday:** Spread the word... invite your friends & neighbours!

**Apr 24 – Family Trivia Night:** 7 PM. Register in teams of 5-7. More details to follow.

**Apr 26 – Ghana Celebration Sunday:** with Special Guest, Superintendent Ahmed.

**May 9 – Men's Impact Event:** Sign up coming in April. Men, mark your calendars and please plan now to join us for this 1 day event as the men of BFMC once again will spend a work day at the Camp for the Deaf. Last year there were more than 40 of us that spend the day giving back and saying "thank you" to the Rumble family for making the camp available to BFMC ministries for so many years.

# VolunteerOpportunities

Looking to make a difference? Feeling God squeezing your heart to get involved? We still need volunteers in each of these four ministries...

### Sunday School Teachers & Helpers

Our kids need you! We need... 1 grade 1-3 teacher (age 18+), 2 grade 4-5 helpers (age 15+), and 1 JK/SK Teacher (age 18+). The schedule is one Sunday per month. For more information, contact Christina Catling at children@bfmc.org.

### *Awana Leaders & Helpers Urgently Needed

We've had some recent changes in our Awana team and now have many spaces to fill on Monday nights! We need... 1 Cubbies (Age 3-4) Helper, and 1 Sparks (Age 5 – Gr 3) Helper. For more information, contact Christina Catling at awana@bfmc.org.

### Join the Welcome Team

We are looking for a few more people on Sunday mornings to serve at our Hebrews Café, at the visitor desk, and as door greeters! Rotating shifts once a month. For more information, contact Michelle Kirk at welcome@bfmc.org.

### Calling All Cooks... Join our "Merry Meal Makers" Team!

We are looking for a few more people to provide occasional hot meals when there is an immediate need in our church family (due to illness/injury, surgery, new baby, etc.). If interested, contact Meal Coordinator, Helen Tate at meals@bfmc.org.

# 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 in our community 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/packaged goods to any student in need. Your donation of food is greatly appreciated by the college. Please place donations in bin located at the main entrance.

# GettingConnected!

### Small Groups

Want to get connected and grow in your faith? Join a small group! Contact Jeff or Barb Banville at smallgroups@bfmc.org. Visit bfmc.org/small-groups for more info.

### Church Directory (see also Photo Directory in the March Events insert)

This is a great tool for connecting with church family. To request a copy (printed or pdf), sign up at the Connection Centre and we'll have it out to you the following week!

### Church Mail Folders

Located across from the library down the side hallway. Have you checked yours lately? Don't have one yet? Ask at our Connection Centre or contact the church office! Friendly reminder: Please place larger items in the bottom drawer.

### BFMC Weekly Check-in Email

Want to stay up-to-date each week with what's happening at BFMC? Sign up at the Connection Centre or email carol@bfmc.org to receive our weekly "check-in" email.

### Lost & Found

Lose or find something at church? Come to the Connection Centre on Sunday mornings or contact the office through the week.

# $$$Update

### BFMC Financial Update – as at Jan 31, 2020

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| YTD Income: | 404,145 |
| Total Expenses: | 382,141 |
| Less Building Fund Allocation: | 28,000 |
| YTD Shortfall: | – 5,996 |

REMINDER: Check your mail folder for your 2020 Donation Tax Receipt!

### 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); E-Transfer (send to donations@bfmc.org... please indicate fund in comments (e.g., General, Benevolent, Building, Missions, Kids need coats, etc.)

### 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.