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# BEREAN

January 8, 2023

**PRAY (365) FIRST**



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything **by prayer and supplication** with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God.** Phi 4:6

## "PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"

## Pastor Sean's Note:



'Pray First' is a reminder, an invitation, an initiative, and a way forward for Berean. Can we create a culture of prayer in the church?

Can we Pray First so much that it seems like we are praying without ceasing?

If Berean is going to glorify God and be the Christ-exalting, gospel-centered, AND disciple-making church God has commissioned it to be – we must Pray First more. 365 days a year, Pray First must be a mantra. But, a slogan without action is useless. It means we must beg God through praying first for his blessing, his power, his anointing, his presence, his wisdom, his Spirit, his guidance, his healing, his insight, his protection, and literally on and on.

Sunday night prayer time is going to change to a 4-minute prayer meeting where the entire congregation forms into micro groups and prays first. And every church member is invited to join the staff for our Wednesday prayer meeting at 9.15a. (Come to the administrative hallway by 9:10a.) And, if more would join the 8.15a Sunday prayer meeting in room A112, God would be pleased to hear the prayers of God's people. We have young people in our congregation, boys and girls, teenagers, who need to repent and trust in Christ as Savior! Let us pray first about that.

Would to God that male and female leaders in the church would grab others and have 2-minute prayer meetings in the hallways and in the sanctuary and in the classrooms. Would to God that the ushers would gather each Sunday for a prayer meeting? Would to God that visitors would see a church that takes praying seriously – Pray First.

Prayer is our access to the power of God – I must, you must, and we must Pray First.

Anyone interested in learning more about the John Cohort please come to an interest meeting in room A113 on Sunday evening, January 8th, after the evening service – starting at about 6:20p. This room is in the administrative hallway. Exit the auditorium to the right of the stage and then turn left when you get into the main hallway. I hope this cohort will help me teach the Bible more effectively. I believe the group has the potential to be used by the Lord in many ways. The goal is to have a very diverse group of young and old, male and female, single and married, etc., etc. If you're curious about whether this might be something you'd like to participate in, then come to the meeting and learn more!

First Class is today and it is DEFINITELY NOT too late for you to join us. This is our pre-membership class. It starts at 2.30p in room E101. There is no cost. We feed you dinner and you learn a lot more about Berean and the Bible. Even if you have not pre-registered. Just come at 2:30 and find a seat! Park in the back of the church and enter through the doors by the playground. We'll also be taking individual and family pictures for our church database.

Pastor Sean

## This Week's Schedule:

JANUARY 8	WORSHIP & PREACHING - 8.30AM & 10.45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9.45AM FIRST CLASS - 2.30PM-7.15PM NEW EVENING WORSHIP & PREACHING START TIME - 5.00PM
JANUARY 11	AWANA: GLOW NIGHT - 6:15PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUPS - 6.30PM
JANUARY 14	MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - 8.30AM
JANUARY 15	WORSHIP & PREACHING - 8.30AM & 10.45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9.45AM WORSHIP & PREACHING - 5.00PM

## Upcoming Events:

JANUARY 16	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY/CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
JANUARY 21	AWANA GRAND PRIX WORK DAY
JANUARY 22	NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE
JANUARY 28	LADIES OUTREACH EVENT
JANUARY 29	QUARTERLY MEMBERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 4	AWANA GRAND PRIX
FEBRUARY 7	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BEREAN
FEBRUARY 11	MEN'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION GIRLS DAY OUT

### CURRENTLY, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING CHILDCARE/ YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Sunday -	8.30 & 10.45am – Newborn - 5 years Power Hour for Children – K5 - 4th Grade 9.45am Sunday School – Newborn - 5 Years 6.00pm – Newborn - 5 years
Wednesday -	6.15pm – Newborn - 2 years 6.15pm – AWANA - 2 Years - 6th Grade 6.15pm – 7-12th grade in youth building

