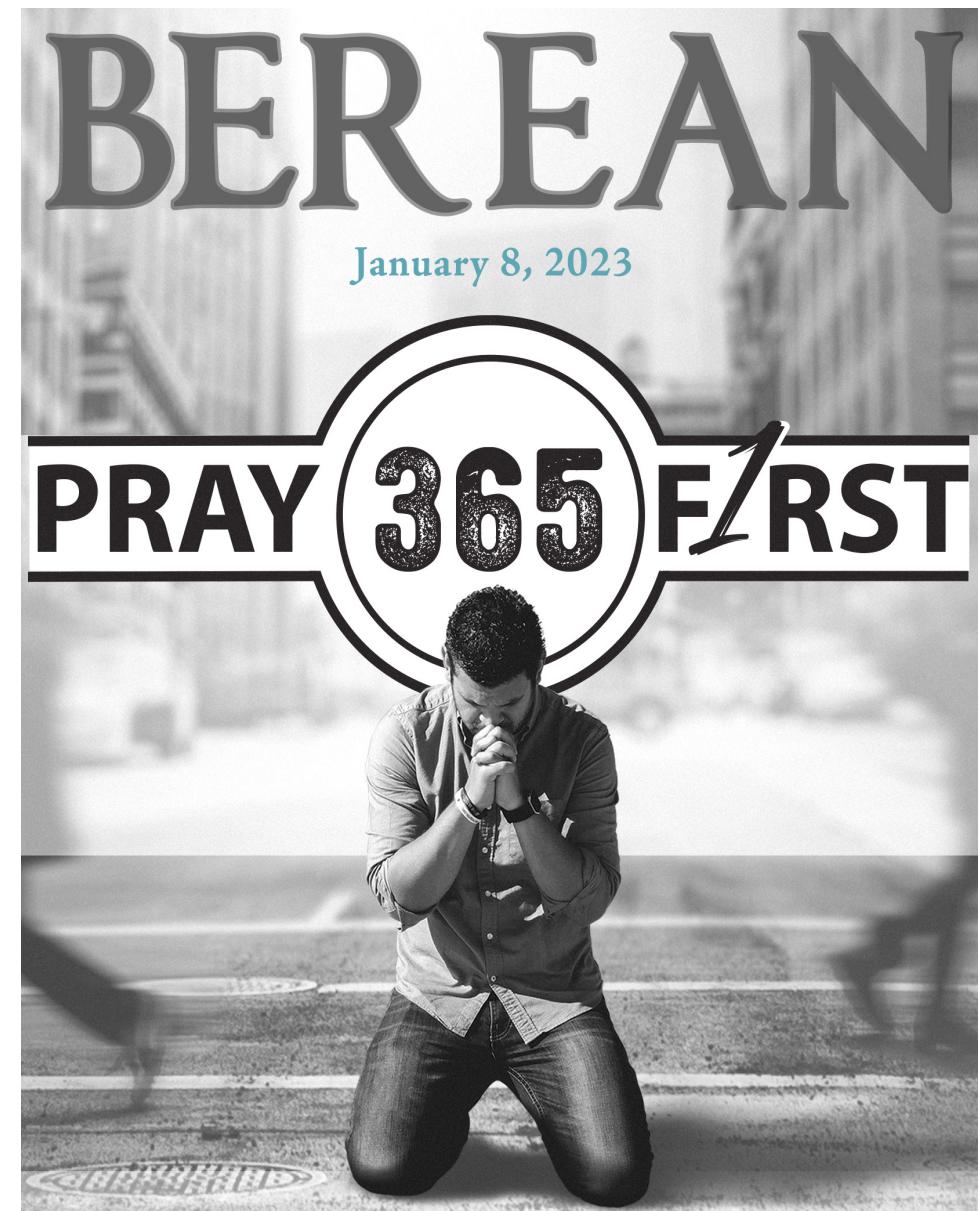


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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything **by prayer and supplication** with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God.** Phi 4:6

"PROCLAMING CHRIST IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

Preaching: Sun 8.30a, 10.45a & 5p | Sunday School 9.45a | Wed 6.30p

# 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 6.15pm – Newborn - 2 years 6.15pm – AWANA - 2 Years - 6th Grade 6.15pm – 7-12th grade in youth building
Wednesday -	

