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Pastor Sean's Note:



Staffing the nursery is really hard. Right now, we are struggling to staff the nursery for the 8.30a service. And staffing 5th Sundays is especially hard. 5th Sundays, like the one coming up this month, are especially hard because people volunteer for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th weeks of the month. We don't have enough volunteers to fill the 5th.

In an effort to have the nursery available for the 10.45a service on January 29, we will send out a text message Monday, Jan 23rd. If the congregation doesn't respond then the congregation voted that we are 'ok' with family-integrated worship on January 29 during the 10.45a service and we will all have to be understanding and have patience while children are fidgeting in the pew beside us.

On Sunday, January 8th Berean had our highest post-Covid Sunday school attendance of 620. Glory Hallelujah! Our average Sunday School attendance for 2022 was 523 and for the last 3 months, it was 557. I pray that 2023 is a year of highs – one right after another. Because on Sunday night we also had a record post-Covid attendance of 386, including those in First Class and those in the nursery. Pray to God that He will keep directing people to His flock at Berean because, unfortunately, people also have to leave all the time. With the turnover Berean experiences there is little fear of turning into a 'big church'. People come and people go. They move into the area and they move away. Thus the need to continually ask the Lord to bring us people!

Pray for the salvation of lost people sitting in the pews every Sunday. Join us at 8.15a for our Sunday Pray First meeting. This is held in room A112 in our Admin hallway. Join us at 5p for prayer in the Auditorium at the beginning of the evening service. Someone start a prayer meeting in the narthex for the 10.45a service.

Ladies, there are two events coming up for you. On Saturday, January 28th come at 10.00a to the Fellowship Hall and help stuff "mother's bags" for the Your Hope Pregnancy Center. On Saturday, February 11th, we'll be hosting the Girls Day Out conference from 11a-4p. This event is targeted for mothers and daughters but all ladies of the church are welcome. There will be discussions just for tweens and teens, discussions just for adults, and lots of time for fun and fellowship. Sign up by texting GIRLSDAYOUT at 910-601-2425. The cost is \$5 per person until February 8th. After that, the cost goes up to \$10/person.

Our 2022 end-of-year member's meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th at 6.20p. I hope you will be in your seat if you are a member. Besides the annual financial review, we will also be voting on new members and new deacons.

On February 5 we are hosting a special church meeting at 5p (during the evening service) about what the New Testament tells us regarding Elders and Deacons and how that fleshes itself out in our church. I hope you'll make every effort to be in attendance.

Pastor Sean

This Week's Schedule:

JANUARY 15	WORSHIP & PREACHING - 8.30AM & 10.45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9.45AM NEW EVENING WORSHIP & PREACHING START TIME - 5.00PM
JANUARY 16	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY/CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
JANUARY 17	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OF TITUS - 9.00AM
JANUARY 18	AWANA - 6:15PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUPS - 6.30PM
JANUARY 21	AWANA GRAND PRIX WORK DAY
JANUARY 22	WORSHIP & PREACHING - 8.30AM & 10.45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9.45AM NO EVENING SERVICE

Upcoming Events:

JANUARY 28	LADIES OUTREACH EVENT
JANUARY 29	QUARTERLY MEMBERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 4	AWANA GRAND PRIX
FEBRUARY 7	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BEREAN
FEBRUARY 8	AWANA: PAJAMA DAY
FEBRUARY 11	MEN'S COFFEE & CONVERSATION GIRLS DAY OUT
FEBRUARY 12	LORD'S SUPPER FELLOWSHIP

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 5.00pm – Newborn - 5 years
Wednesday -	6.15pm – Newborn - 2 years 6.15pm – AWANA - 2 Years - 6th Grade 6.15pm – 7-12th grade in youth building

