Please Note: All Children's Ministry workers have undergone and obtained a "clear" background check.

Frequently Asked Questions

What time is Sunday School and when can I drop my child off?

Berea's Sunday School ministry runs from 9:00-9:45 each Sunday morning. Children should be dropped off to their classroom no earlier than 8:55 AM to allow time for our teachers to be prepared for their arrival.

How does pick-up work after class?

In order to create the safest environment possible, we request that parents of children in 2nd grade and below, pick their child up directly from their classroom as close to 9:45 as possible. Children in grades 3 and up will be dismissed directly from their classrooms, unless other arrangements are made with your child's teacher.

What do I need for Sunday School?

All Sunday School participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles each week, regardless of age. Berea Bible Church encourages the use of the "New King James Version," as this matches the translation used during our morning worship service. The church does have Bibles available for use each Sunday morning. Youth group members and adults are encouraged to bring something to write with—all children will have supplies provided by the church.

Who do I contact if I have other questions?

Please feel free to contact Mark Gainer, Assistant Pastor at: markgainer@bereabiblechurch.org with any questions you may have.

<u>Additional Weekly Opportunities</u>

Junior Church (Ages 3-6): During Morning Worship Service AWANA (Ages 3-6th Grade): Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group (Grades 7-12): Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM Small Groups: Location/Time Based on Group **See website for schedule changes due to holidays/special events**

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Christian Education Ministry Guide Winter 2025-2026

December 7, 2025- February 22, 2026

Berea Family and Guests,

Berea Bible Church takes the Bible's call to disciple one another seriously. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." With God's Word as the foundation for our educational programming, we desire to come alongside parents as they teach and train their children and challenge adults to grow more closely into the image of Christ. We encourage you to view this guide to gain a deeper understanding of our various Christian education ministries that we have at Berea. Our hope is that you and your family find these offerings to be engaging, challenging, and relevant for today's world.

Pastor Brian Miller Mark Gainer
Senior Pastor Assistant Pastor

Adult Sunday School

These multi-generational classes, allow adults in a variety of stages of life to come together weekly to study God's Word, and gain practical applications to use in their daily lives. Each quarter, Berea is pleased to offer "electives" which allow for adults to choose a course of most interest to them.

Winter Quarter Adult Elective Offerings:

A Study of the Sermon on the Mount

Teacher: Pastor Mark Gainer

This class, which is a continuation from the Summer and Fall quarters, on the Sermon on the Mount, will explore Jesus' transformative teachings in Matthew 5–7 diving into themes of kingdom living, righteousness, and discipleship. Discover how these timeless principles challenge and inspire us to live faithfully in today's world. This sermon is as relevant today as it was back then! Participants will be encouraged to apply Jesus' teachings to their own lives in very practical ways throughout the course.

Biblical Forgiveness

Teacher: Dana Love

This course explores how Scripture presents forgiveness as the foundation for restoring humanity's relationship with God. Together we will examine the theological basis for God's forgiveness and learn how those principles shape our journey to forgive others in practical, meaningful ways.

Children's Sunday School

Nursery: Infant to 2 Years Old

Our workers are trained to provide a safe, loving, and secure environment for all children. We provide both a secure and sanitary nursery in order to allow parents to give their full attention toward worshiping and serving Berea.

Toddlers: 2 and 3 Year Olds

Teacher: Beth Kitchen

Our toddlers will learn about the birth of Jesus, God's Son; His growth from a baby to a man; and His miracles. Children will be encouraged to love the wonderful Son of God because He loved them first.

Beginners: 4 and 5 Year Olds (Kindergarten)

Teacher: Cierra Phillips

In their study of Jesus, the "Beginners" will learn that God directed Jesus' birth, childhood, and ministry as part of His plan to save the world. Without Jesus, no one could be saved from sin. Students will respond to the offer of salvation and express their thanks to God for sending Jesus to be the Savior of the world.

Primary: 1st and 2nd Grade

Teacher: Jeannette Miller

"Primaries" will learn how God cared for Ruth and directed her life so the royal line through which Jesus was born might continue. They will also learn to know, love, and trust God through the lives of Saul, David, and Solomon.

Middlers: 3rd and 4th Grade

Teacher: Ellen Williams

Third and fourth graders will continue to study the tabernacle in great detail throughout the Winter quarter. They will discover how it was constructed, why it was important, and how it was used by the Israelites in the Old Testament.

Juniors: 5th and 6th Grade

Teacher: Victoria Greenwood

"Junior" students will study the book of John to learn all about Jesus, the Word Who became flesh. Students will learn that Jesus lived a perfect life, has the power to transform sinners, satisfies our deepest longings, provides for our greatest needs, cares for us like a good shepherd, gives us joy as we serve Him, and provided for our redemption from sin.

Junior High/High School: Grades 7-12

Teacher: TBD

The Bible warns about false teachings and emphasizes our need to learn sound doctrine. This quarter, the teens will review core Bible doctrines and compares them to the belief systems of current false religions and cults. The study emphasizes that Jesus is the only way to God.