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 the nursery and Primary class, pick their child up directly from their classroom as close to 9:45 as possible. Junior students 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 "English Standard 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, Senior 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
Youth Group (Grades 7-12): Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM
AWANA (Age 3 through 6th Grade):
Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM
See website for schedule changes due to holidays/special events

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Christian Education Ministry Guide Winter 2026-2027

December 6, 2026 to February 28, 2027

Berea Family and Guests,

At Berea Bible Church, we believe that growing in our understanding of God's Word is an essential part of growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are committed to being a church where the Scriptures are faithfully taught, where believers are encouraged to grow in their faith, and where each generation is equipped to follow Christ.

Paul reminds us in 2 Timothy 3:16–17 that, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
God's Word is the foundation of everything we do in Christian education. Our desire is to partner with parents in the spiritual instruction of their children, provide opportunities for believers of every age to grow in biblical understanding, and encourage one another toward greater Christlikeness.

As you look through this Winter Quarter's Christian Education Guide, we hope you'll take time to explore the classes and opportunities available for you and your family. Whether you're a longtime member or visiting Berea for the first time, there's a place for you to learn, grow, and connect with others as we seek to know Christ more deeply and faithfully follow Him.

We look forward to growing together!
Mark Gainer
Senior Pastor

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.

Primary: Age 2- 2nd Grade

Teacher: Beth Kitchen

We continue to have our youngest three classes combined together in one group from ages 2 through 2nd grade. Our primaries will learn that Jesus came to earth to die for their sins to provide salvation. They will also learn about God's direction for Jacob and God's protection of Joseph. Students will be encouraged to pray to God and trust Him in all circumstances.

Juniors: 3rd-6th Grade

Teachers: Glenn and Debbie Izer

During the quarter, Junior students will will cover highlights from the life of Job, focusing on the lessons he learned about God's trustworthiness. They will continue with important episodes from the lives of Abraham and Joseph. God's faithfulness and sovereignty are the emphases in those units. The students will discover how God's character and abilities personally apply to their lives.

Adult and Youth Group Sunday School

Current Culture:
A Biblical Understanding and Response

We live in a world where cultural conversations are happening all around us. Questions about morality, politics, economics, race, religion, sexuality, social media, and world events are constantly competing for our attention. But as followers of Jesus Christ, how should we think about these issues? What does God's Word have to say, and how do we respond with biblical conviction, wisdom, and grace?

For the Winter Quarter, we are doing something a little different at Berea: combining our Adult and Youth classes into one special, intergenerational study. This is an intentional opportunity for teens and adults to come together, engage important cultural issues, examine what Scripture teaches, and learn from one another. These are conversations that matter to all of us, regardless of age, and we believe they are best approached with God's Word as our foundation.

Over 13 weeks, we will tackle challenging and timely subjects, including gambling, climate change, race, Islam, Israel, immigration, war, economics, addictions, social media, sexual immorality, and the prosperity gospel. We won't simply discuss what the world thinks about these issues; we will seek to understand what God says about them and how we, as Christians, should respond.

Lessons and discussions will be approached thoughtfully and sensitively, with our teenage participants in mind, while still providing meaningful depth and challenge for adults.

This is an important opportunity for our entire church family. We strongly encourage every Berea adult and every student in 7th grade and above to make this class a priority this winter. Let's learn together, ask honest questions, grow in our understanding of God's Word, and become better equipped to live faithfully in the culture around us.