

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

JOHN 15:7-8



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Worship & Communion Service

Sunday, July 7, 2024

SERVICES & CONTACTS

Worship Services In-person & Online 10:40am & 6pm

 <https://www.youtube.com/user/bereanbarbados/live>

 <https://www.facebook.com/BereanBarbados/live>

Sunday School In-person 9:30 - 10:15am

 **ZOOM** links provided

Midweek In-person & Online Service (Wednesday)

Noon & 7:30 pm | ZOOM links provided

Youth Service in-person 7pm (Friday)

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Why Vacation Bible School Is as Important Now as Ever

SAM. RAINER

He's older now. Retired, but not done. He doesn't move quickly, and his hearing is not great. For thirty years, he shepherded our church. We call him "Brother Bob." All of Bradenton calls him that. He's a passionate evangelist for evangelism. Give him a minute of your time, and you'll hear him share the gospel. Boldly. Without apology.

A couple of years ago, he brought three children to Vacation Bible School. Two of them accepted Christ. In fact, dozens of children, even a few parents, have accepted Christ in the last few years at our VBS. Countless gospel seeds were planted.

What other program or event bears this kind of fruit in a one-week timeframe? VBS is a local mission trip that just about any church can do. Here is why it's important to my church, West Bradenton.

Multiple generations come together. For one intense week, a multi-generational army unites around the good news of Jesus. It's one of the most beautiful scenes in ministry.

People from the neighborhood show up. The Holy Spirit guides families from their front yards to our front door. VBS is an opportunity for us to be good neighbors.

The gospel is the central focus. The reason we do VBS is to share the gospel. Undoubtedly, the games, activities, and skits are a lot of fun. But the focal point is telling children about Jesus. Everything else is periphery to the grand purpose of sharing with a child, "Here is how Jesus saves you."

Men get to be kids. Our VBS happens at night, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There are several reasons for this timeslot, but one of the biggest is that a later time gives many men in our church the opportunity to serve. The women at West Bradenton always step up in incredible ways, but there's something special about seeing a middle-aged man in a colorful wig doing kid song motions.

Unity in the church is strengthened. VBS is one of the least controversial ministries a church can offer. The collective effort strengthens bonds between generations. We all share the same moment together, and the memories made build bridges among people who would otherwise not interact with each other.

We carry with us the legacy of Brother Bob and his generation. Some in our church are in their fifth or sixth decade of VBS. When I'm older and retired, when my hearing is gone and I don't move as quickly, I hope to bring children to VBS just like Brother Bob. VBS is as important now as ever. I believe it will be just as vital in the future. Every year, we all get VBS-tired, but it's worth it. Every bit of it.

SAM RAINER: As President of Church Answers, Sam Rainer wears many hats. From podcast co-host to full-time Pastor at West Bradenton Baptist Church, Sam's heart for ministry and revitalization are evident in all he does.

<https://churchanswers.com/blog/why-vacation-bible-school-is-as-important-now-as-ever/>

You can be a volunteer at our very own VBS



For further details, contact: VBS Director: Deirdre or Assistant Director: Michele

Order of Service

COMMUNION SUNDAY

July 7, 2024 at 10:40am

THEME: "Living as a Faithful Witness of Christ"

- i. Welcome - Pastor Paul Garnes
- ii. Announcements - Alicia Harewood

1. Meditation
2. Scriptural Call to Worship: Isaiah 25:1
3. Prayer of Adoration and Invocation
- 4. Congregational Hymn: LH #90 Come, Christians, Join to Sing**
- 5. Congregational Hymn: LH #613 Trusting Jesus**
6. OT Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-28
7. NT Scripture Reading: Luke 1:1-45
8. Prayer of Confession and Assurance
- 9. Congregational Hymn: LH #617 Will Jesus Find Us Watching?**
10. Prayer of Thanksgiving and Offertory
- 11. Offertory: LH #515 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross**
12. Pastoral/Intercessory Prayer
13. The Berean Choir
14. Sermon: Acts 25-26
- 15. Congregational Hymn: HG #177 In Christ Alone**
16. Communion
17. Benediction

ITEMS FOR PRAYER



- For Sis. Lucy and family for comfort as they grieve during this difficult period.
- Giving thanks for protection during the bad weather.
- Praying for full recovery of the islands devastated by hurricane Beryl.
- For those travelling to the IBYC conference and for its success.
- For our "Cowabunga" VBS, Aug 19-23
- For God's Word to be faithfully preached.
- Pray for the ministry and wellbeing of our Pastor and family.
- For healing for our sick members.
- For grace for our shut-in members.
- For the Berean Church, Dominica, Grenada and DR Congo.
- For the friends of Berean - The Gilmours, Haecks, Hulls, Moores, Montagues, Porchers, Rogers, Rudders and Taylors.
- For our unemployed members to find meaningful employment.
- For the peace of Jerusalem.

July Birthdays

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| 1st - Kenmore Maycock | 18th - Clyde Lucas | 29th - Joan Osborne |
| 6th - Cheryl Brewster | 22nd - Christopher Ward | 30th - Michele Richards |
| 11th - Alma June Corbin | 25th - Ann Proverbs | |
| - Gwendolyn Spencer | 27th - Goldie Spieler | |
| 13th - Norma Thompson | 28th - Delano Austin | AUGUST |
| Barry Ward | Chanté James | 1st - Louise Moore |
| 15th - Leianne Bovell | Janice Reece | |

July Anniversaries

- 1st - Kenmore & Carol Maycock