

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct,
in love, in faith and in purity.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12 NIV



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Worship & Communion Service

Sunday, August 3, 2025

SERVICES & CONTACTS

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

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

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Sunday School In-person 9:30 - 1015am

 **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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The Historic Role of Young People in God's Global Plans

To fully understand what God has been doing in His global plan of redemption we need to take a trip to the local university and attempt to grasp the import of missiologist David Bryant's statement:

God's concern is worldwide. How the church has responded to that mandate is also clear in the light of history. All too frequently the Church has fallen into lethargy in relation to its world-wide obligations. But God does not leave Himself without a witness. Whether it be a Nicolas Von Zinzendorf, a Samuel Mills, a C.T. Stud, a Robert Wilder, a John Mott, a Jim Elliot or a hundred others who could be named, God singles out a man to prophecy to His church. And with remarkable frequency that man has been a student.

In one sense this shouldn't surprise us. When we think of the great heroes of the Bible it's easy to forget that many of them were just recently over the throws of puberty when God began to work in their lives. Mentally go back through the Scripture. Think of men such as Daniel, Joseph (of Genesis), David, Gideon, Samuel, Solomon and Josiah. When God called them they had barely begun to shave, which I suppose is a moot point as 'clean-shaven' was not a desired look for Jewish men. Think of women like Ruth, Ester and Mary the mother of Jesus, none of them could get into an R rated movie, which is another fabulously moot point. Quite typically God initiated his plans through the youthful zeal and passion of young men and women.

Yet God using young people is one thing, using the university seems quite another. Bested only by the brothel, casino and communist party, the college campus is notorious for being one of the most godless and atheistic institutions on the planet. As such we would assume that God's redemptive plans would have bypassed the worldly city, but instead it became the capital of the missionary enterprise, a commuting hub, transporting the gospel and shuffling kingdom workers to their points of origin all over the planet. As we've noted, young people have always been the concentrated focus of God's redemptive activity, but with the rise of the university, starting in the middle ages, that focus shows up in his work on campuses and in the lives of students.

Starting in the middle ages, church history generally recognizes four historical precursors to modern— biblical—evangelical Christianity: four spiritual movements responsible for our current progress in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. In light of what we've been talking about it should not be surprising that all four of them are foundationally connected to the University and to college students. In other words, in modern history the campus has been God's primary vehicle for advancing the Great Commission. To see this clearly we'll look at each of the four spiritual impulses and mark the centrality of the campus to each.

THE REFORMATION

Whatever your denomination, and whether Catholic or Protestant, the Christian life we enjoy today would not exist if not for the Reformation of the early 16th century. If you remember your history the medieval church had gone to some significant excess. In a storyline reminiscent of Monty Python and the Holy Grail, the Church had sought to expand Christ's kingdom through Crusades, and funded these military

excursions through the sale of indulgences: salvation of self and loved ones extorted through cash payments of rubels, drachmas, sixpence or what have you—putting eternal security as close as the nearest ATM. In the early 16th century it was church reformers such as Luther, Zwingli and Calvin, who challenged and fought against the feudal errors and doctrinal perversion of a church suffering from the political and moral corruption of a failed marriage between church and state.

Well where best to challenge the establishment, protest the government, chant choruses of rebellion, and rally passionate young independent thinkers then the college campus (I'm sure students were more easily rallied during midterms). And so this reform movement would be mounted and mobilized from the universities of Wittenberg, Geneva, Zurich, and Toulouse (among others), the leaders of the Protest (Protestant) being the professors, clerics and students of the universities.

Fittingly, the warning shot of war, fired across the bow of the Roman juggernaut, was a list of 95 thesis (read grievances) against the church, posted on the oak door of the castle church in Wittenburg. And it was posted here because its author, Martin Luther, was the professor of theology at the University of Wittenburg. What would engulf Europe for the next century and forever change history, began here on the college campus.

THE PURITANS

The second historical impulse of modern Christendom is yet another reform movement, this one flowing from malcontent with the institutional Church of England. The architect of Anglican Church was King Henry the Eighth, who constructed it in order to house his seven wives, which the Roman church would not have tolerated. The Puritans of the early 17th century were a spiritual reform movement within the Church of England, and I'm guessing you already know, headed to the New World to locate freedom of worship, as that freedom could only be celebrated in the dungeons of England. Upon colonizing America, the Puritans would proliferate their teaching and religious zeal as well as train their godly leaders through the establishment of colleges such as Yale, Harvard and Dartmouth.

It's rather instructive to read the first mission statements of these institutions. Founded in 1636, Harvard's original stated purpose for its students was: "To be plainly instructed and consider well that the main end of your life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ...." One requirement of students was that "Everyone shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be able to give an account of his proficiency therein."

One of Yale's requirements for its students read as follows: "Seeing that God is the giver of all wisdom, every student, besides his private and secret prayer, will be present morning and evening for public prayer." And, perhaps most comical of all, is Princeton's founding statement: "Cursed is all learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ."

Over the centuries, even long past the apparent expiration date on their stated charters, thousands of young pastors and missionaries would walk out the doors of these institutions with a diploma to preach the gospel and fulfill the Great Commission.†

Order of Service

Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 10:40am

THEME: "Worship King Jesus"

1. WELCOME @ 10: 40 AM
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS incl. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Bro. Mark Murray
3. MEDITATION, OPENING PRAYER OF ADORATION & MEDITATION: Bro. Mark Murray
4. CONGREGATION HYMN 800: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Key: Bb)
5. CONGREGATION HYMN 525: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (Key: Ab)
6. OT SCRIPTURAL VERSE (Leviticus 17: 1-16)
7. NT SCRIPTURAL VERSE (Acts 4: 1-12)
8. PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON: Bro. Christopher Boyce
9. CONGREGATION HYMN 10: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Key: Ab)
10. OFFERTORY PRAYER: Sis Delores Corbin
11. OFFERTORY HYMN 476: Is Your All on the Altar (Key: Eb)
12. INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Bro Carl Ward
13. CONGREGATION HYMN 169: Power in the Blood (Key: Bb)
14. SERMON: Pastor Steven Skeete
15. COMMUNION HYMN: We Receive (Key: D)
16. DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS
Pastor Steve Skeete, Deacon Nicholas Williams & Deacon Steve Brewster to pray
17. CONGREGATION HYMN: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death (Key: F)
18. BENEDICTION

ITEMS FOR PRAYER



- For our Missions Team in Grenada
- For upcoming Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- For our youth back from IBYC
- For the Grazettes church as they heal and mourn.
- For Chirlene Black's home restoration
- For comfort to those who are grieving.
- For the persecuted church.
- The proposed building project.
- Pray for the ministry and wellbeing of our Pastor and family.
- For healing for our sick members and grace for our shut-in members.
- For the Berean Churches, Grazettes, Dominica, Grenada and DR Congo.
- For unemployed members to find meaningful employment.
- For the peace of Jerusalem. Psalm 122:6-8

August Birthdays

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| 1st - Louise Moore | 14th - Steve Brewster | 24th - Monica Crawford |
| 3rd - Deirdre Boyce | - Esther Lord-Graham | - Orin Paul |
| - Audrey Lloyd | 18th - Jean Slocombe | 27th - Tyrone Lowe |
| 4th - Melissa Lucas | - Patricia Gaskin | 28th - Denis Maynard |
| 11th - Bernadette Holder | 21st - Celeste Porte | 30th - Cynthia Lindsay |
| 12th - Mitchell Sinckler | 23rd - Nicholas Williams | |

Anniversaries

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| 2nd - Truneal & Mikhail Kwang | 26th - Jamar & Leneisha Watts |
| - Owen & Jenny Thompson | 27th - Richard & Brigitte James |
| - Lorna & George Ward | Pearlita & Dacre Franklin |
| 11th - Stephen & Betty Mendes | |