

## Worship as a family

**Mother's Room:** Care for your baby and still connect to the gathering via livestream – follow signs north of auditorium.

**Children (infant-grade 6):** Kids Connect is available at 9:15 and 11 a.m. – check-in inside east doors or upstairs from foyer. Kids also welcome in large gatherings.

**Students (grades 6-12):** Sola gathers on Wednesdays – this week we'll be at the City Wide youth event at the D&N Event Center, 6-9 p.m.

## Worship through prayer

**Saturday evening:** Not meeting this week; join in on our Good Friday prayer/fasting!

**24-7 prayer room:** *Now available!* Stop by the Caring Center (8th & Jeffers) anytime to engage the prayer stations there. Entry code is 0633 (north entrance).

**This week:** Pray for good connections with others and with the Lord at the City Wide youth event Wednesday. Ask God to move powerfully as we pray/fast on Good Friday & celebrate on Easter.

## Worship in song

- *King of My Heart* – Bethel Music
- *Gratitude* – Passion
- *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* – Austin Stone Worship
- *Yet Not I but through Christ in Me* – CityAlight

## Worship by giving

**Sunday:** Use wooden boxes by auditorium doors.

**Online:** [npberean.org/give](http://npberean.org/give)

**Text:** Text any amount to 84321.

**Mail:** 202 W. 8th St., North Platte, NE 69101

## The Latest

**Take A Step – Mon. 3/25, 5:45-7:45 p.m., 252**

**Room:** It's not too late to join us! This is a chance to dive a little deeper into the heart of what happens at Berean. Supper and childcare provided. RSVP at [npberean.org/TaS](http://npberean.org/TaS). Questions? Contact Andrew Walker ([npberean.org/email-us](mailto:npberean.org/email-us)).

**Oaxacan (waa·haa·kuhn) cooking demo with missionaries, the Lopezes – Tue. 3/26, 5-8 p.m., 252 Room:** Come enjoy Oaxacan food (5-6:30 p.m.), then hear about the ministry of David and Karina Lopez in Oaxaca, Mexico, so you know how to pray for them. Visit [npberean.org/missions](http://npberean.org/missions) for more info.

**Good Friday 24 Hours of Prayer and Fasting – Fri. 3/29, 12 p.m.-Sat. 3/30, 12 p.m., NP Berean:** The church building will be open from noon on Friday to noon on Saturday for a self-directed time of reflection on Christ's sacrifice that brought redemption, the forgiveness of sins! This is an opportunity for NP Berean to spend one hour (or more!) in devoted prayer here at the building as we together engage in 24 hours of continuous prayer and fasting leading up to Easter.

**Easter gatherings – Sun. 3/31, 8, 9:30, or 11 a.m., or video watch party 6 p.m.:** How can we confidently live with no fear? Join in on Easter to see how Jesus makes it possible! Help us celebrate by bringing a dozen cinnamon rolls to share...or just come ready to enjoy some! Full details at [npberean.org/easter](http://npberean.org/easter).

**Baptism – Sun. 3/31, 9:30 & 11 a.m. gatherings:** Baptism is a public witness of an internal reality, that the person has passed from death to life by trusting Jesus for salvation. Next Sunday we will baptize Marcie Morrell, Tylan Silos, Jaylen Schledewitz, Corey Miller, Shawn Morrison, and Samantha Abbott.

## Office info

**Hours this week:** Mon.-Thu. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed Tue. 1:30-2:30 p.m. for staff meeting)

**Contact us:** [npberean@npberean.org](mailto:npberean@npberean.org), 308-532-7448, [npberean.org](http://npberean.org)



# BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

3.24.24

## Welcome!

We'd love to connect and be a spiritual resource for you! Please fill out a ConnectCard (in seat pocket or [npberean.org/cc](http://npberean.org/cc)) – if you're new, bring it to the information center for a welcome gift.

## New here?

**Sunday large gatherings:** 8, 9:15, & 11 a.m.; 6 p.m.; [npberean.org/live](http://npberean.org/live)

**Bibles:** Available at information center.

**Sound levels:** Assisted listening devices and earplugs available at tech booth in auditorium.

## Go paperless

**Interactive bulletin:** [npberean.org/sunday](http://npberean.org/sunday)

**PDF:** [npberean.org/sundayprint](http://npberean.org/sundayprint)

## Romans 3:27-4:25 ESV

...<sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ...

...<sup>4,2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness...

<sup>9</sup> Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. <sup>10</sup> How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. <sup>11</sup> He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, <sup>12</sup> and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all... <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

## Believe & Receive – Not Achieve

Gospel Foundations • John Stone

We \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 3:27-31, Matt. 5:17)

We don't \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 4:1-12; Gen. 12:1-3, 15:1-6, 17:1-2, 17:10; Ps. 32:1-2)

We must \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 4:13-25)

## Beyond Sunday

*Growing with Jesus isn't just for Sundays. Make it an everyday, everywhere, with everyone mission by going "beyond Sunday"!*

**Note:** We're evaluating whether or not to continue including this new Beyond Sunday section in the bulletin. If you've found it useful and would like us to keep it (and/or if you have ideas to make it better), please let us know at [npberean.org/yes](http://npberean.org/yes).

Engage in these resources on your own and with your Grow Group\*:

### Think it out

- How could you share the joy of being justified with someone who has never encountered Jesus?
- For more on the life of Abraham from Genesis, check out this video: [npberean.org/beyond13](http://npberean.org/beyond13)

### Talk it out

- What are some ways we try to achieve righteousness instead of receiving it by faith?
- Why do we often put our faith in something other than God? What is the outcome of misplaced faith?

### Live it out

- Romans 4:7-8 is a quote from Psalm 32. Read this psalm aloud, personalizing it to your life.
- Who in your life struggles to have faith? Use truths from this message to encourage them this week.

\* *Connecting in community with other believers is crucial for spiritual growth. Explore group options at [npberean.org/gg](http://npberean.org/gg) or contact Andrew ([andrewwalker@npberean.org](mailto:andrewwalker@npberean.org), 308-532-7448).*

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**Next week's sermon:** Matthew 28:1-20