

## Songs

It Is Well with My Soul – Austin Stone  
Give Me Faith – Elevation Music  
Do It Again – Elevation Music  
So Good to Me – Cory Asbury  
Your Love Never Fails – Jesus Culture

## Giving

**On 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



# BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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## Coming up

- **Take a Step – Mon. 5/3, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 252 room:** Ready to get off the sidelines and step into a deeper connection with Jesus and others at Berean? Whether you're new to church or have been attending for years, engaging on a deeper level will help you grow spiritually and connect personally with others who help make Berean a vibrant and welcoming place to be. Join us for a lively look at ways you can grow, share, and connect here. Supper and childcare are provided. Please RSVP so we can be prepared - write "Take a Step" on a Connect Card or RSVP online at [tinyurl.com/TASstep](http://tinyurl.com/TASstep).

## Welcome!

We'd love to connect and be a spiritual resource for you – please fill out a ConnectCard at [npberean.org/cc](http://npberean.org/cc) (or paper copy in seat pocket).

Visit [npberean.org/sunday](http://npberean.org/sunday) or see below for a few key details to help make the most of our gathering.

## New here?

- **Sunday large gatherings:** 8, 9:15, & 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; livestream 9:15 a.m. at [facebook.com/npberean](https://facebook.com/npberean) or anytime at [npberean.org/live](http://npberean.org/live).
- **Need a Bible?** Free Bibles at information center in Commons.
- **Sound levels:** Assisted listening devices and earplugs available at sound booth in back of auditorium.
- **Office hours:** Mon.-Thu. 9-4 (closed Tue. 1:30-2:30 for staff meeting).
- **Find out more:** Text npconnect to 97000, visit [npberean.org](http://npberean.org), email [npberean@npberean.org](mailto:npberean@npberean.org), or call 308-532-7448.

## For families

- **Mother's Room:** A private place to care for your baby and still connect to the gathering via livestream – follow signs north of auditorium.
- **Kids Connect (infant-grade 5):** Available at 9:15 and 11 a.m. – check-in east of Commons or upstairs from foyer. Kids also welcome in large gatherings. At-home resources: [npberean.org/kids-connect-at-home](http://npberean.org/kids-connect-at-home).
- **Sola (grades 6-12):** Meet at Garage Café (across Vine St.) – main gatherings Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.; middle school also meets Sundays at 11 a.m. in the Upper Rooms.

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**Sermon text next Sunday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

# 1 THESSALONIANS 2:17-3:13 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, <sup>18</sup> because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. <sup>19</sup> For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, <sup>2</sup> and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, <sup>3</sup> that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. <sup>4</sup> For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. <sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

<sup>6</sup> But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—<sup>7</sup> for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. <sup>8</sup> For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## Can suffering be good?

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The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 17:5-10  
1 Thess. 2:17-20  
1Thess. 3:1-5  
John 15:20  
John 16:33  
Matt. 13:20-21

The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thess. 3:6-10  
2 Cor. 1:3-4  
1 Thess. 2:19-20  
3 John 4

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1 Thess. 3:11-13  
Gal. 6:2  
Phil. 1:9-11  
Jude 24-25

### Talk it over

Keep growing in your relationship with Jesus through the Word, prayer, and community!

- Reach out to a few people you already know – friends, coworkers, etc. – and find a time when you can connect each week. (Note: due to the pandemic, we're recommending groups of 4-7.)
- Not sure how to start the conversation? Head to [npberean.org/grow](http://npberean.org/grow) for a few simple ideas you can use to get started today!