

## New here?

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

**Bibles:** available at information center

**Sound levels:** assisted listening devices and earplugs available at sound booth

**Office hours:** 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)

## 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 6):** Available at 9:15 and 11 a.m. – check-in east of Commons or upstairs from foyer. Kids also welcome in large gatherings. (See *Coming up* on back of bulletin for holiday schedule.)

**Sola (grades 6-12):** Normally meets Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. (See *Coming up* on back of bulletin for holiday schedule.)

## Today's songs

- *Raise a Hallelujah* – Bethel Music
- *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* – Shane & Shane
- *Light of the World* – Lauren Daigle
- *Is He Worthy* – Shane & Shane
- *When Hope Came Down* – Kari Jobe

## 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

## Coming up

**Blue Christmas: A Gathering of Hope – Wed. 12/21, 7-8 p.m., Auditorium**

Christmas can be a complicated season as we try to make room for both joy and grief in our hearts. If you or someone you know is feeling particularly “blue” this year, we invite you to join us for our Blue Christmas gathering on the longest, darkest night of the year – Wednesday, December 21. We'll spend some time acknowledging the losses and sadness we've felt this year and also be reminded of the hope we can have because of Jesus, the Light of the World who shines into our darkness. If you need more information or would like to help serve that night, contact Jessica Stone (308-660-3818).

### Holiday schedule

We're making a few changes to our usual schedule over the holidays for special events and to give time for our church family, volunteers, and staff to rest and connect with their families:

- **Special events:** Blue Christmas gathering Wed. 12/21, 7-8 p.m.; Christmas Eve gatherings Sat. 12/24 at 3, 4:30, and 6 p.m.
- **Sunday gatherings:** No large gatherings on Christmas, Sun. 12/25; no 8 a.m. gathering on New Year's Day, Sun. 1/1
- **Sola (grades 6-12):** Not meeting Wed. 12/21 or 12/28
- **Kids Connect (infant-grade 6):** Not meeting Sun. 1/1
- **Office:** Closed Mon. 12/26, Mon. 1/2, and Tue. 1/3



# BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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## 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 your ConnectCard to the information center for a welcome gift.

## Go paperless

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

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

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**Next week's sermon:** Josh. 4:19-24,  
Ps. 105:1-4, Luke 18:1-8

# Philippians 1:12-30 ESV

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup> engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

# Watching & Waiting Pt. 2

Waiting Well • John Stone

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 Christ (Phil. 1:12-18a; Acts 22:25ff, 16:23-25)

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 (Phil. 1:18b-20, Rom. 8:18, Rev. 21:5)

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 (Phil. 1:27-30)

# Talk it over

*Note: Grow Groups resume the week of 1/15, so now is a great time to find a group or start one! Visit [npberean.org/grow-groups](http://npberean.org/grow-groups) to find out more/get more resources.*

**During the holidays, we're encouraging Grow Groups to take a break from meeting regularly. Throughout this time, consider using the "Swedish Method" as a helpful way to further engage the key passage from the sermon:**

- 💡 What did you notice from the passage? What stood out to you while reading or listening to it?
- ? What questions do you have from the passage? Was there anything you did not understand? Was there something you would like to ask the writer or the Lord from the passage?
- Where can we take what was said and apply it to our life?