

Berea Christian Church

August 17, 2025– 11:00 am

Robert L. Stovall, Pastor

WORSHIP THE TRIUNE GOD

The worship of the Triune God under the New Covenant is characterized by simplicity. In marked contrast to the complex and multi-layered worship of the Old Covenant – with its richly-robed legacy priesthood, its elaborately beautiful tabernacle and then temple, the sights and smells of its sacrificial system, and its yearly feasts, fasts, festivals, and sabbaths – New Covenant worship is centered around the primary means of grace which Christ set within His Church: prayer and praise, along with the reading and preaching of the Word. Its simplicity, however, does not make this worship easy; our obligations as kings and priests to our God (Exodus 19:6) require us to arrive prepared each Lord’s Day if we are to properly present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1, HCSB). In the quiet of the moments preceding the start of this morning’s service, seek that final preparation that will allow you to profit more fully from that worship of our God which is offered “in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

Lord’s Day Morning Worship

GUEST SPEAKER TODAY:

Mr. John Vanty is a colleague and longtime friend of Pastor Stovall. Please welcome him.

Prelude		Organist
Greetings	Welcome & Exhortation	Mr. John Vanty
Call To Worship	Psalm 34: 1-3 (pg. 871)	John Vanty

HYMN # 21 The Church of Christ
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Confession of Sin The Church of Christ
Pastor: Holy Lord, we have sinned and fallen short; pride and unbelief have taken root in us.

People: Forgive us and make us new. Lead us back to Your Word and Your ways.

Pastor: Our sins accuse us, but Jesus has carried them all; the cross has silenced every charge.

People: We rest in His finished work. We rejoice in His victory.

Pastor: Break the chains of our old desires. Rule over us in freedom and power.

People: Shape our hearts to follow You. Let our lives shine with Your glory.

Pastor: Faithful God, keep us upright in Your sight – until we delight fully in You forever.

People: We bless Your holy Name. We give You all the praise. Amen.

The Word of Pardon:	John Vanty
Psalm 34: 4-8; 18 (pg. 871)	

Response of Praise The Gloria Patri (MEINEKE) The Church of Christ
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end – Amen, Amen.

Scripture Reading:	Psalm 37: 1-11 (pg. 874)	John Vanty
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Response to the Word:
Pastor: The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.
People: As the waters cover the sea!

HYMN # 433 The Church of Christ
“Rise Up, O Church of God” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Prayers of Adoration & Intercession Leading in Prayer John Vanty

Scripture Reading:	Matthew 5: 1-12 (pg. 1501)	John Vanty
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Response to the Word:
Pastor: This is the word of the Lord,
People: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word “Don’t Forget Your Roots” John Vanty

HYMN # 488 “Just as I Am” (vs. 1, 2, 4) The Church of Christ

Benediction Pronouncing the Benediction John Vanty

Benedictory Response # 426 The Church of Christ
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (vs. 1)

Postlude Organist

SERVICE NOTES:

* Offerings/Tithes box is at the **BACK** of the sanctuary.

*Scripture page numbers are in the NIV Pew Bibles.

BEREA’S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

JULY 23 – AUGUST 27 RESTART WED., SEPTEMBER 3

BEREA’S MONTHLY CALENDAR

Aug 17 GUEST SPEAKER: John Vanty (Pastor out of town)

Aug 18 Suffolk Exchange Club meeting 6:30 pm

Aug 23 LUNA’S 3RD BIRTHDAY



August 23, 2025

Congratulations

Keep them all in prayer.

Son: Beck William Robinson

Born: 8/8/2025 8.9 oz. and 21” long

Parents: Alex & Emily (Collins) Robinson

Grandparents: Deena & Bryan Collins

Great Grandparents: Willie & Ginger Collins



PRAYER LIST

Lord hear our prayers for those who are sick, healing, or grieving, our Pastor, caretakers, military, educators, leaders, first responders, unspoken requests, and Lord especially those who are still unsaved.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- EULA & JERRY RUSS

BETTY BARNES
- CHELSEA HUGHES, Rylea & Jamie
- SUSAN OUTLAW

PATTY OUTLAW
- RUSSELL COLLINS

GREY GLOVER
- FAY HOLLAND (Ginger Collins sister)

WILMA JACK
- EMMA HARDEN knee surgery

PHYLLIS UMBERGER
- WILLIE COLLINS

KAREN COSTELLO
- HILDA MANSFIELD

STEVE CARLETTI shoulder pain again
- MRS. ARTEAGA (Erica Stovall’s Mom) dementia
- LINDA BADOIAN (Pete Badoian's mom lives in Maine) being treated for a tick-borne disease

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT AT THEIR HOME

- HAZEL BRUSSO Room #233 at Maimonides Health Center on 6401 Auburn Drive, Virginia Beach 23464 757-538-1293

LINDA KNIGHT at Bickford of Suffolk – 6860 Harbour Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23435

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

- NAVY – FC1 Brendan Sommerfeldt

Mati (wife), Willow (daughter) and Jackson (son) Sommerfeldt
- NAVY - Joshua Nathaniel Jack

waiting on assignment E2 – Cryptologic Technician

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY
Please check expiration dates.

- SOUPS (pop tops, if possible)
- CANNED MEATS (with pop tops, if possible)



MERCY

J E X L M E E L S K E R O N K J O
Q R F T U K H S Z F W X D E M S Y
V Z J R C L E U E Z F Q X G Z H P
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- FORGIVENESS

KINDNESS

MERCIFUL
- PATIENCE

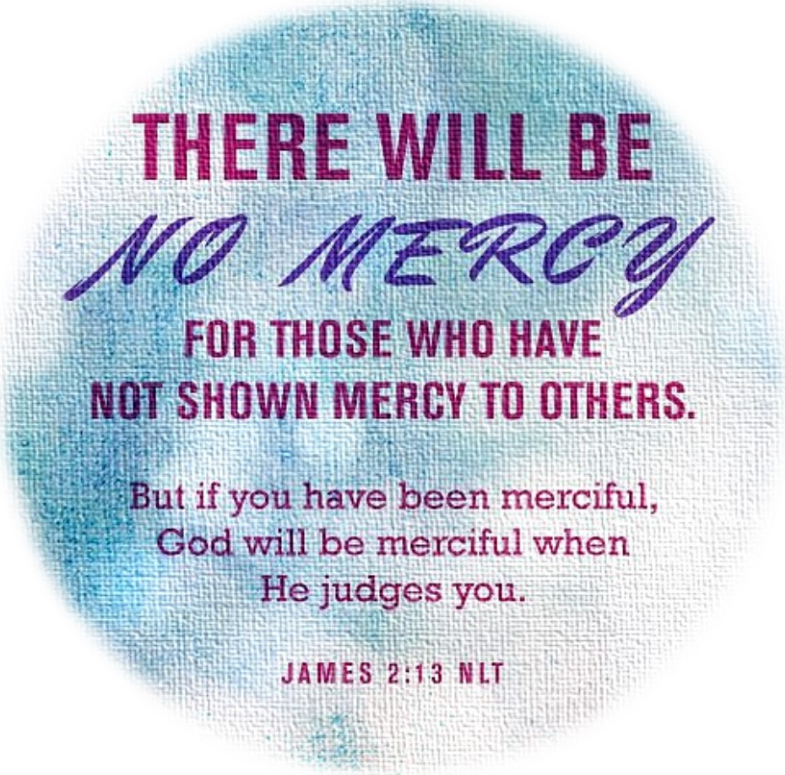
MINDFUL

MERCY
- PEACE

HELP

JUST
- LOVE

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School is starting soon ...
remember to show MERCY to those who are not, it will be noted in your final judgement.



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