

Berea Christian Church

August 16, 2026– 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).

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 96: 9-10 (pg. 934)	Mr. John Vanty
HYMN # 11		The Church of Christ
	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	

Confession of Sin The Church of Christ

Leader: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

People: Holy God, we confess that we have not feared You as we ought. We have often feared the judgment of others more than Your judgment, sought the approval of the world more than Your pleasure, and trusted our own wisdom rather than walking in Your ways.

Leader: Your Word calls us, beloved, to cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

People: Yet we confess that we have tolerated what You call us to forsake. We have sinned in body and in spirit, in things done and things left undone, in words spoken and thoughts concealed.

Forgive us for making peace with sins from which Christ died to deliver us.

Leader: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive what is due for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we seek to persuade others.

People: Merciful Father, teach us to live beneath the searching light of that coming Day. Deliver us from careless Christianity, from secret compromise, and from the presumption that our lives are our own.

Leader: Let the fear of the Lord lead us not away from Christ, but unto Christ—our righteousness, our Advocate, and our only hope before the judgment seat.

People: We come confessing our sins and trusting not in ourselves, but in Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Cleanse us from every defilement, renew a right spirit within us, and teach us to walk in holy fear.

Leader: May the wisdom that begins in the fear of the Lord bear fruit in lives consecrated to Him.

All: Lord, make us holy in body and spirit. Make us faithful in the secret place and in the sight of others. And knowing that we shall stand before Christ, teach us to live this day for Christ—reverently, gratefully, and without reserve. Amen.

The Word of Pardon: Isaiah 33: 22 (pg. 1109) Mr. John Vanty

Response of Praise: Doxology (Old 100th) The Church of Christ

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow;
Praise Him all Creatures Here Below;
Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 111: 10 (pg. 952) Mr. John Vanty

Response to the Word:

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,
People: But the word of our God stands forever.

HYMN # 342 “Rock of Ages” The Church of Christ

Prayers of Adoration & Intercession Mr. John Vanty

Leading in Prayer

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 7: 1 (pg. 1800) Mr. John Vanty

Response to the Word:

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord,
People: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word “Practicing Fear” Mr. John Vanty

2 Corinthians 5: 10-11 (pg. 1799)

HYMN # 526 “The Solid Rock” The Church of Christ

Benediction Pronouncing the Benediction Mr. John Vanty

Benedictory Response # 598 The Church of Christ

“Wherever He Leads, I’ll Go” (Chorus Only)

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

Any changes are shown below in Monthly Calendar

Sunday

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

Wednesday

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study

BEREA'S MONTHLY CALENDAR

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY IN AUGUST

We will return Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

Aug 17 Exchange Club meeting 6:30 pm
Aug 20 Exchange Club – OUTBACK STEAK DINNER 6-7:30
Fellowship hall is reserved all day
Aug 23 Luna's 4th Birthday
Sept 6 COMMUNION and Labor Day Weekend

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. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

BETTY BARNES	RUSSELL COLLINS
EULA & JERRY RUSS	WILMA JACK travel & sight
ANNE COSTELLO	JOYCE (Nellie's mother's sister)
MARY JEAN (John Burton's sister)	JOHN BURTON
WAYNE & ETHEL JENKINS cancer	HEATHER C. HORRELL
DARBY BADOIAN	CATHY NELMS respiratory
BECKY STOVALL injury recovery	JANE DAILEY
JIM WATERS recovering from tick bite	BRENDA DUKE
MATTIE SOMMERFELDT	CATHY HUBAND
CAROLYN at the Salvation Army, cancer	MARY BEA WOOD
MARTHA WILLIS	CATHY HURBERT (Helen's sister)
PATTY OUTLAW & DAVID EWELL	KAREN COSTELLO
VICKIE (Ginger Collins niece) passed	ROBERT (Susan's friend) heart

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT AT THEIR HOME

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

HILDA MANSFIELD – Apt. #242
Lake Prince Woods - 100 Anna Goode Way, Suffolk, VA 23434

PRAYERS OF STRENGTH AND PEACE FOR OUR MILITARY AND THE WORLD



NAVY – FC1 Brendan Sommerfeldt
Mati (wife), Willow (daughter) and Jackson (son) Sommerfeldt

NAVY - Joshua Nathaniel Jack
E2 – Cryptologic Technician Assignment

Did you put that bag of
cookies in the food box?

Yes Dear, all but one!



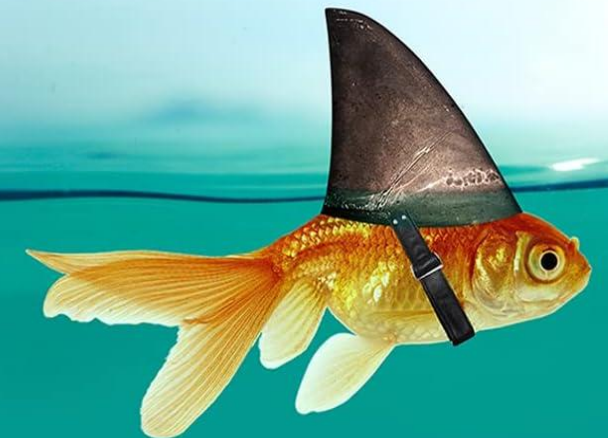
**People are in desperate need of food now and
our brothers & sisters in Christ can help others
with just one can or box of something to eat!**

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MINDSET IS EVERYTHING



When you want to give up, think it's too hard,
or ready to quit **Do not fear, put on the
armor of the Lord and keep on
swimming, swimming, swimming!!!!**

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