

What Will We Be Doing in the Millennium?

When Jesus Christ returns to earth at the Second Coming, He will bring His saints with Him (Jude 14; Revelation 19:14). After He defeats the armies of the Antichrist at Armageddon, and judges the nations, He will establish His Kingdom on earth. His saints will rule with Him.

While we will certainly worship Jesus and serve Him during the Millennium, the function that Scripture emphasizes is ruling and reigning with Christ. The Bible says that all believers from every age will reign with Christ for those thousand years. Consider what these passages say about what you will be doing in the kingdom:

- “But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever ... until the Ancient One—the Most High—came and judged in favor of his holy people. Then the time arrived for the holy people to take over the kingdom ... Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him.” Daniel 7:18, 22, 27

- “Don’t you realize that someday we believers will judge the world? And since you are going to judge the world, can’t you decide even these little things among yourselves? Don’t you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life.” 1 Corinthians 6:2–3

- “To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, to them I will give authority over all the nations. They will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots. They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star!” Revelation 2:26–28

- “Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years ... Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.” Revelation 20:4, 6

What an exciting prospect! We will rule the nations with Christ for a thousand years on earth. We will even judge the angels. During this present age, we are being tested by God to determine our future position of authority and responsibility in the Kingdom. According to Luke 19:11–26, we will be given rulership in the Kingdom based on what we did with the treasures and talents God entrusted to us in this life. Some will be governors over ten cities; some will rule over five cities. We will all reign, but the extent and responsibility of that reign is being determined right now in your life and mine. As I once heard a preacher say, “This life is training time for reigning time.”

You think about that now. Amen.

Pastor Rick

Sunday Schedule at BPEFC

9:00 AM

Worship Service	Sanctuary
Nursery (Birth to two years)	Room 100
Chicks (Birth date in 2007)	102
Lambs (Birth date in 2006)	103
Giraffes (Birth date in 2005)	104
5’s and K (Birth date in 2003 & 2004)	105

Adult Bible Fellowships

Young Marrieds (and Committed Couples)	112/113
Mosaic (Multi-generational, singles/marrieds)	108/109

10:30 AM

Worship Service	Sanctuary
Nursery (Birth to two years)	Room 100
Chicks (Birth date in 2007)	102
Lambs (Birth date in 2006)	103
Giraffes (Birth date in 2005)	104
5’s and K (Birth date in 2003 & 2004)	106
K.Z. & Company (Grades 1–6)	Fellowship Hall
Youth Worship Service (Grades 7–12)	Youth Room

Adult Bible Fellowships

Salt (Elem. & Youth Parents)	108/109
In-Betweeners (Singles/Marrieds, 50+)	112/113
Prime Timers (Senior Adults)	114

BPEFC Pastoral Staff

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Welcome to Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church!

We're so glad you have joined us today. Our goal is to help you connect with God in worship and connect with others in meaningful relationships. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Worship Services Offered:

- 9:00 AM:** Traditions
- 10:30 AM:** Multi-cultural
- 10:30 AM:** Youth Worship Service (Grades 7–12)

Guests . . . after the service, you are invited to the Guest Reception Area (in the West Foyer) to meet with staff and learn more about our church.

December 27, 2009—All-Church News

- New Small Groups Forming:** Beginning the week of January 3, join a six-week study on *Prayer: Does It Make a Difference?* Sign up in the Foyer today.
- Band of Brothers Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, January 9, 8:00–9:30 AM. Guys, gear up for awesome food, special drawings, info about upcoming guys' studies and more. Sign up at the Adult Ministries Kiosk in the Foyer.
- Leadership Community Meeting:** Sunday, January 10, 5:00–7:00 PM. Ministry leaders, you should have received a postcard/e-mail about the chili dinner and meeting. RSVP to Carol by January 6: ccarlson@bpefc.org.
- Next Step Class:** Wednesday, January 20, 6:00–9:00 PM. Learn more about our church and membership. If you plan on attending, fill out the Bulletin tear-off or sign up at the Information Desk.
- Second Harvest Food Distribution:** Friday, January 22, 6:00–8:00 PM. **Volunteers are needed in the afternoon and evening.** To sign up, go to the church's web site: www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/2harvest. First-time volunteers: please contact Dean at 612-386-8395 or derwerf@comcast.net.
- Community Waffle Breakfast:** Saturday, January 30, 8:00 AM–Noon. Get ready for a delicious all-you-can-eat Belgian waffle and sausage breakfast. Cost: \$4.00 or SPECIAL ADVANCE DEAL: 10 tickets for \$20. Tickets go on sale next Sunday, January 3.
- Celebration Jam Concert Event:** Saturday, January 30. Mark your calendar! Enjoy a FREE dinner at 5:30 PM and FREE concert at 7:00 PM. Don't miss a great event for your friends and family! More details to come.
- New Member:** The Elder Board would like to present Ben Shannon to the Congregation for consideration as a new member of BPEFC. Comments can be directed to Elder Chairman, Tom Jenson.
- Important Note:** To respect our worship time together on Sundays, please turn off all electronic equipment (cell phones, pagers, etc.). Thank you!

For more information on other church news, see *News & Notes*.

Jesus: The Righteous King

Revelation 20:1–15

Our final message in *The Jesus Chronicles: Rediscovering the Christ of Christmas* focuses on an era in history called “*The Millennium*” by Biblical scholars. We have scanned the Biblical story of Christ, from His eternal existence as part of the Godhead (John 1:1–3), to His stepping down into our world as a baby (John 1:14–17), to seeing Him today as our majestic glorified High Priest, Sovereign Lord and loving Friend. Today we will learn of His future role as King and Ruler over this world for 1,000 years. As today's political leaders scramble to find answers for the economy, world peace, environmental disasters and our growing social ills, the Bible gives the followers of Jesus a clear picture of His coming rule on this chaotic planet, bringing real and lasting answers to the world's pain and problems. Jesus' first coming was quiet and discreet, but His coming habitation on the earth at His second coming will be totally different. Let's learn more how this One we celebrate at Christmas as the Prince of Peace will truly bring 1,000 years of earthly peace!

- The Millennium involves the reclaiming of the earth from the devil and his demons. (Revelation 20:1–3)**
 - Millennium* = “a thousand years”
 - Premillennialism vs. Amillennialism (Literal vs. non-literal interpretation)
 - Isn't Satan already “bound”?
 - The differences between the binding of Satan today and the binding during the Millennium
- The Millennium is for a literal thousand years. (Revelation 20:2–3)**
 - “*Chronos*” in verse 3 means “*time*.”
 - Six times “a thousand years” appears in Revelation 20.
 - There are many references in Old Testament of an earthly kingdom of Christ: Isaiah 11:6–16; 60:1–3, 20–22; 65:17–22; 66:25.
- The Millennium is inhabited by believers only. (Revelation 20:4–6)**
 - Those who are part of the “*First Resurrection*” (v 6)
 - Those believers (Jew or Gentile) who have survived the tribulation
 - The unbelieving dead will not be resurrected until the Great White Throne Judgment. (Revelation 20:11–15)
 - Understanding the “*First Resurrection*” (1 Corinthians 15:20–23, John 5:29)
- The Millennium will be a time of dramatic changes in the world.**
 - No more temptation
 - No more war (Isaiah 2:4)
 - Continuous joy (Zechariah 10:6–7)
 - Perfect environment
 - Perfect Judge and Ruler of all nations
 - Righteousness dominates society
 - No disease and sickness (Isaiah 65:20)
 - Harmony in the animal kingdom (Isaiah 65:25; 11:6–9)
 - Worship in Jerusalem, and Christ is on His throne (Isaiah 2:3; Daniel 7:27)
- The Millennium will end with one final cosmic conflict. (Revelation 20:7–10)**
 - Why release Satan? To demonstrate that even under the righteous and perfect rule of Christ, humanity is by nature evil and rebellious and needs God's grace and redeeming power.
- The Great White Throne Judgment brings an end to this world as we know it, and brings in the New Heaven and New Earth. (Revelation 20:11–15)**

CONCLUSION: Our Response

- Is your name written in the Book of Life? — **Believe in Jesus**
- Christ's first visit to earth was as a suffering servant, but His second visit will be as the King of Kings and Ruler of all the earth. — **Submit to Jesus**
- How we live our lives today for the King of Kings will have a direct bearing on our involvement in the millennium. — **Live for Jesus**

Weekly Calendar

(For more details, visit www.BrooklynParkChurch.org.)

Sunday, December 27

Monday, December 28

Tuesday, December 29

5:45–7:00 AM Intercessors' Prayer Time
5:15 PM Prayer Gathering/W. Foyer/Join us!
6:00 PM Support Group Meal and Worship
7:00 PM Support Group Meetings

Wednesday, December 30

5:45–7:00 AM Intercessors' Prayer Time

Thursday, December 31

Office Open 'Til Noon

Friday, January 1

**Happy New Year!
Office Closed**
9:00 PM Youth Lock-In

Saturday, January 2

Stewardship Matters

2009–2010 Annual Budget:	1,493,000
Budget needed fiscal year-to-date:	717,800
Giving/Revenue year-to-date:	636,116
Difference in budget needed and giving YTD:	(81,684)
Weekly budget needed:	28,712
Amount received December 20:	32,029
4 Our Future (Capital Campaign) Commitments:	1,100,000
4 Our Future Giving:	450,576

Next Step Class

You are invited to attend the *Next Step Class* on Wednesday, January 20, from 6:00–9:00 PM, to explore ministry and membership at BPEFC. We highlight our Core Values, Beliefs, Missions, Local Ministries, Steps to Membership, and create a Personal Ministry Profile based on your personality, possessions (gifts and abilities) and passion (to help you select a place of service). After attending the class, you have the opportunity to join the church.

Yes! I'm/We're interested in attending the class on January 20.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(Place form in the Offering or turn in at the Information Desk.)