

NEWSLETTER

BEARDEN LEARNING CENTER



A New Harvest

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." --Matthew 9:36-38

The same words Jesus spoke to his disciples 2,000 years ago are resonating in our community. Public school students are harassed by a culture which screams lies that attack their identity, value and purpose. We've been praying for the opportunity to spread the truth of Jesus across Knoxville and beyond.

After months of planning, praying, and preparation, we are thrilled to officially introduce the Bearden Learning Center (BLC)!

Beginning this fall, students from Bearden High School will have the opportunity to leave campus during the school day to study God's Word through our Released Time Bible Education program and earn elective credit. We've seen God's faithfulness in the growth of the Anchor Learning Center and we're excited to see this begin to spread. This is an incredible privilege made possible through the partnership of faithful churches, generous supporters, committed volunteers, and Knox County Schools.

Our mission is simple:

To help students know God's Word, grow in their faith, and become lifelong disciples.

Meet the Staff

Tyler Lane--Teacher/Director



Tyler will teach Bible courses while also providing leadership for curriculum development, strategic planning, church partnerships, and expanding Released Time Bible Education opportunities throughout Knox County.

Abby Matthews--Teacher



Abby will serve as both a teacher and ministry assistant during the Fall Semester before transitioning into a full-time teaching role in the Spring Semester. Her passion for students, biblical teaching, and discipleship will be an incredible blessing to our program.

Thank you to our host church!!

We are incredibly thankful for our partnership with Gallaher Memorial Baptist Church.

The church has graciously opened its doors by providing classroom space in its fellowship hall, creating a welcoming environment where students can learn, ask questions, and grow in their faith.



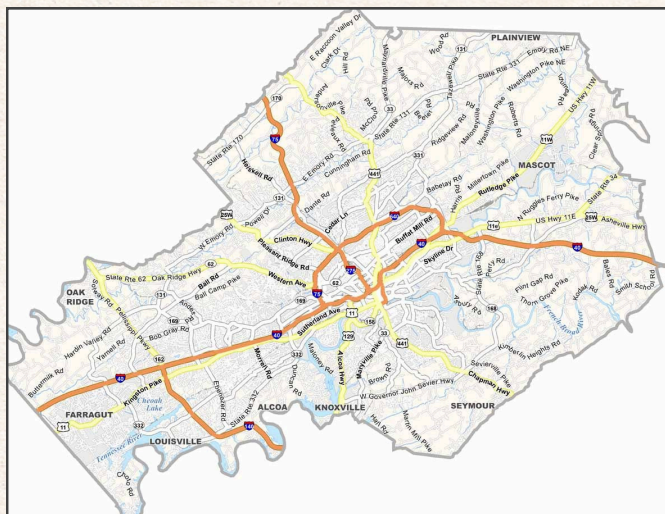
How to Give

In order to offer this class legally to public school students, we cannot accept any government funds. If you are able, consider how you may partner with us financially through a 501(c)(3) donation. You can also become a partner through one of our sponsorship levels. Scan the QR code to [give online](#).

Checks can be made out to:
Bearden Learning Center
118 N Peters Rd STE 240
Knoxville, TN 37923



Looking to the Future



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...teaching them.." — Matthew 28:19

While we are excited about serving students at Bearden High School, we believe God is calling us to something even larger.

Our long-term vision is bold:

In the next 5 years, we desire to see Released Time Bible Education available to every Knox County public high school student.

To accomplish this, the Bearden Learning Center will help:

- Build partnerships with local churches
- Encourage community leaders
- Develop curriculum and teacher training
- Help establish new Released Time Bible programs across Knox County

We believe every student should have the opportunity to study the Bible during the school day.

Please pray with us that God continues opening doors that only He can open.

Van Needed!

- We're currently looking for a **15-passenger van** to safely transport students to and from the Bearden Learning Center each day. If you or your business would like to help sponsor this need—or if you know of a church or organization that has a van they would be willing to donate or sell at a reduced cost—we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at beardenlearningcenter@gmail.com.



Visit our [website](https://www.beardenlearningcenter.com) for updates, stories, pictures and ways you can get involved!



Upcoming Events

Open House

Pop in on Thursday, August 6th between 5-7pm at Gallagher Memorial Baptist Church for our first Open House! See the classroom space, get some goodies, sign permission forms, meet the team, and ask questions. Open to any BHS staff, students, parents or others interested in released time Bible education. We hope to see you there!



BBQ Benefit

Join us Sunday, October 18th for a fun community event to celebrate what God is doing in the lives of students through released time Bible education! The event is completely free! Come enjoy good food, good fellowship, roast some marshmallows and help support a great cause. More details to come soon!

