



BEREAN

Loving God, Loving People



COLOSSIANS

THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

**CAPTIVE
OR
COMPLETE?**

Colossians 2:8-15

Pastor Stephen McCune



Our Mission:

To glorify God by growing disciples who follow Christ and love others.

Our Ministers:

The Entire Congregation

Our Shepherds:

Pastor Phil Leineweber

Pastor of Student Ministries

Pastor Stephen McCune

Pastor of Congregational Devotion

Pastor Steve Storkel

Pastor of Outreach & Missions

Pastor Spencer Valeri

Pastor of Children & Parents Ministries

Ashley DeFrancisco

Director of Women's Ministry

Rev. William Heaton

Director of International Missions

Matt Spiegel

Director of Jr. High Ministries

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 ESV

Today at Berean:

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| 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 10:30 a.m. | Santisuk English School Informational Mtg. |
| 10:45 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 12:30 p.m. | SURGE Leaders Luncheon/ Training |
| 1:00 p.m. | Men's Annual Golf Outing |
| 5:00 p.m. | Pastors Wives Appreciation Dinner |
| 6:00 p.m. | Awakening—Night of Worship |

This Week at Berean:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 5:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 9:30 a.m. Scripture Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Deacons Board Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share/Healing Hearts
6:45 p.m. Prayer Gathering
Berean Kids Adventure Club
SURGE Student Gathering
Adult Studies

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 9:30 a.m. Homeschool Co-Op
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE @ BEREAN

Tuesday, September 25th
12 – 5 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call
1-800-RED CROSS,
Mark Lynskey at 419-512-6036,
or sign up on the web at

RedCrossBlood.org

sponsor code: BereanBaptist



Welcome to Berean!

If this is your first time at Berean, please be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in the Lobby . . . We'd love to meet you and give you a special gift!

TODAY'S CONGREGATIONAL SONGS

Glorious Day, All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name, Jesus, Because He Lives (Amen), This Is Jesus (Choir)

We want our corporate praise to be as meaningful as possible for everyone. Please feel free to sit, if necessary, during this time. Song lyrics are available in the Lobby. All songs are reproduced by permission, CCLI #107225.



SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS: Steve and Barbara Wilkinson

Steve teaches full time at Cebu Graduate School of Theology in the Philippines.

See our Missions website page for more information. www.bereanfamily.com



GIVING TO BEREAN IS EASY WITH EASY TITHE



You can give online at www.bereanfamily.com/on-line-giving, or download the Easy Tithe app on the Apple App Store or Android Play Store. It's safe and secure! You can do a one time gift OR set up recurring giving.



KEEP IN TOUCH

On the Web: www.bereanfamily.com

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/Bereanfamily

Fill out a "CONNECT CARD" located in the back of your seat.

Send an email: info@bereanfamily.com

Call: 419-756-3300 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)



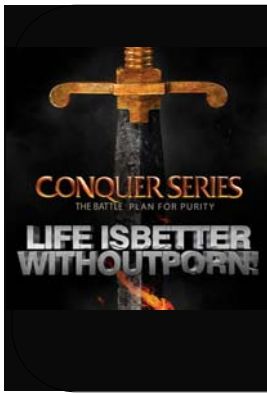
Sanctuary: BBC—Sanctuary1

Adult Sunday School classrooms: BBC—WClassroom (upstairs rooms only)

Password: phil0413

Please help us by limiting usage to Bible Apps only.

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CONQUER SERIES VIDEO STUDY ON SEXUAL PURITY FOR MEN

Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., starting on October 1 for 10 weeks. Meet in the Chapel. You can simply show up on October 1st, but if you enroll ahead of time we can have the study materials available for you on the first night. To enroll, or if you have questions: email markb@mark.boyd.info or text/call 419-961-1969.

See the "Conquer Series" video introduction online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9sTI0hG8Ac>

The Meijer logo, consisting of the word 'meijer' in a red, lowercase, sans-serif font.



Coming soon!

We are taking a special offering on Sundays in October for the **Meijer Simply Give campaign**. This program was created to help neighborhood food pantries, like ours, keep their shelves stocked to feed local families. Our fundraising goal this year is \$20,000. Please consider giving to help us meet this goal!

Thank you for your help and support of this ministry!

WHY JOIN A HOME-BASED CONNECT GROUP?

People need community, and God has called the church to create environments where authentic community can take place (Acts 2:42). That's why Connect Groups are so vital to the health and growth of our church body.

Home-based Connect Groups give people the opportunity to have fellowship in a more personal atmosphere resulting in deeper, Christ-centered relationships. Most of the Berean Connect Groups take place twice a month on Sunday nights in people's homes, but a few occur at other times.

If you have any questions about hosting a Connect Group in your home, or joining an existing home-based Connect Group, please call Pastor Steve Storkel or Sarah DeYarmon at 419-756-3300.

SANTISUK ENGLISH SCHOOL TRIP 2019

We are exploring the possibility of taking another team to teach English in either January or February 2019. Please join Pastor Bill for an information meeting TODAY, between services at 10:30 a.m. in the Library (Room 215). If you are interested but cannot attend, contact Pastor Bill Heaton at 419-756-3300 or bheaton@bereanfamily.com.

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

Every 3rd Saturday of the Month

We are looking for volunteers willing to spend a couple hours once a month on a Saturday morning between 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. delivering a few boxes of food to those in our community who need it. Contact Sarah DeYarmon 419-756-3300, ext. 222 or sdeyarmon@bereanfamily.com to sign up.

*Please be in prayer for our search committee
as they meet and engage in the process
of looking for our next senior pastor.*

KIDZONE



We had a bit of a tough year last year with moving schools, getting started late, and issues with transportation, but Malabar Middle School administration and teachers are asking us to come back! We are addressing the issues and looking forward to serving through KidZone tutoring.

Would you help us make a difference in a child's life? Stop at the table in the Lobby today and sign-up for this year's session. Tutoring will again be at Malabar Middle School from 3:00-4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We ask you to give 1 hour, 1 day per week. Please join us!

Questions? Call Pastor Bill, 419-756-3300, or email him at bheaton@bereanfamily.com.

THE GATE IS LOOKING FOR BABYSITTERS

Babysitters are needed every Thursday, 7– 9 p.m. at Ocie Hill. You will be paid. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Benjamin at mjbenjamin@bereanfamily.com

FURNITURE MINISTRY - SATURDAY MORNING DELIVERY TEAMS

Minister to those in need in our community by teaming up with our Furniture Ministry. We would love to have 2-3 guys with trucks and some more men to deliver one Saturday morning per month for 3-4 hours. This will help us catch up on our deliveries. Call Pastor Steve at the church, 419-756-3300, or email him at sstorkel@bereanfamily.com



*"We teach Christians how to be fishers of men,
and then immediately take them to
the best fishing holes in America."*

—Bill Glass, Behind the Walls Founder

The Bill Glass Behind the Walls Prison Ministry will soon be at Berean for a two day event. We are asking men & women to join us for this training and outreach.

- Friday, September 28th - 5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Information and Training
- Saturday, September 29th - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call the church at 419-756-3300 for more information.

You must pre-register online to participate—www.billglass.org

QUESTIONS FOR CONNECT GROUPS

- 1) When was the last time you were deceived by something that sounded really great?
- 2) How did you feel after being fooled?
- 3) Have you ever talked with anyone who has combined different “philosophies” or “worldviews” in a unique way that doesn’t seem to fit together completely, especially about Jesus, God, or the church? What was the belief or idea they shared?
- 4) Who is Jesus to them? A Savior, a good teacher, a legend, something else? How about you? Who is Jesus to you?
- 5) Take some time to pray that you would pursue Jesus Christ completely and not be taken captive by other ideas. Also, pray for someone that you know that needs to be released from captivity of their own opinion or a misunderstanding about Who Christ is and what He has done.



Samaritan's Purse®

*Please join us in praying
for all those in the path of
Hurricane Florence.*

Our Church wants to again partner with Samaritan's Purse as they help to meet the needs of those devastated by Hurricane Florence. Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief equipment is packed and ready. Their staff have been in contact with our partners in the projected storm impact areas. We now want to stand ready with our volunteer team to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Once the damage assessments are completed and deployment locations are identified, we will select our week and put together our team.

As of right now it looks like we will be taking a team down to the North Carolina area to partner with Samaritan's Purse in helping those effected by the recent hurricane. Tentatively, we will be leaving on Sunday, September 30th and returning October 6th. We will have a meeting on Thursday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. with anyone who might be interested in going. If you are interested, please call the church at 419-756-3300 to receive more information.

Gifts can be made to Berean Baptist Church.
Put “Hurricane Florence Relief” in the memo.



Project Description: Volunteers will be assisting homeowners affected by the hurricane. Volunteers will assist with mud-outs, debris cleanup, roof tarping, and chainsaw work.



Join Our Zoo Crew!

Join our volunteer crew as we show kids the love of Jesus, teach them, and guide their hearts to grow in the knowledge of Jesus' love for them.



You could serve:

1st Service-

- ★ Elementary kids church

2nd Service-

- ★ Bears preschool helper (4-5 year olds)
- ★ Kindergarten helper
- ★ 1st Grade helper
- ★ 4th Grade helper

Wednesday Nights-

- ★ Gym (run games)

Contact Pastor Spencer Valeri or Kelly Canfield if you're interested!
(419) 756-3300,

svaleri@bereanfamily.com

kcanfield@bereanfamily.com

ADVENTURE CLUB

Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Join our Zoo Crew Expedition as we take a wild adventure through the Bible! We'll have games, crafts, interactive large group lessons, and small group time. Be sure to invite your friends!

This year the elementary small groups will be learning how animals can teach us about God and our relationship with Him.



**Sunday Morning
Kid's Church
9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School
10:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday Night
Adventure Club
6:45-8:15 p.m.**

**Nursery
(birth-2 years old)
available every
Sunday morning
and Wednesday
evening.**

CONNECT WITH US!

[Facebook.com/bereanchildren](https://www.facebook.com/bereanchildren)

Berean Kids monthly newsletter mailed to you

Pastor Spencer Valeri:
SValeri@Bereanfamily.com

or call:
(419) 756-3300 ext. 230

Kelly Canfield:
KCanfield@Bereanfamily.com

or call:
(419) 756-3300 ext. 243

SURGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Text @SurgeStud to 81010



Class Code: @SurgeStud

Student Gatherings

for 6th-12th Graders

- **Sunday—10:45am**
in the SURGE Center
- **Wednesday-6:45pm**
in the SURGE Center

> **Save the Date—Junior High Fall Advance** <
October 12-14

Stay Connected! Follow @WeBeSURGE



Our condolences to Dee Robinson whose mother, Juanita Naylor (103 years old) passed away on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Thank you for the gift of the lantern given in memory of Ken's mother, Irene Clagg. "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound." She sang in the church choir and we are sure she sang "Amazing Grace" many times. Irene was from West Virginia and a member of Beulah Ann Missionary Baptist Church.
Kenneth & Paula Clagg



Berean Baptist Church,

Your kind expression of prayer and sympathy will always remain in my heart and memories. Thank you so very much for the memorial blanket and the flowers. A special thank you to the Men's Furniture Ministry for visiting Jason and personally praying for him. It was very special to Jason to have visitors from Berean. He had been in significant pain for over a year and a half.

Rebecca Davis

Ladies...

Save the Date for Our Annual Christmas Tea – Dec. 4th

This Year's Theme - The 12 Days of Christmas

Please be in prayer about this fun opportunity and for who you might invite to join you at the Tea! We have opportunities to be a hostess, too.

Contact Ashley DeFrancisco, Women's Ministry Director
for more information - adefrancisco@bereanfamily.com



Sunday, September 16, 2018

THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST
“CAPTIVE OR COMPLETE”

Colossians 2:8-15

While many people and things promise much,
Christ alone brings freedom.& fulfilment.

- I. The First _____ (vs. 8)
 - A. Because _____ . . . (vs. 9)
 - B. Because _____ (vs. 10)
 - i. We have been _____ (vs. 11-12)
 - ii. We were _____ (vs. 13)
 - a. Jesus _____ (vs. 13)
 - b. Jesus _____ (vs. 14)
 - c. Jesus _____ (vs. 15)

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