



# **BEREAN**

*Loving God, Loving People*



# **COLOSSIANS**

**THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST**

**CAPTIVE  
OR  
COMPLETE?**

**Part 2**

**Colossians 2:16-23**

**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:*

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

## *This Week at Berean:*

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

9:30 a.m. Scripture Fellowship  
12:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

7:00 a.m. “See You At The Pole”  
3:30 p.m. Grief Share/Healing Hearts  
6:45 p.m. Prayer Gathering  
Berean Kids Adventure Club  
SURGE Student Gathering  
Adult Studies

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

9:30 a.m. Homeschool Co-Op  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Deacon Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

5:30 p.m. Behind The Walls Prison Ministry Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Behind The Walls Prison Ministry Info & Training

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

8:00 a.m. Behind The Wall Prison Ministry Outreach (offsite)



**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](http://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

*Your Love Awakens Me, Death Was Arrested,  
Take My Life with I Am Yours, Nothing Is Holding Me Back*

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](http://www.bereanfamily.com)



### GIVING TO BEREAN IS EASY WITH EASY TITHE



You can give online at [www.bereanfamily.com/on-line-giving](http://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](http://www.bereanfamily.com)

**On Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Bereanfamily](http://www.facebook.com/Bereanfamily)

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

**Send an email:** [info@bereanfamily.com](mailto: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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## Samaritan's Purse®

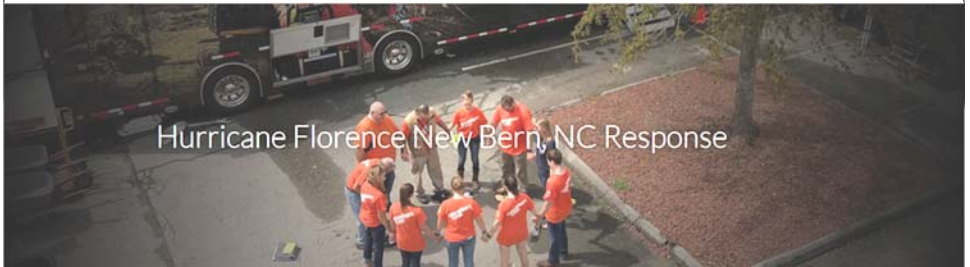
*Please join us in praying for all those recovering from the devastation left by the flooding waters of Hurricane Florence.*

Berean is again partnering with Samaritan's Purse to help meet the needs of those affected by the hurricane. Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief equipment is already at work. We are ready to head down with our volunteer team to join them and to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

**WE NEED 2 MORE MEN and 2 MORE WOMEN.  
PLEASE SEE PASTOR STEVE STORKEL TODAY IF YOU CAN GO.**

We will be taking a team down to New Bern, North Carolina. We leave on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and return on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Project description: volunteers will be assisting homeowners with mud-outs, debris cleanup, roof tarping, and chainsaw work.

If you can't go, you can still help by giving a monetary contribution. Gifts can be made to Berean Baptist Church, put "Hurricane Florence Relief" in the memo.



## SANTISUK ENGLISH SCHOOL 2019

We are exploring the possibility of taking another team from Berean to teach English in either January or February 2019.

If you are interested, contact Pastor Bill Heaton at 419-756-3300 or [bheaton@bereanfamily.com](mailto:bheaton@bereanfamily.com).



## KIDZONE

We have about 20 tutors but need 20 more. We are asking for 1 hour, 1 day a week, Monday to Thursday, you pick the day. We start Monday, October 8. Please sign up in the Lobby or call Pastor Bill Heaton. Questions? Call Pastor Bill at 419-756-3300, or email [bheaton@bereanfamily.com](mailto:bheaton@bereanfamily.com).

## 2019 Berean Church Officers Nominations

The Nominating Committee is accepting applications for the 2019 year. Please pick up a Nomination Form at the Welcome Desk if you would like to nominate someone for any of the positions listed on the form. All completed forms must be returned by Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>. You can drop them off at the Welcome Desk, at the church office during the week, or email them to [info@bereanfamily.com](mailto:info@bereanfamily.com).

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

## RECEPTIONIST POSITION AVAILABLE

Our receptionist is many times the first impression people have of Berean. This person also has daily contact with those who visit or call our church during the week. We are seeking someone who has a heart for Berean and our guests. The candidate must have computer skills, including knowledge of Microsoft Office (Publisher, Word, Excel), as well as phone skills. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Resumes will be accepted through Sunday, October 7, 2018. Email resume to [info@bereanfamily.com](mailto:info@bereanfamily.com) or drop it off during the week at the office, Door B.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*"What goes in the box is Fun....  
What comes out is Eternal"*



It's coming soon! Join us as the love of Jesus goes on an "Amazing Journey" in a shoe box.

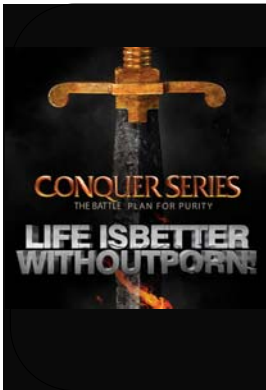
The red and green shoe boxes are here and will be distributed in a couple of weeks.

Please pray!

## 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](mailto: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>



**meijer**



## 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!



*"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 be at Berean this weekend for a two day event. We are asking men & women to join us for this training and outreach.

- Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Information and Training
- Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - 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](http://www.billglass.org)**

## 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 [mberjamin@bereanfamily.com](mailto:mberjamin@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](mailto:sstorkel@bereanfamily.com)



## 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.*

## 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](mailto:sdeyarmon@bereanfamily.com) to sign up.



This Wednesday meet at your local school's flagpole at 7 a.m. to pray for the students, community, and nation!

## Student Gatherings

for 6th-12th Graders

- **Sunday—10:45 a.m.**  
in the SURGE Center
- **Wednesday-6:45 p.m.**  
in the SURGE Center

## >Save the Date—Junior High Fall Advance<

October 12-14

Stay Connected! Follow @WeBeSURGE



Our condolences to Carol Vasko in the passing of her brother, Stephen Paul Smeltzer, on Friday, September 12, 2018.

Announcing . . .

Congratulations to Jon & Emily Dech in the birth of their son, Elijah James Dech. He was born on Sunday, September 16, 2018. He weighed 7lb. 7oz. and was 21 ½" long. A handsome bundle of appetite and a "spirited" personality, as his dad described him, is also welcomed into the world by grandparents Troy & Lynn Ernsberger.



We'd love your help as we start a project at Lexington Eastern Elementary. This "buddy reading program" will include fourth grade students from the school and local residents. Volunteers from the community will spend an hour a week reading with two or three students. These volunteers would remain with the same student(s) the rest of the year, with the hope that they would develop a positive relationship. Volunteers can serve any day of the week from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your time in advance!

Questions? Want to sign-up?

Please contact Angie Devaney at [devaneyfam@gmail.com](mailto:devaneyfam@gmail.com).



Sunday, September 23, 2018

THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST  
“CAPTIVE OR COMPLETE?” PART 2

Pastor Stephen McCune—Colossians 2:16-23

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

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16-17)

A. Don't be taken captive by \_\_\_\_\_

i. Because it is a \_\_\_\_\_

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 18-19)

B. Don't be taken captive by \_\_\_\_\_

i. Because these “teachers” \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Because these “teachers” \_\_\_\_\_

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 20-23)

C. Don't be taken captive by \_\_\_\_\_

i. Because \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Because \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Because \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Because \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Have you ever had someone tell you that you're “missing out” on something great? What was it they wanted you to try or do?
2. If you tried it, was it as fulfilling as they promised it to be or not? Why or why not? If you didn't try it, what was your reason for avoiding it?
3. Of the 4 “philosophies” or warnings that the apostle Paul gave, which do you struggle with? Is it more than one?
4. What is preventing you from accepting your completeness in Christ?
5. Pray that Christ would be all you need in every area of life. Give Him praise for His sufficiency and perfection. Admit your inability to overcome “philosophies” on your own and ask Him to change your beliefs, desires, and actions. Thank Him for what He accomplished for you.
6. If you know someone who is also being held captive by an incomplete “philosophy,” pray for them too.

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