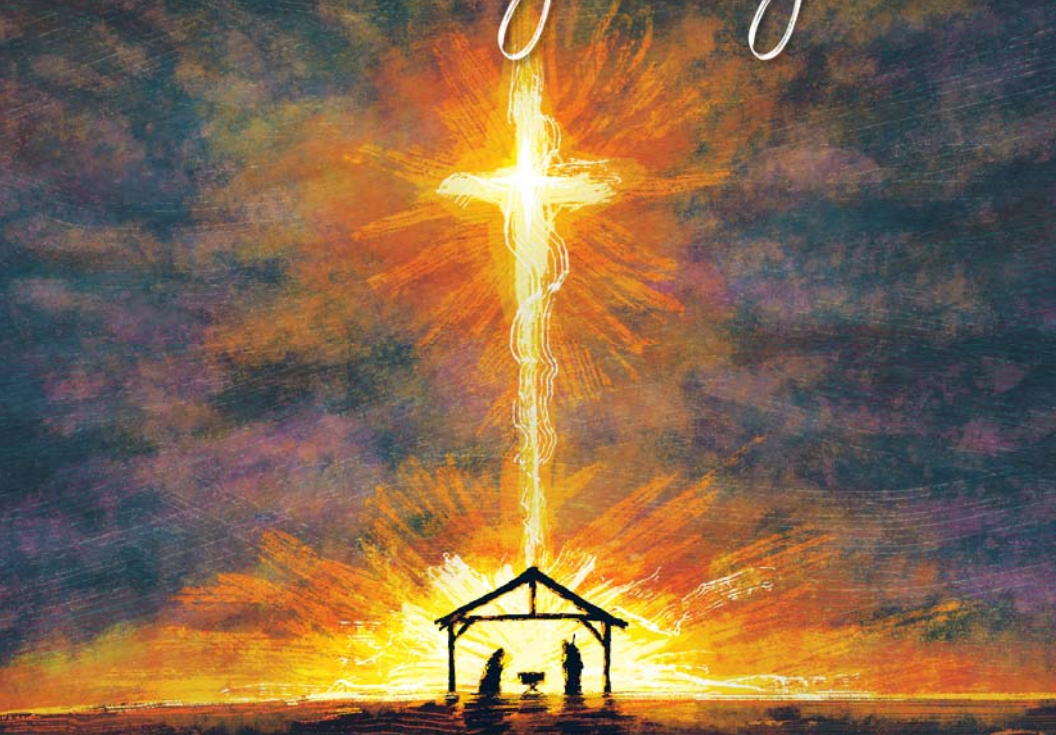




The Nativity Players



“THE MAGI & KING HEROD”

PASTOR MIKE WELLS
MATTHEW 2:1-12
PART 3 OF 4



Our Mission:

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

Our Ministers:

The Entire Congregation

Our Shepherds:

Pastor Mike Wells
Interim Pastor

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
- 10:15 a.m. Haiti Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m.. Christmas Orchestra Rehearsal

This Week at Berean:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 3:00 p.m. KidZone
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Orchestra Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9:30 a.m. Scripture Fellowship
- 3:00 p.m. KidZone
- 6:30 p.m. Trustee Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Deacon Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 3:00 p.m. KidZone
- 6:45 p.m. Berean Kids Adventure Club
- Christmas Party
- SURGE Student Gathering
- Christmas Party
- Adult Bible Studies
- Prayer Gathering

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 3:00 p.m. KidZone
- 7:00 p.m. SURGE @ Altitude Trampoline Park
- 7:30 p.m. Christmas Orchestra Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Orchestra Rehearsal

Please be in prayer for our search committee as they meet and engage in the process of looking for our next Lead Pastor.





Welcome

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

*O, Come All Ye Faithful, Here I Am To Worship,
Only King Forever, Adore*

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.



MISSION FOCUS: JEPHTHE LUCIEN

Jephthe Lucien is the Pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Pignon, Haiti. Mission groups from Berean have been teaming up with and serving through Jephthe's church for the past 8 years. Please keep this church and Jephthe in your prayers. For more information about Jephthe and the other missionaries that Berean supports, stop by the Missions table in between the Lobby and the Chapel for a Missions brochure and a December Prayer calendar.

www.bereanfamily.com/missions

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

Send an email: info@bereanfamily.com

Call: 419-756-3300 (Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Berean Family App available for *free* on the Apple App Store and the Android Play Store



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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Who have you been praying for? Invite them to one of our Christmas celebrations?

- Next Sunday, December 23rd —
Worship Service at 10 a.m.
- Monday, December 24th —
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m.



2019 CALENDARS

Available in the Lobby. Stop by and pick one up!
Thank you to J. Todd and Linda Snyder, of Snyder Funeral Homes, for providing these beautiful calendars!

TITHING ENVELOPES are available today in the hallway between the Lobby and the Chapel.

NEW THIS YEAR—there are no numbers or dates on the envelopes. You can use them until you run out! All you do is contact us when you're close to running out and we'll get you another book of envelopes! Please be sure to put your name on the envelope if you are giving cash.



Thank you Berean Family for your generous donation in the amount of \$1,711.66 to Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) during their "Coins For Kids" collection.

Announcing . . .

Congratulations to Adam & Lindsey Payne in the birth of their son, Levi Gideon. An early Christmas gift, he was born on Monday, December 3rd, weighing 6lb. 12oz. Welcoming him, too, are great-grandparents Bob & Joan Kurtz.



OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

- Ross and Louise Anderson in the passing of her mother, Virginia Hettinger on Wednesday, December 5, 2018
- Preston Eaton in the passing of his wife, Lois on Wednesday, December 12, 2018

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

When the weather gets bad and there is a need to cancel programs or events at Berean, we will list them on WMFD TV, Clear Channel radio stations (ie. WMAN 1400 AM), and on line at www.wmfd.com, www.bereanfamily.com, and www.wmanfm.iheart.com

Cancellations will be based on the following:

- Weekly A.M. ministries: If Mansfield Christian School **or** Lexington Schools cancels **or** delays we will cancel.
- Weekly P.M. ministries: Cancellations will be decided by 3 P.M. and posted.



Adventure Club Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 19th
6:45-8:15 p.m.

Come dressed in your favorite Christmas pajamas and watch "The Star." We'll have games, popcorn, and time with your friends. Invite your someone to join you!!



Merry Christmas

Berean Kids Volunteers

If you missed breakfast last week, stop by the table near the couch to pick up a special Christmas gift.

We appreciate each of you!



**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!

On the web:
www.bereanfamily.com/kids

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

Berean Kids monthly
newsletter mailed to you

Pastor Spencer Valeri:
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or call:

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Kelly Canfield:
KCanfield@Bereanfamily.com
or call:

(419) 756-3300, ext. 243

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**Student
Gatherings**
for 6th-12th Graders

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



This Thursday!



6:30-9:00 p.m.

*Fill out waiver online
to save time

bereanfamily.com/surge

**Register
Now!**



CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS:

“The Nativity Players” - THE MAGI AND KING HEROD

Matthew 2:1-12

Perhaps the role of the “Magi” has been distorted and misunderstood more than any of the “Nativity Players.” It is also true that the role of King Herod has been avoided. A careful study of the passage will give us clarity, correct the errors, and give a more complete understanding of what actually happened.

- The Magi were not at the manger. How do we know?
Matthew 2:11 (NIV/ESV)
Note description of residence and the term used to describe Jesus.
- We are not told how many Magi there were. We are told how many what? Matthew 2:11 (NIV/ESV)
- The wise men were ancient astrologers - scientists. Therefore, they were studying the stars. How do you think they connected the star to the birth of a Jewish king?
- The wise men were Gentiles. What is the significance of that?
See Isaiah 49:6 (NIV)
- Notice the peculiar and exact “behavior” of the star. The star stopped!
Matthew 2:9 (NIV/ESV)
Think about how you could identify an exact house based on the activity of a star. What does that tell us? There have been many attempts to explain the star based on verifiable celestial activity. The details of “the star” do not fit any currently known stellar activity. What does that suggest to you?
- Who gave the answer to where the Christ would be born?
Matthew 2:4-6
- Where did they find the answer? They quoted Micah 5:2 which is another prophetic fulfillment.
- The dark piece of this puzzle is Herod and the action he took.
Matthew 2:16-18
We don’t talk about this because it is so very difficult to give an answer to the question of such evil as it relates to small children. The problem of evil and how it is illustrated in such vivid and horrible detail in this account is not our focus. If you want a major read on this critical discussion, check out Randy Alcorn’s “If Good Is Good.”
- Why did the Magi give the gifts? What could God have been up to?
Think of the danger that was to come upon them.
- Who did the Magi Worship? Matthew 2:11
- Herod rejected—the Magi worshipped. What is your personal response?



Sunday, December 16, 2018

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“THE MAGI AND KING HEROD”

Matthew 2:1-12

Part 3 of 4

Pastor Mike Wells

- Who were the Magi (wise men)?
- When did they come?
- What was the star?
- What actually happened?
- Why did they come?
- Why include the account of Herod?

Thinking People:

1. Thinking people allow for and take notice of different _____.
(Proverbs 24:32)
2. Thinking people _____.
(Proverbs 18:17)
3. Thinking people _____ to God. (Proverbs 10:8)
4. Thinking people _____ their behavior.
(Proverbs 27:12)
5. Thinking people are part of the _____.
(Proverbs 15:22)

Foolish People:

1. Foolish people _____ / _____ instruction.
(Proverbs 23:9)
2. Foolish people speak with little _____.
(Proverbs 18:2)
3. Foolish people trust their _____ judgement.
(Proverbs 28:26)
4. Foolish people keep _____ like they always have. (Proverbs 27:12)
5. Foolish people are part of the _____.
(Proverbs 20:3)

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