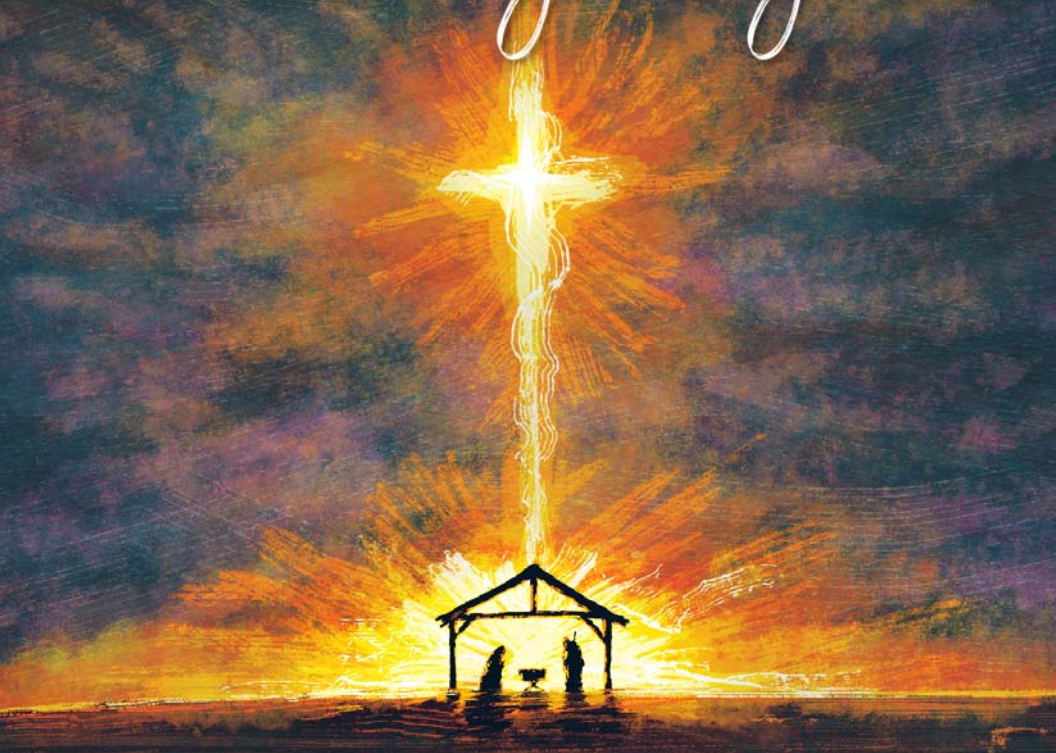




The Nativity Players



“GOD AND YOU”

PASTOR MIKE WELLS

PART 4 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:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Christmas Celebration Choir
Christmas Orchestra

Coming up at Berean:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. College Christmas Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 p.m. - SURGE Sr. High Only—
1:00 a.m.. New Year's Eve Bash

**CHURCH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th
THROUGH
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2019**

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

***If you purchased one of the
lovely live poinsettias in the
Lobby you may take it home
after the Christmas Eve Service.***





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

Angels From The Realms of Glory (Emmanuel), Joy To The World (with Our God Saves), This Is Amazing Grace, Your Great Name, Forever Christmas (Choir & Orchestra)

Please feel free to sit, if necessary, during our corporate time of praise. 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

GIVING TO BEREAN IS EASY WITH EASY TITHE

easyTithe

GIVE ONLINE

You can give online at www.bereanfamily.com/give, 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 (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.

www.bereanfamily.com

Women's Ministry

R.E.A.L. Redeemed. Esteemed. Adopted. Loved.

Facebook: [Women's Ministry - Berean Baptist Church](#)

Instagram: [bereanwomensministry](#)



THE QUEST
BY BETH MOORE
6 SESSIONS

JOIN US IF YOU WANT TO:

- Deepen your intimacy with God as you ask, discuss, and ponder questions of faith
- Take comfort in remembering this world is only a temporary stay until we reach our heavenly home
- Understand that questions are inherent and essential to growth

Women's Bible Study
beginning January 10th
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Sign up and purchase a
workbook, \$10 each,
today at the
Welcome Center
in the Lobby



ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

July 21 – 26, we will be taking a group to Shawnee Resort in southeastern Ohio, working with **Joni & Friends** Family Summer Camp. Serve as a companion to a child or adult with a disability. In this role, your job is to be their friend for the week, giving the gift of your time and love. You will receive on-site training – no prior experience required!

If you are interested, please email Sarah DeYarmon at sdeyarmon@bereanfamily.com

SERVANT HEARTS NEEDED!



Each month our faithful volunteers deliver food to around 75-80 families in the community. We would like to continue blessing this many people, but we need your help to do it. Would you consider taking 1 ½ - 2 hours once a month to serve families in need? No requirements needed other than a smile and a desire to serve. We can put you on the monthly rotation or as a sub.

Please email or call Sarah if interested:

sdeyarmon@bereanfamily.com;

419-756-3300 ext. 222.

Next Delivery is on Saturday, January 19!

We would love to have your help!!



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!



JOIN THE HAITI TEAM!

Has God been speaking to your heart about taking a missions trip? We are putting together a Medical, Dental, and Construction Team to go to Haiti March 2nd – 10th. Please pray about this and contact Pastor Steve Storkel if you are interested - 419-989-5309



KIDZONE FALL UPDATE

KidZone is Berean's after-school tutoring program at Malabar Intermediate School. This is our 2nd year at Malabar (with a total of 13 years of tutoring). We are having our best year ever with 8 students who are all respectful, cooperative, and willing to learn!

There are 36 Berean adult tutors who give an hour every week to work with a child. That equates to 144 one-on-one hours per month building relationships and mentoring these students.

On Tuesday, Dec. 18th, we had our annual Christmas party. Julie Heaton & Linda Montgomery shared the Biblical Christmas story with flannel graph. Nancy Ryan & Sheila VanLoo shared Biblical-themed object lessons using candy canes and sand dollars. We all enjoyed birthday cake for Jesus. Even Santa Claus showed up to hand out over \$400 in presents to the students purchased by donations from the volunteers! Michele Anderson directed the students in making Christmas cards which we took to Elmcroft Home, where we also lead the residents in singing Christmas carols. It has been a great fall program, and it was a greatly-enjoyed Christmas program!

Check out Berean's Facebook for pictures:

www.facebook.com/Bereanfamily



OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

Ken Humbert and his family in the passing of his wife Lois on Wednesday, December 19, 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.



Berean Kids December Schedule

TODAY

**Childcare will be available for 4 years old and younger:

- 0-17 months in the upstairs Bunny nursery.
- 18-35 months in the downstairs Monkey nursery.
- 3 & 4 year olds in the Bear's classroom downstairs.

If you are a regularly scheduled 2nd service nursery and preschool volunteer we ask you to serve on this day.

Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24th @ 5:00 p.m.

**Childcare will be available for 4 years old and younger:

- 2 years old and younger in the upstairs Bunny nursery.
- 3 & 4 year olds in the playroom downstairs.

We are looking for volunteers to help with childcare.

Contact Kelly or Pastor Spencer if you are interested! 419-756-3300

kcanfield@bereanfamily.com or
svaleri@bereanfamily.com.

Wednesday, December 26th

No Adventure Club

Sunday, December 30th @ 10:00a.m.

**Childcare will be available for 4 years old and younger:

- 0-17 months in the upstairs Bunny nursery.
- 18-35 months in the downstairs Monkey nursery.
- 3 & 4 year olds in the Bear's classroom downstairs.

If you are a regularly scheduled 1st service nursery and preschool volunteer we ask you to serve on this day.

Wednesday, January 2nd

No Adventure Club

***Childcare will be available, but we encourage you to take your preschooler to services with you for them to experience the Christmas season.*



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

On Facebook:

[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

Connect Group Questions

“The Nativity Players” – GOD AND YOU

John 1:10-14

VERSE 1

Notice the capitalization of the word “WORD.” Referring to Jesus as “the WORD” is uniquely a John practice. See Revelation 19:13. The context in John 1 clearly indicates when John uses the word “WORD,” he is referring to Jesus. See John 1:14

What does the word “WORD” stir up in your mind?

Why do you think John used the word “WORD” in this way?

The word God in this passage refers predominately to who?

How many times is God referred in these 14 verses?

How many times is it a reference to the Father?

How many times is it a reference to the Son?

How many times to the Triune God?

What does this verse tell us about the relationship between Jesus and the Father?

VERSE 2

The “WORD” was at the beginning of what? John 8:58-59 – What was the response to Jesus declaring He was “I AM.” Why? See Exodus 3:14

VERSE 3

What role did Christ play in creation? See Colossians 1:16-17

VERSES 4 & 5

To what does life refer? To what does light refer?

What is one response to light given here? See John 3:19-21

VERSE 6-9

John the Baptist is referenced in verses 6-9.

What does Matthew 3:1-17 teach us about John the Baptist?

What was John the Baptist’s purpose?

VERSE 10-11

Why do you think Christ was not recognized by the world in general and by the Jews (His own people) in particular?

VERSE 12

What does it mean to receive/believe?

Apparently everyone is not a child of God as defined here. If not a child of God, then of whom? See John 8:42-47

VERSE 13

What are ways someone can be born? Nicodemus struggled with this in John 3:1-21

VERSE 14

The incarnation is a rich unfathomable truth.

“To complete the Biblical teaching about Jesus Christ, we must affirm not only that He was fully human, but also that He was fully divine. Although the word does not explicitly occur in Scripture, the church has used the term *incarnation* to refer to the fact that Jesus was God in human flesh. The *incarnation* was the act of God the Son whereby He took to himself a human nature.”

Wayne Grudem “Systematic Theology,” p. 543

How does John describe Christ? Matthew recorded the message of the angel to Joseph – Matthew 1:20-23.

What truth about Jesus does John restate in John 1:14?

Why is this important? See Philippians 2:5-8

What significance does it have today? See Hebrews 4:14-16



Sunday, December 23, 2018

The Nativity Players

“GOD AND YOU”

Part 4 of 4

Pastor Mike Wells

GOD THE FATHER SENT GOD THE SON

John 3:16 & 17

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

JESUS IS GOD:

- _____ John 1:1 & 2
Revelation 1:8
- _____ John 1:3
Colossians 1:16

JESUS WAS ON A MISSION

- To bring _____ to people John 1:4
John 10:10
- To _____ in darkness John 1:4 & 5
John 8:12
- To make it possible for _____ to become a child of God John 1:12
John 8:44

JESUS DEMANDS A RESPONSE

- _____ John 1:11
John 3: 36
- _____ John 1:1
John 5:24

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

2145 Middle Bellville Road—Mansfield, OH 44904-1613

Phone: (419)756-3300

www.bereanfamily.com

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

