



# BEREAN

*Loving God, Loving People*

WHY IS  
*Life*  
SO HARD?

**Pastor Mike Wells**  
**Ephesians 6:10-18**



### **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 with Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

## *This Week at Berean:*

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Ministry Team Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. American Heritage Girls

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

- 9:00 a.m. MOPS & MOPS Kids
- 9:30 a.m. Scripture Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Trustee Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball/Basketball

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**

- 6:45 p.m. PRAYER GATHERING  
Berean Kids Adventure Club  
SURGE Student Gatherings
- 8:15 p.m. Admin. Committee Meeting

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

- 9:30 a.m. Homeschool Co-Op
- 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

- 6:00 a.m. Prayer meeting in the Chapel



**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**

*Good Good Father, What A Friend We Have In Jesus,  
God I Look To You, Always, Living Hope*

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:**

### **Cirilo & Dory Doguiles**



Their vision is to see that disciples, leaders, and churches are multiplied by establishing centers for starting and strengthening churches (S2 Centers) in each of the 12 district ministries of Converge Philippines/BCP. They are also involved in leadership training and development of pastors, church planters, and seminary students through teaching and mentoring. Check the website for more information, [www.bereanfamily.com/missions](http://www.bereanfamily.com/missions) or on Facebook: [cerdoguiles77](https://www.facebook.com/cerdoguiles77)

## **GIVING TO BEREAN IS EASY WITH EASY TITHE**



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GIVE ONLINE

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

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

## THE QUEST

by Beth Moore

Women's Bible Study  
beginning Thursday,  
January 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

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



## MEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This Five Session Study begins Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:45 – 8:15 pm in the Worship Center.

We will be studying "I Declare War" by Levi Lusko.



Family Retreats

## A NEW 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 contact Sarah DeYarmon at [sdeyarmon@bereanfamily.com](mailto:sdeyarmon@bereanfamily.com)



## NEW YEAR . . . NEW OPPORTUNITY

### Join the Berean Celebration Choir or the Praise Team!

Choir rehearsals are most Thursdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m.  
Praise Team rehearsals are on Thursdays, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

If you are interested, contact Pastor Stephen or Ashley McCune at [smccune@bereanfamily.com](mailto:smccune@bereanfamily.com)

Dear Berean Family,

We want to thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of Bob's father Lloyd Maxey. The floral arrangement was beautiful and we so much appreciated your cards, calls, and visits during calling hours.

Yours in Christ, Bob & JoAnn Maxey

*Thank You!*



*Thank you for the candle and holder in memory of Denny.  
Katy and the Pfahler Family*

Dear Berean Family,

Thank you for the wind chimes and card that were sent after my father's passing.

Sincerely, Jim & Dawn Onderak and Family

*Thank you so much for everything you've done, from the cards, care, meals, and prayers. We've appreciated your support.  
The Family of Bob Sparks*

**A**nnouncing . . .

Logan Russell Hardin was born to Tyler and Tiffany on Christmas Day, December 25, 2018. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 22" long. Also, welcoming him home is his big sister Scarlett.



### **OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:**

Fred and Joy Stone in the passing of his mother, Margaret Stone, on Thursday, December 27, 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](http://www.wmfd.com), [www.bereanfamily.com](http://www.bereanfamily.com), and [www.wmanfm.iheart.com](http://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

starts back up this Wednesday  
6:45 - 8:15 p.m.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MEGA SPORTS CAMP

June 24-28



## CONNECT WITH US!

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

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

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## SURGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Connected!  
Follow @WeBeSURGE



Student  
Gatherings  
for 6th-12th Graders

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



Register Now!

D2S Trip Applications  
Go Live Wednesday,  
January 9th!

Wednesday SURGE Student  
Gatherings are back  
beginning this Wednesday!

# CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

## “Why Is Life So Hard?”

Ephesians 6:10-18

Read the passage – Ephesians 6:10-20  
Describe the “feel” of the passage.

Verse 10      What is the ultimate source of our power?  
Power to do what?

Verse 11      What is God’s role?  
What is your role?  
What or who is the enemy?

Verse 12      What or who is not the enemy being referenced here?  
Four terms are used to describe the enemy.  
What are the terms?  
Are these terms referring to 4 distinct entities or different  
descriptions of the same thing?  
Does it matter?

Verse 13      Who is responsible to “put on” the full armor of God?  
Fall is explained in verses 14-17  
What is communicated as to the certainty of the coming of  
evil?

Verse 14      What is an alternative to standing?  
Who is responsible to stand?  
To what does truth refer?  
To what does righteousness refer?

Verse 15      What is the “gospel of peace?”  
Why the connection of the gospel and feet?  
See Romans 10:15

Verse 16      Who is the evil one?  
What might be a “flaming arrow” used by Satan?

Verse 17      What is significant about the head and salvation?  
See Romans 12:2 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-5  
What is the only offensive aspect of the armor mentioned?  
How effective is the Word of God?  
Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16, Isaiah 55:11

Verses 18-20      What does “pray in the Spirit” mean?  
About what does the Apostle Paul ask these people to pray?  
How might his requests apply to your life?  
Notice that prayer is part of the preparation and active  
endeavor to stand. Why might that be? In your experience,  
what is it most of us struggle with prayer?



Sunday, January 6, 2019

## “WHY IS LIFE SO HARD?”

**Ephesians 6:10-18**

**Pastor Mike Wells**

1. You are in a \_\_\_\_\_ battle.  
*Ephesians 6:12*  
*“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”*
2. You have an evil, cunning ruthless \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Ephesians 6:16*  
*“In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;”*  
*“They (demons) will also try to use temptation, doubt, guilt, fear, confusion, sickness, envy, pride, slander, or any other means possible to hinder a Christian’s witness and usefulness.”*  
*Wayne Grudem, “Systematic Theology, p. 415*
3. Normal life skills are \_\_\_\_\_.  
*2 Corinthians 10:4*  
*“For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.”*

### SO WHAT?

- Don’t be \_\_\_\_\_.  
*2 Corinthians 2:11*  
*“so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.”*
- Don’t be \_\_\_\_\_.  
*1 John 4:4*  
*“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*  
*“The opposite of fear is faith in God.”*  
*Wayne Grudem, “Systematic Theology,” p.429*
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*1 Peter 5:8-9*  
*“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”*  
*Ephesians 6:11*  
*“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”*

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