



BEREAN

Loving God, Loving People

—The—
PARABLES
—of *Jesus*

“THE WINNER IS”

WORSHIP GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



WHO WE ARE

WELCOME!

We are so glad you are here!

No matter your story we believe that God wants to be part of it and we hope that we can help you on your journey.

Berean's purpose is simple: **we exist to glorify God by growing disciples who follow Christ and love others.** We hope that you can be part of making this vision a reality as we seek to impact central Ohio.

NEW HERE?

If this is your first time, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Lobby. We'd love to meet you, hear your story, and give you a gift.

If you would like to join a connect group, have someone follow-up with you, or just share a prayer need, please fill out a "Connect Card" from the slot in a seat in front of you and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Again, we are glad you are here and pray this morning is meaningful to you!

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WHAT TO EXPECT TODAY

Singing

Feel free to participate however you feel led or comfortable, whether standing with your hands raised or sitting and quietly reflecting on who God is.

Today's Songs: *Glorious Day, Build My Life, Holy Holy Holy, Resurrecting*

Giving

We receive an offering every service. If you are a guest please don't feel obligated in any way to participate, we are just thankful you are here! You can also give online at bereanfamily.com/give or through the "FellowshipOne Giving" app.



Message

You can follow along and take notes from the sermon on the back of this worship guide.

Sunday School Classes

We have Sunday School Classes for all ages (programming for birth through 5th grade is available during both services). Feel free to pick-up a handout in the lobby that lists all the various classes we offer.

WiFi Password: HolySpirit

GIVE



MEIJER WILL
DOUBLE MATCH
OUR DONATIONS!

It's that time of year, again! The *Simply Give* program was created to help neighborhood food pantries, like ours, keep their shelves stocked to feed local families. We need your help to achieve this! We currently have 67 people/families receiving food from us and many more wanting to be added. Please place your donation for the *Meijer Simply Give campaign* in the offering plate TODAY. Mark your donations with "Food Pantry".

Thank you for your generous help and support of this ministry!

CONNECT



SEE ALL EVENTS AT
WWW.BEREANFAMILY.COM

FALL KICKOFF—THIS WEDNESDAY!
NEW TIMES—6:30-8:00 p.m.



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

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

Instagram: [bereanwomensministry](#)

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Women's Ministry will offer Discipleship Groups this Fall starting Wednesday, September 11th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 19th, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sign up in the Lobby today. Contact Ashley DeFrancisco with questions: (adefrancisco@bereanfamily.com).

CONNECT



Join us every Sunday between services downstairs in the gym for coffee, food, and fellowship!



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, September 14th, 8-9:30 a.m. Art Haring will be speaking to us about his time in missions and the orphanage where he served. Sign up in the lobby today!



THEOLOGY FOR LIFE

Pastor Spencer Valeri will be teaching our men's Bible Study for the fall, beginning September 11th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. "Theology for Life" will cover major doctrines of the Christian faith and practical theology. He will be utilizing a large group/small group format where small groups will discuss and urge one another to apply the theology we discuss to their lives. Sign up in the Lobby or contact Sarah DeYarmon to sign up as a participant or to apply to be a small group leader.



MEN'S GOLF SCRAMBLE

Sunday, September 15th @ Twin Lakes Golf Club 1-6 p.m. (1:00 p.m. Registration/1:30 p.m. Tee Time) \$30 per person—includes 18 holes and dinner. Individuals or teams of 4. Sign up in the Lobby—TODAY is your last opportunity to sign up!



6-12th Grade

Stay Connected!

Follow @WeBeSURGE



- **FALL KICK OFF-THIS WEDNESDAY!**
6:30-8PM Please note time change!
Come on out and meet your small group leaders. Café is offering dinner for \$2!
- September 25th—See You At The Pole
- September 29th—Leaders Lunch
(Leaders-plan to attend. Bring a dessert or side to share please.)

Student Gatherings

- **Sundays—10:45 a.m.**
in the SURGE Center
- **Wednesday Evening Gatherings** begin on September 11th—**NEW TIMES!** - 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CONNECT



Infants-5th Grade

Sunday Morning

Kid's Church @ 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Adventure Club

*Starts on
Wednesday, September 11!
NEW TIMES:
6:30-8:00 p.m.*

Nursery (birth-2 years old)
available Sunday mornings
and Wednesday evenings

CONNECT WITH US!



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



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



Kelly Canfield,
Berean Kids Director
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Adventure Club Begins This Wednesday!

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm
Join the Great Adventure as
we dig into God's Word!
We'll have games, crafts,
interactive large group lessons
and small group time.
Something for all kids infant thru 5th grade!



BEREAN MOPS/MOMSNext

MOPS & MOMSNext

has a new email address—
MOPS@bereanfamily.com

SERVE

JOIN OUR ADVENTURE!

YOU COULD SERVE:

- Sunday mornings during 1st service or 2nd service
- Wednesday Night Adventure Club
- Wednesday Night Game Leader
- Substitute on Sundays or Wednesdays
- Tuesday mornings, twice a month with MOPS Kids

YOU COULD SERVE WITH:

- Nursery
- Preschool
- Elementary

We would love to have you
join our team!
Talk to Kelly Canfield or
Sonya Lieb if you're interested.



CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

A parable is generally a specific response to a question or situation. "The Parable of the Mustard Seed" is recorded in Matthew 13:31-32 and Luke 13:18-19 as well as Mark 4:30-34. What questions do you see arising out of the 3 contexts? Note the references to Satan in Matthew.

Jesus is clearly seeking to help expand the hearer's understanding of the kingdom of God. (Mark 4:30) Reference last week's questions* for help on understanding the kingdom. What is the current demonstration/representation of the kingdom? How does the instruction to pray "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6: 10) apply to us today?

Note that Jesus is not saying that the mustard seed is the smallest seed nor that the ground plant is the largest plant. What did he actually say?

How has the imagery of birds perching been used in other Scripture? Daniel 4:10-12 and Ezekiel 17:23. What might be a reasonable application to us today?

What do you understand the main teaching point of Jesus to be in the use of this parable?

How might you apply this teaching/passage to your life today?

When have you felt the nudge to just give up in your walk with the Lord? How have you been encouraged to be faithful to persevere?

** A copy of last weeks Connect Group Questions is available on-line at www.bereanfamily.com (under the "Events" tab).*

FAMILY NEWS

Our sympathy to Rosemary Wreede in the passing of her husband, Steve, on September 3, 2019. He is also survived by sister-in-law Susan (Stan) Harer.

PRAY

Please be in prayer for our Search Team as they continue to diligently seek our next Lead Pastor. The Search Team is reviewing a second round of qualified candidates from Vanderbloemen. Be in prayer for them as they discern who it is God would have lead our church.

MESSAGE GUIDE

“THE WINNER IS . . .”

The Parables of Jesus

Part 4 of 7

Mark 4:30-34

Pastor Mike Wells

● The significance of the _____ Mark 4:30

● Ridiculously small _____ Mark 4:31

● Incredibly massive _____ Mark 4:32

Don't be **distracted!**

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2

Don't be **discouraged!**

“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

Don't **give up!**

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

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OFFICE HOURS—TUES-FRI 10AM-3PM

SERVICE TIMES:
SUNDAYS AT 9 A.M.
AND 10:45 A.M.
WEDNESDAYS
6:30 P.M.