



# BEREAN

*Loving God, Loving People*

—The—

**PARABLES**

—of *Jesus*

“KEEP WATCHING...

BE READY

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 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:** *Came To My Rescue, Our God Saves, How Great Thou Art, Victory In Jesus (choir)*

## 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](http://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**

# CONNECT



COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS AT  
[WWW.BEREANFAMILY.COM](http://WWW.BEREANFAMILY.COM)



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

## JOIN US FOR THESE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### TUESDAY:

9:30 a.m. Scripture Fellowship

### WEDNESDAY:

3:30 p.m. Grief Share/Healing Hearts—meets in room 215 (Library)

6:30 p.m. Berean Kids Adventure Club—meets downstairs

SURGE Student Gatherings—meets in the  
SURGE Student Center

Women's D-Groups—meets in their small group rooms

Men's Bible Study, Theology for Life—meets in the Chapel

Prayer Gathering—meets in room 212

### THURSDAY:

9:30 a.m. Women's D-Groups—meets in their small group rooms



## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF BEREAN?

We'd love to have you join us in a journey of discovering what is church membership and who is Berean! This three week class begins on Sunday, October 13th at 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in room 213. Sign up in the Lobby TODAY or email [info@bereanfamily.com](mailto:info@bereanfamily.com). (You must be a member of Berean to vote at business meetings.)

# CONNECT



6-12th Grade



Stay Connected! Follow @WeBeSURGE



Sign up on line

For the Jr. High Fall Advance  
November 1st through 3rd  
[bereanfamily.com/surge](http://bereanfamily.com/surge)

**Parents—Have you filled out your students consent form online yet?**

This form gives permission to climb on the rock wall as well as attend all off campus events, including summer mission trips!

Form available online at  
[bereanfamily.com/surge](http://bereanfamily.com/surge)

## Student Gatherings

- **Sunday—10:45am**  
in the SURGE Center
- **Wednesday—6:30pm**  
in the SURGE Center



**SURGE SERMON  
SERIES**

**Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**

# 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 Lead Pastor applicants from Vanderbloemen. Be in prayer for them as they discern who it is God would have lead our church.

# SERVE

## Infants-5th Grade

### Sunday Morning

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

### Wednesday Evening Adventure Club 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  
[kcanfield@Bereanfamily.com](mailto:kcanfield@Bereanfamily.com)

## JOIN OUR ADVENTURE!

### YOU COULD SERVE:

- Sunday mornings during 1<sup>st</sup> service or 2<sup>nd</sup> service
- Wednesday Night Adventure Club—Nursery
- Substitute on Sundays or Wednesdays

### 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.

## MEMORY VERSE DAY

Today!

Stop by the gym to recite this month's memory verse to earn a prize!

## CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, October 27th

Interested in having your child dedicated?

Please plan to attend a meeting on Sunday, October 13th at 10:15 a.m. in the Community Room for more information.



WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 30TH  
6:30-8:00 P.M.



# SERVE



## KidZone AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

We will begin our 13th year of KidZone the week of October 7th at 3:00 p.m. Herb Ross and Pastor Bill Heaton have met with Mr. Tom Hager, Principal of Malabar Intermediate School. He is excited and grateful we are coming back. He has lined up school busing to take our students home each night. That is a huge help for us and our students' families. Here is what we need:

- 15 students each day, Monday to Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- 15 Tutors each day from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., 60 total for each week. This is a huge need. Just think, a public school is asking us to come!
- We are asking for ONE HOUR, ONE DAY a week.

### ***Would you give an hour to help a child in need?***

Sign-up in the Lobby today before and after Sunday morning services or by calling Pastor Bill Heaton at 419-756-3300 or email [bheaton@bereanfamily.com](mailto:bheaton@bereanfamily.com). Mr. Herb Ross will be directing our program again this year. *Yay Mr. Ross!*



## SANTISUK ENGLISH SCHOOL Bangkok, Thailand

If you can speak English they will train you in how to teach English in their program. Berean has had people going for the past 13 years. Each session is one month long. They have sessions every month for you to choose from. Berean will help you with all the arrangements and 50% of the cost for members and 25% for non-members. (Your cost would be about \$1,000 to \$1,500.)

Interested? Contact Pastor Bill Heaton at 419-756-3300 or email [bheaton@bereanfamily.com](mailto:bheaton@bereanfamily.com).

# FAMILY NEWS



**THANK YOU** Berean Family for donating to the Meijer Simply Give Food Pantry Campaign! We raised a total of \$10,357.77. Meijer donated \$10,000 in addition through their double match program.



THANK YOU Berean Trustees for the time and talent you gave to fix the south entrance into the parking lot and the sidewalk on the south side of the building. You guys are the best!



Dear Berean Family,

I am so thankful for you and your great generosity. I was amazed at your gift to Eugene & Mira Sunday of \$1,775.00. They were overwhelmed by your kindness. You never cease to amaze me.

Thank You, Pastor Bill



Dear Berean Family,

Please accept our sincere appreciation for the prayers, phone calls, and delicious meals you provided during Elizabeth's pre and post operation. A special thanks to the board members for fitting her into their busy Sunday schedule to anoint and pray over her. The body of Christ at work for sure.

Byrd and Elizabeth Stilwell



Our sincere condolences to Carol & Mike Platner in the passing of her mother, Virginia Davis, on Monday, September 23, 2019. She is also survived by Sarah (granddaughter) & Dustin DeYarmon and Marin, Emmie, and Cooper DeYarmon (great-grandchildren).



# CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

## Matthew 24:30-44

9/29/19

1. What was the question Jesus was answering? Matthew 24:3
2. The fulfillment of the prophecy in Matthew 24:2 occurred in 70 AD when the Romans completely destroyed Jerusalem and the temple buildings. However Jesus is expanding his answer to include “the end of the age” when He will return in power and glory (4:30). What are some of the descriptive phrases Jesus uses to communicate the worldwide characteristic of this second coming? (entire chapter 24)
3. The parable is basically Matthew 24:32-34. What is the “known” natural aspect of it? What is the expanded “unknown” spiritual aspect of it?
4. What salient truth about the Lord Jesus is declared in this passage? Matthew 24:35 What does it mean to you today?
5. There is much discussion as to the identity of the generation the Lord references. One view is the disciples to whom he was speaking who would see the destruction of Jerusalem. Another is that the reference is to the generation that would witness the greater worldwide events described immediately prior to the parable. Which understanding do you think has the greatest support?
6. The exhortations to “keep watch” and to “be ready” are very clear. What are the practical personal implications of these?
7. This chapter makes it very clear that no-one will ever know exactly when the Lord will return. Why do you think there is so much effort to discern what the Scripture says is clearly unknown?
8. Jesus does instruct us to pay attention to the “signs”. What might be some of the consequences of failing to be watchful and ready?
9. How is this impacting how you are living today?

# MESSAGE GUIDE

## “KEEP WATCHING...BE READY”

The Parables of Jesus

Part 6 of 7

Matthew 24:30-44

Pastor Mike Wells

1. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 24:4  
Deceit leads to disillusionment.

*“Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.” 1 Timothy 6:20-21*

2. Keep \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 24:42  
Watchfulness reflects hope.

*“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.” 1 Thessalonians 4: 13*

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 24:44  
Vigilance demands godly living.

*“Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.” 2 Peter 3: 11-12*

## CONTACT US

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