



**BEREAN**  
*Loving God, Loving People*

# 7 THREATS FACING BEREAN

**“TOLERANCE”**

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

**NOVEMBER 10, 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:** *Lord I Need You, Always, Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone), Since Your Love*

## 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.



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

**WiFi Password: HolySpirit**

# CONNECT



*COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS AT  
WWW.BEREANFAMILY.COM*

## JOIN US AT THESE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### **TUESDAY:**

9:00 a.m. MOPS/MOPS KIDS  
9:30 a.m. Scripture Fellowship

### **WEDNESDAY:**

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

### **SATURDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Christmas Tea Craft Time and  
Food Prep

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 4TH QUARTER BUSINESS MEETING

**Next Sunday, November 17th—6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center**

- All members and attenders are encouraged to attend.
- Childcare available for 6 years and younger.
- Copies of the 2020 budget and a list of officer nominations are available at the Welcome Center.
- Absentee ballots available in the Business Office upon request.

# CONNECT



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)



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Berean Kids Director  
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## ADVENTURE CLUB SPORTS TEAM NIGHT

This Wednesday,  
November 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Come dressed in your  
favorite sports  
team gear!



6-12th Grade



Stay Connected! Follow @WeBeSURGE

- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> No SURGE  
Happy Thanksgiving!

## Student Gatherings

- **Sundays—10:45am**  
in the SURGE Center
- **Wednesdays—6:30pm**  
in the SURGE Center

*Parents—Have you filled  
out your student(s) consent  
form online yet? Forms are  
available online at  
[bereanfamily.com/surge](http://bereanfamily.com/surge).*



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# SERVE



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

## CHRISTMAS TEA

**December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Tickets, \$8 each, go on sale in the lobby beginning next Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

- ★ We are currently looking for Hostesses to partner with us and decorate a table.
- ★ We also are looking for those willing to serve in the kitchen, be greeters, and servers that evening.

Please contact Ashley DeFrancisco at [adefrancisco@bereanfamily.com](mailto:adefrancisco@bereanfamily.com) if you are willing to **serve** or be a **hostess**.



**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** to help with childcare at the 4th Quarter Business Meeting. If you can help please contact Kelly Canfield at [kcanfield@bereanfamily.com](mailto:kcanfield@bereanfamily.com).



## JOIN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATING TEAM

Looking for people who have an artistic eye, fresh ideas, or anyone who loves to string lights! If you'd like to help decorate Berean for Christmas contact Jon Dech at [jdech@bereanfamily.com](mailto:jdech@bereanfamily.com)



## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE @ BEREAN

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>—12:00-5:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment call Mark Lynskey at 419.512.6036, or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), sponsor code: BereanBaptist



## TIME TO GATHER IN THE COINS FOR KIDS BANK

If you took a Coins for Kids Bank please return it with your cash or check donation (made payable to CEF of MARCK) to the church by next Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Your participation will help Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) reach children in our neighborhoods, public schools and area events.

# THANK YOU

Dear Berean Church,

We wish to express our thanks to Berean for all the many cards and prayers on our behalf at Laura's mother's going home, and for the food prepared and served after the funeral. The footprints throw is amazing. We are so blessed to be a part of God's family here at Berean.

Jim & Laura Barr



Berean Family,

We are so grateful for the love shown by our church family through the beautiful floral arrangement, prayers, and words of encouragement during this time of loss. Though Dad is now absent on the earth, we take great comfort in knowing he is present with God in heaven.

Thank you,  
David & Susanna Beach and Family

# FAMILY NEWS

*Our sincere sympathy to*

- *Dan & Robin Porte and their son Michael in the passing of Robin's mother, Patty Good on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.*
- *Jason and Tara Simmering in the passing of his father, Dan Simmering on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. He is also survived by his grandchildren Macie, Owen, and Addison Simmering.*

# PRAY

We will have an opportunity to meet our candidate for Lead Pastor, Dan Krause on Sunday, December 8th. Pray God will give us and him wisdom, discernment, and unity in deciding in his calling into this position. (More information about Pastor Dan and some sermon samples are on the web at [www.bereanfamily.com/candidate](http://www.bereanfamily.com/candidate).)





## *Christmas Poinsettias*

We are once again offering you the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia that will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season.

- **The cost for a 6 1/2" poinsettia is \$9 each.**  
Please submit payment with your order.
- You may take your poinsettia(s) home with you after the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service.
- **All orders are due no later than Sunday, November 24th.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of poinsettias ordered @ \$9 each

\$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE (payment must be included with order)

I'd like to purchase my poinsettia(s)

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

To help decorate Berean for the Christmas season.

Place completed form with payment attached in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. *Thank you!*



# CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Revelation 2:18-29

How does the length of this letter compare to the others? What, if any, significance might that have?

Thyatira was the least of the 7 cities relative to the culture at that time. It was smaller in size and political/economic significance.

**Verse 18**—What does the title “Son of God” mean?

Both the Mormons and the Jehovah Witnesses do not believe that Jesus is fully God. Is he? How do you know?

I, Pastor Mike, am my father’s son but I am not his equal. Does the statement that Jesus is the Son of God mean he is equal to God?

Hebrews 1: 1-4; Luke 22:66-71 (Jesus condemned for claiming to be the Son of God); 1 John 5:20; John 10:33; Titus 2:13

The first three verses of Hebrews are emphatic in saying that the Son is the one whom God “appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world” (Heb. 1:2) This Son, says the writer, “reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp [Lit., is the ‘exact duplicate,’ Gk. *charaktēr*] of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power” (Heb. 1:3). Jesus is the exact duplicate of the “nature” (or being, Gk. *hypostasis*) of God, making him exactly equal to God in every attribute. Moreover, he continually upholds the universe “by his word of power,” something that only God could do.

These passages combine to indicate that the title “Son of God” when applied to Christ strongly affirms his deity as the eternal Son in the Trinity, one equal to God the Father in all his attributes.

— Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem, p. 547

How should the description of Jesus in 2:18 impact us? Rev 1:17; Isaiah 6:1-5

What do you think of Jesus?

Ask God to give you a complete Biblical understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ! Be careful not to overemphasize one perspective to the neglect of a total understanding of both his love and compassion as well as his holiness and power.

**Verse 19**—Again we are reminded that Jesus knows us completely. He knows our deeds, hearts, and circumstances.

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What were the very commendable aspects of this church?

Were they growing, moving forward, or declining (like the church at Ephesus Rev 2:4)?

**Verse 20**—What one word does the Lord use to describe their problem? What was the false teacher and teaching being tolerated?

Jezebel is a name given to this woman. In the OT Jezebel was who?  
1 Kings 16:31; 21:25; 2 Kings 9:10

**Verse 21**—God is gracious to a point. Romans 2:5-11 How is this both good and bad news?

**Verse 22**—What is the consequence of a refusal to repent? Hebrew 10:31  
What should be our response to unrepentant people?  
2 Cor 5:11

**Verse 23**—Who are the children mentioned here? John 8:44  
This is not teaching (don't hear what Jesus is not saying!) that the actual birthed children of a specific woman are condemned because of her sin. Ezekiel 18

How would the public judgement of sin benefit the churches?

On what basis will the child of God be judged? Matthew 16:27; 2 Cor 5:10;  
Rev 22:12

**Verse 24**—Not all of the people of the church had bought into the false teaching. God deals with both communities and individuals. How could a community/church suffer and/or grow from the judgement of God on unrepentant sinners?  
"...so-called deep secrets," notice the sarcasm. Some people like to think of themselves as deeper/better — on the "inside" with privileged knowledge and influence. Be aware of the potential danger of such an attitude.

**Verse 25**—"...until I come" first reference to the Lord's return in the book of Revelation. Why is the return of the Lord called the "Blessed Hope"?  
Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 3:2-3

**Verses 26-27**—What is the promise to those who faithfully follow Christ till the end? Matt 25:21

Use your sanctified imagination as to what this might look like.  
Remember 1 Cor 2:9

**Verse 28** —Who is the "morning star"? Rev 22:16  
If we have Christ now (and we do—Colossians 1:27) what does Jesus mean when He says "I will give"?

**Verse 29**—Are you asking God to help you hear (apply and comply Ezekiel 33:31-32; James 1:22-25) what He is saying to you?

# SERMON NOTES -CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE

- The Warning: 2:22-23

Public \_\_\_\_\_

1Timothy 5:20 *As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear."*

- The Remedy: 2:22

Repentance

Psalms 32:5 *I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah*

- The Encouragement: 2:24-25

Persevere

James 5:11 *Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.*

- The Reward: 2:26-29

Future \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 25:21 *His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'*

Present \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 22:16 *I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendent of David, the bright morning star.*

# NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

## SEVEN THREATS FACING BEREAN

### “TOLERANCE”

Pastor Mike Wells  
Revelation 2:18-26  
Part 4 of 7

- The Jesus: 2:18

Penetrating \_\_\_\_\_

Ultimate \_\_\_\_\_

- The Thyatira Church: 2:19-21

Solid \_\_\_\_\_ ministry

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1 Corinthians 5:1-2 *It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.*

**Their discernment did not match their devotion.**

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AND 10:45 A.M.  
WEDNESDAYS  
6:30 P.M.