



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

# **7 THREATS** **FACING BEREAN**

**“SELF-SUFFICIENCY”**

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

**DECEMBER 1, 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:** *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord), The Stand, I Surrender All, From The Inside Out, Here's My Heart*

## 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](http://WWW.BEREANFAMILY.COM)

## JOIN US AT THESE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### TUESDAY:

9:30 a.m. Scripture Fellowship

### WEDNESDAY:

6:30 p.m. Prayer Gathering, Women's D-Groups, Men's Bible Study  
SURGE Student Gathering, Berean Kids Adventure Club

### THURSDAY:

9:30 a.m. WOMEN'S D-GROUPS

## WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

When the weather gets bad and there's a need to cancel programs or events at Berean we will list them on WMFD TV, and online at [facebook.com/Bereanfamily/](https://facebook.com/Bereanfamily/), [www.bereanfamily.com](http://www.bereanfamily.com), [www.wmfd.com](http://www.wmfd.com), and [www.wman.iheart.com](http://www.wman.iheart.com).



Cancellations will be based on the following:

1. Weekly A.M. ministries: If Mansfield Christian School **or** Lexington Schools cancels **or** delays we will cancel.
2. Weekly P.M. ministries: Cancellations will be decided by 3 P.M. and posted.

## 2020 CALENDARS

2020 Calendars are available in the lobby. Please take one per family.  
A HUGE thank you to J. Todd and Linda Snyder and Snyder Funeral Homes for providing these lovely calendars!

# GIVE

*We will receive a Deacon Fund retiring offering at the conclusion of the service. This offering is used to help those in our congregation with special financial needs.*

# CONNECT



## MEET PASTOR DAN KRAUSE, CANDIDATE FOR LEAD PASTOR

Wednesday, December 4th through Sunday, December 8th

- **See insert** for times and locations available for you to meet Pastor Dan and his family this week.
- **Sign up** in the Lobby today if you will be attending the pizza supper this Friday, December 6th or the breakfast this Saturday, December 7th.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Next Sunday, December 8th — 4 P.M. — Worship Center

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

We need at least 50% of our church members present in order to hold a meeting to call a lead pastor.

Only church members can vote but everyone is welcome to attend.

# SERVE



## Berean Kids is looking for volunteers

to help with childcare for the Candidating Meeting next Sunday, December 8. Contact Kelly if you are able to help. [KCanfield@bereanfamily.com](mailto:KCanfield@bereanfamily.com) or call (419) 756-3300.

# CONNECT



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

## My Deliverer Ladies Christmas Tea

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

Tickets, \$8 each, on sale in the lobby.

*Please join us for  
this lovely evening!*

 **SURGE** STUDENT  
MINISTRIES

**6-12th Grade**



Stay Connected! Follow @WeBeSURGE



### DARE2SERVE 2020



#### REACH Mansfield

June 21-26

#### Dominican Republic

July 11-20

### Student Gatherings

- **Sundays—10:45 a.m.**  
in the SURGE Center
- **Wednesdays—6:30 p.m.**  
in the SURGE Center

9th-12th Grade Students—Sign up on line for the High School Winter Retreat at The Castle In Franklin, PA, January 17-19, 2020. Don't miss out on the early bird discount—sign up now!

[bereanfamily.com/high-school-winter-retreat/](http://bereanfamily.com/high-school-winter-retreat/)

### GIRLS VINTAGE NIGHT

Saturday, Dec. 28th — 5-8 p.m. — SURGE Student Center

RSVP to your Small Group Leader by Dec. 18

# CONNECT

BEREAN  
**KIDS**

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  
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## Merry Christmas Berean Kids Volunteers!

You and your spouse/guest  
are invited to a light breakfast  
and coffee on  
Sunday, December 8th,  
10:00-10:45 a.m.,  
in Room 110  
(across from the  
Monkey Nursery)



## ADVENTURE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 18th  
6:45-8:00 p.m.

Come dressed in your favorite  
Christmas pajamas and watch  
"The Grinch" (2018 version).  
We'll have games, prizes, popcorn,  
and time with friends.  
Invite your friends!



## ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE PRACTICE

In addition to practicing on Sundays, elementary kids will practice on  
Thursday, December 12th at 6:50-8:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

*Please plan to attend this practice.*

# CONNECT

## **NAMI FAMILY TO FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

### *Information, Insight, Understanding, Empowerment*

Berean Baptist Church is pleased to announce the offering of the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family to Family course beginning on January 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30 p.m., for 11 weeks at Berean.** The course is free for those attending. This educational program is for the family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.

You may contact their office to register for the course to protect your confidentiality. Their number is 419-522-6264. They will only enroll up to 20 people, so please consider contacting them soon.

For more information pick up a flyer in the Lobby or visit <https://www.nami.org/find-support/nami-programs/nami-family-to-family>

# SERVE



The Berean Men's Sunday School Class will be hosting a Foster Family Dinner on Friday, December 6th. They are in need of highchairs and/or booster chairs. If you have either you could lend them for the evening they'd appreciate it! You can drop them off in the gym that day.

# THANK YOU

Child Evangelism Fellowship would like to thank everyone from Berean who took a "Coins For Kids" bank. Berean collected over \$3,000! Your donations will help CEF reach children in our neighborhoods, public schools and area events.





# CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

## Revelation 3:14-21

- Verse 14            “The Amen” see Isaiah 65:16 — The word translated truth is amen. 2 Corinthians 1:20 — connects the title Amen with the promises of God.  
“faithful and true witness” Revelation 19:11  
Notice that there is no commendation given to this church.  
The Lord, after the description of who He is, gives a strong critical summary of their condition.  
“The Ruler of Creation” Colossians 1:15-20  
Jesus was not and is not a created being!! He is eternal and the Creator.  
So why do you think Jesus draws attention to these aspects of His character at this time to this church?
- Verse 15-16        There was not a quality water source near the city of Laodicea. They were a wealthy prosperous community but had to get their water from some distance. The result was that the water was not quality. They know this first hand so Jesus is using a negative reality to make his point.  
How unsatisfactory were they spiritually?  
They did not refresh - cold water, not heal - hot water.  
How refreshing or healing is Berean?
- Verse 17            What was their self-evaluation - opinion?  
Romans 12:3  
Contrast this with the Smyrna church. Rev. 2:9  
How do you think a group of believers could get to a place where they were so far off?  
Remember the Lord is speaking relative to a group - local assembly.
- Verse 18            How do you “buy” from God? Isaiah 55:1-2  
The use of the word “buy” is a way to discuss procure, obtain, “get”. So how do we “get” anything from God?  
Isaiah 55:6; Ephesians 2:8 & 9; 1 Timothy 1:16; Hebrews 4:16
- The city of Laodicea was know for three (3) things.
1. Great wealth — After an earth quake in AD 60 destroyed the city they refused government funds from Rome and financed their rebuilding themselves.
  2. Textiles — They had developed a very valuable black wool for which people paid a high price.

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3. Medicine — There was a renowned medical school there and a well-know salve for the eyes.

Verse 18

So Jesus uses their three (3) positive economic continued realities to communicate the church's three (3) negative spiritual deficiencies.

- They were spiritually destitute.
- They were shamefully spiritually attired.
- They were spiritually blind.

What might a church look like with these negative characteristics?

Verse 19

How does rebuke and discipline flow out of love?

Hebrews 12:4-13

How might God discipline a church?

What is the Lord's desired response?

What does it mean to be earnest (NIV), zealous (ESV) in this context?

What does it mean to repent?

How does a church repent?

Verse 20

This verse over the years has been used to exhort non-believers to come to accept Christ. While this may be an appropriate application - to whom is this verse written?

Jesus desires to have deep fellowship with His people, His bride, His body, His church. That fellowship must be on Jesus' terms!!

What would a church look like that did not have genuine, consistent, deep fellowship with the Lord?

Remember Jesus is talking to a church — not an individual.

However, that does not mean that there are no legitimate individual applications.

Verse 21

The offer of wonderful results is given as an enticement to the hard work of repentance.

While we will never become God and we will never supplant Jesus as King we are offered incredible opportunities and privileges.

Given the grand incentives what does this tell us about how important genuine deep fellowship with Jesus is to Him?

Verse 22

Again, notice the collective aspect of these letters and their warnings and promises! "says to the churches"

Take some time to humbly seek God's face and heart relative to Berean.

Have we become self-sufficient? If so, how?

# SERMON NOTES -CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE

## The Remedy: Revelation 3:19-20

- Get \_\_\_\_\_ and repent. Revelation 3:19

*God disciplines his children*

Proverbs 3:11-12 *“My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.”*

See Hebrews 12

- Motive: The expression of love
  - Method: The use of unpleasant realities
  - Purpose: To encourage and develop
  - Response: Submission
- Humbly \_\_\_\_\_ to the pursuit of Jesus. Revelation 3:20
- “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble”  
James 4:6b

## The Promise: Revelation 3:20-22

- Current Fellowship Revelation 3:20
- Future Honor Revelation 3:21

# NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

## SEVEN THREATS FACING BEREAN “SELF-SUFFICIENCY”

Pastor Mike Wells  
Revelation 3:14-22  
Part 7 of 7

### The Jesus: Revelation 3:14

“the Amen” - The establisher of all God’s \_\_\_\_\_ .

### The Laodicean Church: Revelation 3:15-18

- Lukewarm Revelation 3:15-16
- Self- \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 3:17
- Self- \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 3:17 & 18

*How do you “buy” something from God?*

Isaiah 55:1 *“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”*

Isaiah 55:6 *“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near”*

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