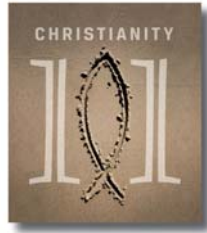


MORNING MESSAGE (10:30—11:50)

GIVING THANKS FOR THE CHURCH MATTHEW 16:13-19 Pastor Bill Abernathy



These verses are the first reference to the Church. Jesus helps us understand what it is and why we should be thankful for it.

1) The Church is _____ on Jesus Christ - 16:13-17

* we must be _____ about who He is

* we must _____ who He is

2) The Church is _____ thru Jesus Christ - 16:18

* He IS _____ His Church

* His Church will NOT _____

3) The Church is _____ by Jesus Christ - 16:18-19

* He is the _____ of the Church

* He gives the _____ & _____ to the Church

EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:00—7:15 pm)

NO Evening Service TODAY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Today

10:30 am Harvest Service, Harvest Offering
Children 1st-3rd will be in the service during the first 1/2
Noon Potluck Dinner
6:00 pm **NO** PM Service

This Week

TUE 6:45 pm MS Students & Parents Bible Study, Upper Room
WED **NO** Wednesday Services
Office Closed
Office Closed
THURS
Office Closed

Coming Events

DEC 02 Bridge Movie Night @ Fields, 6:30 pm
03 Irish Christmas Concert
05 Blood Drive
LIFE 101
06 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal, Grade 1-5
07 Deacon Election
10 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal
11 Blood Pressure Screening
AM Communion
Sunday School Christmas Program
13 Joyful Mom
Deacon Meeting
14 Young @ Heart Christmas Lunch
16 Empty Nesters Christmas Party, Gull Lake
18 Choir & Orchestra Concert, AM & PM
24 Christmas Eve Service
25 Christmas Day
NO Sun. School, AM service at 10:30 am, **NO** PM Service
28 **NO** Wednesday Services
JAN 1 **NO** Sun. School, AM service at 10:30 am, **NO** PM Service
4 **NO** Wednesday Services
8 Blood Pressure Screening

ATTENTION ALL children's ministries workers: if you missed the meeting on November 6th, please pick up a packet of information from the children's ministries info center.

Words for the congregational songs used during the services, as well as service plans, are available upon request at the Welcome Center.

To Our Guests

Welcome Center: You are invited to pick up a Welcome Packet full of detailed information about the many ministries and activities of BBC.

Visit with our Pastors: If you are visiting Berean for the first time please accept our invitation to visit with the Pastors at the conclusion of the service.

Teen Happenings

Student Ministry page: www.berean-mi.org/students
Pastor Chuck's e-mail: cpausley@berean-mi.org
Pastor Chuck's phone: 269-370-1444
Middle School High School

TODAY

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NO MEETINGS

30

Combined Meeting in Upper Room

DEC 02

8th Grade Leadership

03

PML

Crossroads Student Min



Blood Drive

Monday, December 5, 10 am-2 pm
All of the blood donated will stay in W. Michigan

Currently, one in every seven people entering the hospital will need blood. Each pint of donated blood can be separated into components-red cells, plasma, and platelets-and used to help up to three individual patients. It takes only about ten minutes to donate a pint of blood-less than an hour for the whole process, from sign-in to release-and for most donors, its painless.

Please contact Julie Perrine to schedule an appointment that will work best with your schedule. We are aiming for 18 donors!!

LIFE 101

Date: Monday, December 5, 7 pm

Classes: Chocolate Making, Sharing
Christmas Traditions, Carol Sing, Writing
Christmas Cards, Visiting with Friends.

Sign-ups: **Today** in the Fellowship Hall

There is a large card in the Foyer for all who desire to send Christmas greetings to Berean friends...and then put the money saved on cards and postage in the offering for the MK's (Missionary Kids) Christmas Gift. (mark your giving envelope with "MK Christmas Fund")
Thank You!

OPPORTUNITIES

"Irish Christmas Concert"
With Keith and Kristyn Getty
Saturday, December 3, at 7 pm

Church-wide Marriage Retreat

Date: February 17 & 18

Place: Farmstead Inn, Shipshewana

Speaker: Dr. David Warren

"Marriage: Where Mugs and Goblets Meet"

Cost: \$150/couple

(includes 1 night stay, 2 meals, 3 sessions & snacks)

(If you begin to budget now, you only need to set aside \$15/week)

Who should come? Married Couples of **all ages**.

Registration 11/27, 12/4, 12/11

Make checks payable to Berean Baptist Church



Empty Nesters Christmas Party

Gull Lake Conference Center

Friday, December 16

Dinner at 6:00 pm, Program from 7 pm-9 pm

Cost \$32/couple

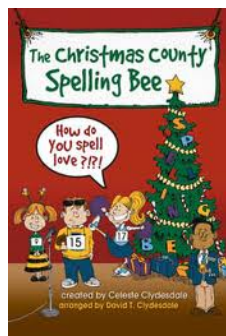
Pay Nancy Tyler by November 27

Sunday School Christmas Program

"Christmas County Spelling Bee"

Sunday, December 11

@ 6 pm



Deacon Election

Wednesday, December 7

THANK YOU

To my dear Berean family,
There is no way to thank you for your kindness with food, beautiful plants and flowers, and so many card to encourage me, but most of all the prayers that were lifted up for me.
I have a wonderful church family and want to thank Pastor Steve and Becky for praying for me before surgery and Pastor Bill for coming to see me.

I love you all, JoAnne Raven

Dear Rake & Runners

THANK YOU!!!!

From: Dale and Gerrie Bothwell, Hal & Winnie Pape, Wally & Lydia Hines, Sandy Warriner, Joan Watkins, JoAnne Raven, John & Bev Pike



MEET OUR PASTORAL STAFF



Bill Abernathy
Lead Pastor



Steve Nichols
Pastor of Music and Worship



Chuck Pausley
Pastor of Student Ministries/Christian Education

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MINISTRY STAFF: Amy Brown, Christian Counselor

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