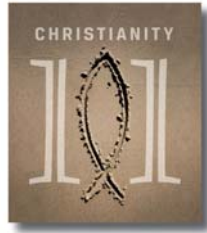


## MORNING MESSAGE (10:30—11:40)

### THE RETURN OF THE KING 1 THESS. 4:13-18; REV. 19:11-20:3 Pastor Bill Abernathy



Advent, the anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth begins today, but let's think about His 2nd coming, which occurs in 2 parts.

1) The King will return to claim His \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Thess. 4:13-18

\* He will come with His people who have \_\_\_\_\_

\* He will come for His people who are \_\_\_\_\_

2) The King will return to claim His \_\_\_\_\_ - Rev. 19:11-20:3

\* He is earth's rightful \_\_\_\_\_

\* He is man's only \_\_\_\_\_

\* He is earth's sovereign \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENING FELLOWSHIP (6:00—7:15 pm)

### GOD'S PROPHETIC PLAN

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Today

6:00 pm PM Service  
Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal

### This Week

TUE 7:00 pm HS Advance, Pausley's  
WED 10:00 am Ladies' Morning Bible Study, Room 111  
6:30 pm -Choir & Orchestra Practice @ Calvary Bible Church  
-Sr. High, Upper Room  
-Jr. High, Upper Room  
-T&T, Rm. 111&112, Birthday Night  
-Sparks, Fellowship Hall, Scavenger Hunt Night  
-Cubbies, Room 107 & 108, Hug #8, Birthday Night  
-Nursery, Nursery Complex  
-Adult Bible Study, Auditorium  
FRI 7:00 pm Bridge Movie Night @ Fields  
SAT 7:00 pm Irish Christmas Concert

### Coming Events

DEC 05 Blood Drive  
LIFE 101  
06 Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal, Grades 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  
15 Choir & Orchestra Concert Dress Rehearsal, 6:30 pm  
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

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](http://www.berean-mi.org/students)  
Pastor Chuck's e-mail: [cpausley@berean-mi.org](mailto:cpausley@berean-mi.org)  
Pastor Chuck's phone: 269-370-1444

	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>
<b>30</b>	<b>Combined Meeting in Upper Room</b>	
<b>DEC 02</b>	<b>8th Grade Leadership</b>	
<b>03</b>		<b>PML</b>
<b>04</b>	<b>Nursing Home Service Project</b>	
<b>10</b>		<b>Gospel Mission</b>



### Blood Drive

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

December 5th is just 1 week away!! We need to have at least 14 more people sign up to reach our blood drive goal of 18 donors. Of course we will take walk-ins, but you can also schedule an appointment to make the process quicker and faster.

Contact Julie Perrine, she will send a confirmation of the time that you need. There are slots open from 10:00am-1:00pm and 2 appointments open for 1:45pm.

If you have never donated before go to [miblood.org](http://miblood.org) and click on the link that says, "First Time 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

### Deacon Election Wednesday, December 7

#### 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 TODAY, 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

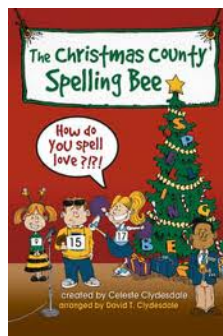
Pay Nancy Tyler by November 27

Sunday School Christmas Program

#### “Christmas County Spelling Bee”

Sunday, December 11

@ 6 pm



Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsals

2s, 3s, 4s & 5s, Kindergarten: Dec. 10, 9-9:45, Dec. 11, 5:40 pm

1st-5th Grade: Dec. 6, 6-8 pm, Dec. 10, 9-noon, Dec. 11, 4 pm

All children are welcome to participate!

## THANK YOU

*Words cannot adequately express our thanks for your love and sympathy, prayers and cards after the loss of Bill's mother. The beautiful plant from Berean was a blessing and has been planted at our home as a living memorial. An extra special thank you to Pastor Bill and Pastor Steve for the wonderful funeral service with the gospel message that so many in attendance needed to hear, and for being available for anything that was needed. We are so very grateful for our church family!*  
Bill & Sue VerMeulen

#### Young @ Heart (55+) Christmas Lunch

December 14 12:30 pm

Kathy Davis will be in charge of meal preparation and the cost will be determined later. Pastor Davis will “reminisce” with us. Come and join us on this special day.

Sign up in Sunday School or on the Information Sheet in the Bulletin.

## MEET OUR PASTORAL STAFF



Bill Abernathy  
Lead Pastor



Steve Nichols  
Pastor of  
Music and  
Worship



Chuck Pausley  
Pastor of  
Student Ministries/  
Christian Education

Welcome to  
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MINISTRY STAFF: Amy Brown, Christian Counselor

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# Berean Baptist Church

Developing fully devoted  
followers of Christ  
for the glory of God

November 27, 2011



**DEACON ELECTION** will take place during our normal Wednesday night activities on December 7, 2011. Ballots will be taken to each of the ministry areas that night for members to use to vote. Absentee ballots are available from the office.

The nine men on this year's ballot are:



Larry Brovont



Justin Crown



Jerry Davis



Terry Dehart



Kendall King



Ed Martin



Chuck Prudhomme



Donn Stokes



Ron Uhl

## Missionary Prayer Requests for the week of November 27, 2011

**Katie Westcomb:** During this week, we had a Vacation Bible School for the children in the community around the cap property. The first day there were 91 children that came, not including the parents who stayed. Every day they heard the Gospel and at the end of the week, 30 children chose to trust Christ as their Savior!! Some of these children will return for camp which begins in just two weeks. These next two weeks will be filled with taking care of the final details.

When I came to Guatemala, I never imagined all God had planned. There is one particular blessing that is so amazing-

God has brought a very special person into my life. His name is Eliud de la Cruz. He is a missionary with Word of Life. It has become clear to us that the Lord has brought us together and is leading us to marriage and to continue serving Him together here in Guatemala.

**Ryan & Gretchen Rought:** One of our dear Centurion men, a San Jose police officer, husband and dad of two little ones has been a wonderful friend and partner in providing Bible Studies at the k9 base, and has maintained a dynamite testimony in his department. Marco was diagnosed with cancer. He is to be in the hospital first thing on Monday to begin chemotherapy immediately.. The cancer has reappeared in his lungs. Please keep him and his wife, Idania in your prayers. Please also be in prayer for our family as we minister to Marco & Idania, as well as their two children ages 5 and 11, through this time of need, fear and uncertainty.

**Bob & Shirley Cropsey:** *Karolyn Kempton Memorial Christian Hospital, Adeta, Togo*— God provided surgical coverage on short notice this summer and fall. We are grateful to have Todd DeKryger and family back from furlough. Dr. Eric Miller and family are in language training in France. Pray for Dr. David Kuehler as he assumes the helm in surgery for the next six months for this fourth year in a row!

*Wendell Kempton Medical and Ministry Center, Mango, Togo*— We are thankful and rejoicing in the new team God is bringing to Mango. The Drakes, the Davises, Melissa Friesen, the Favers, Jodi Boyd, the Harrises and Stoners are all working on have recently arrived in Mango. Pray for the construction teams that leave every month for two weeks. Pray that the remaining pledged money comes in by year's end and we are able to complete the funding-only \$200,000 yet to raise.

*Memorial Christian Hospital, Bangladesh*— Good news, the railroad line decision to build across the middle of the property has not happened. The latest deadline for the decision is sometime this month. Dr. Nathan Piovesan and family have all their support hope to arrive in Bangladesh next summer. Prayer request: Experienced RNs are needed to supervise Bangladeshi nursing students in their clinical rotations. Contact

Susan Edge at [sdedge@abwe.cc](mailto:sdedge@abwe.cc).

*Gambia, W. Africa* has a clinic and small hospital that is being run by nurse practitioners and lab tech. They are excited that God has provided a hospital administrator family who have nearly all their support. There is still a huge need for several ;physicians.

*Bible Studies in Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor:* Both Shirley and I continue Bible studies with residents and their spouses twice monthly.

*Coming Up:* Dec. 6 General surgery Recertification Exam in Ann Arbor

**Barry and Linda Jones:** In September and October we traveled to Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and India. Our trip was not without difficulties. God used us to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. Our next trip, which begins on Jan 19 will be a return trip to Myanmar. I will be teaching Homiletics and Hermeneutics to 88 grad students at Faith Baptist Theological Seminary. The travel cost for our upcoming trip will be around \$3,500.

**Dan & Vicki Benton:** We know that God is at work, even when the results are not immediately seen. He will make everything beautiful in His time. This aspect of time has punctuated these past weeks. We have had: *Times Without Power*-Back in August Hurricane Irene left us without power for 32 hours. Then our "October Surprise" snowstorm left us in the dark for 135 hours. We are grateful for those in our Church family who did not lose electricity and shared hot meals, shower facilities and "light" with us. *Times Without Progress*-Berean's attendance has been down a bit. Some have been laid aside by illness, some have been 'too busy' to come, others have become discouraged. But this is God's flock, not ours. Growth will come in His time. *Times Without Pause*-We are making necessary preparations for growth. We are in the middle of Staff Training Sessions on Sunday to better equip our people, we are looking forward to ministry at Calvary Baptist Easthampton, MA and we will have our Annual Harvest Dinner on Nov. 20. We collect a "Harvest Table Offering" which we use to purchase grocery store gifts cards. Last year we were able to give away \$400, so far this year \$480 has come in.

**Uncle Tim Marsh:** Ministry to Papua New Guinea, We spent two weeks teaching Vacation Bible School for New Tribes missionary kids, great time of ministry. *Pray for* upcoming winter ministries; for good health; for mission finances; for VBS prep; most of all for children to come to Jesus.