

# *Berean*

*A church*



*with a  
Healing Heart*

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## **BEREAN'S HISTORY**

In 1979 a core group of about 30-35 people became interested in starting a new Baptist church in Mansfield. They felt the need to establish a church that focused, in a positive way, on the life-changing power of Christ.

For the first five years the church held services at Mansfield Christian School. The people went from the band room to a multi-purpose room, to a stage area, and finally into the newly finished school Chapel.

In January of 1985 we dedicated our first building on 2145 Middle Bellville Road. This facility contained a worship area that could accommodate approximately 225 people, plus a small overflow. In June of 1989 we completed our second building program. Much needed Sunday school space was added, in additions to a new sanctuary that would seat around 750 people.



We praise the Lord for His goodness and generosity in providing both the growth and the beautiful facilities. Our attendance has grown from just over 30 people to between 1200-1500 today. Numbers themselves are not important except that they represent people who are desirous of knowing Christ and growing in Him. We count it a humble privilege to minister to each one who enters our doors. We hope that might include you.

## **OUR CHURCH AFFILIATION**

### **BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Berean Baptist Church is affiliated with the Baptist General Conference. The Baptist General Conference is a growing fellowship of almost 800 evangelical churches in the United States. The Conference is organized to do for the churches what they cannot do for themselves. The Conference supports both home and world missionaries in 13 nations and operates Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota as a training center for Christian young people. The conference also provides resources for Christian Education and church leadership for the local church. The Baptist General Conference is located in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

### **MIDEAST BAPTIST CONFERENCE**

Within the B.G.C. we have fourteen Area Districts. Berean is affiliated with the Mideast Baptist Conference. Our District is composed of 38 churches from Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The ministry of the M.B.C. supports our pastors through seminars, counseling and retreats. It supports our local churches through the Men's, Women's, Children's and Youth Ministries along with training for church leaders. The M.B.C. has a year-round camping program at Camp Burton, Ohio, and our district ministers to our areas through church planting.

## WHAT KIND OF CHURCH IS BEREAN

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- We desire to be “A Church With A Healing Heart.” It was said of Jesus that He welcomed the crowds and “Spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.” Luke 9:11
- One of the greatest services a church can offer a community is to provide a place for people to be brought to wholeness - to be healed physically, emotionally, and spiritually. A place where people are loved, accepted, and forgiven through the grace of Jesus Christ.
- We desire to be like our biblical namesakes in the book of Acts, a people “Who received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily.” Acts 17:11
- We are a church committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, holding firmly to the foundational principles of the Christian faith while avoiding those emphases that divide the Christian community.
- We are a people using the gifts and abilities God has given to us both in the congregation and in the community.
- We are a church where individuals and families are supported through:
  - Worship and prayer
  - Teaching and training
  - Fellowship and sharing
- To put it succinctly, we are a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ who desire to follow His teachings and share our lives with each other and the world around us. Those dynamics all bring praise and glory to God.
- Berean Baptist Church was organized in 1979 by a group of people who held in common a concern for those who did not know God’s salvation provided in Jesus Christ. Though coming from different church backgrounds, they believed that their common faith in Jesus Christ should be expressed in worship and fellowship.

## **WHAT WE BELIEVE**

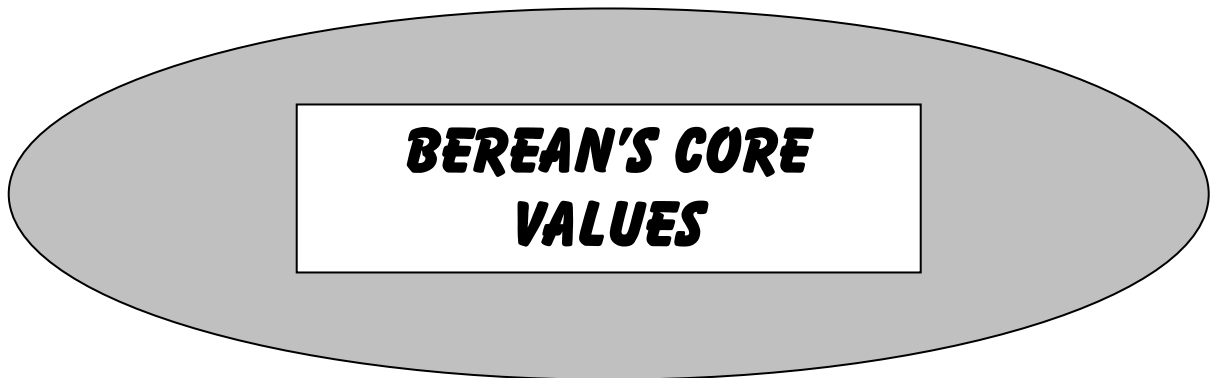
We believe that the scriptures composed of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, were inerrant in the original writings, and are, as we now have them, in every essential particular as originally given, and contain all guidance necessary for salvation.

**WE BELIEVE** that God is a trinity of persons in Unity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**WE BELIEVE** that Jesus, the Son of God, is truly God and truly man, was born of a virgin, died on the cross as a substitutionary atonement for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where He now intercedes for all who believe in Him, will come again personally, triumphantly and imminently to reward His own.

**WE BELIEVE** that all have sinned and except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

**WE BELIEVE** that salvation is by grace, through Faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.



We are committed to living out the unconditional love and grace of Jesus Christ.

We are committed to celebrative Christ-centered worship that touches the whole person.

We are committed to faithfully proclaiming God's Word, the foundation of our convictions and beliefs.

We are committed to the task of actively seeking to win lost people to Christ.

We are committed to the process of equipping believers to become passionate followers of Christ.

We are committed to heartfelt prayer that unleashes God's transforming power.

We are committed to developing Christian community and accountability.

## **BEREAN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

**BEREAN'S MISSION IS TO GLORIFY GOD**

**THROUGH WORSHIPPING HIM  
PROCLAIMING BIBLICAL TRUTH,  
INTRODUCING PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST,  
DISCIPLINING BELIEVERS  
AND SERVING OTHERS AS A LOVING, CARING  
FAMILY OF GOD**

## **BEREAN'S VISION**

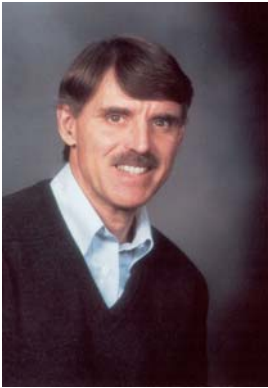
We envision a passionate community of transformed people in intimate relationship with their Creator. We commit to impacting north central Ohio and the world with God's unconditional grace and love. "Grounded in God's Word, empowered by God's Spirit and fully equipped for good works, we intentionally seek to bring Christ-centered reconciliation and healing to individuals, families, the church, the community and the world." We realize this vision through humble, joyful and prayerful dependence on God.

## **BEREAN'S MOTTO**

**"A CHURCH WITH A HEALING HEART"**



## THE CHURCH STAFF



### **SENIOR PASTOR – David J. Pound**

Graduate of Bethel College, 1970

Bachelor of Arts, Graduate of Bethel

Theological Seminary, 1974, Master of Divinity.

Ordained into the Gospel Ministry in 1976. Serving Berean Baptist Church since its beginning in 1979. Is married to Sher and is the father of three sons: Benjamin (BJ), Matthew, and Jonathan.

### **PASTOR OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND MISSIONS –**

#### **William J. Heaton**

Graduate of the College of Wooster in 1971,

Bachelor of Arts in Education. Graduate of Bethel Theological Seminary.

1979, Master of Divinity. Ordained in to the Gospel Ministry in 1981. Is

married to Julie and has four children: Joel, Jared, Jason and Beth Anne.



### **PASTOR OF WORSHIP MINISTRIES – Mark McMahan**

Graduate of Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, AL.

Graduate studies at Samford University in Birmingham.

Is married to Cyndi and they have two daughters:

Melissa Laine and Anna Elizabeth

### **CHILDREN’S PASTOR – Nathaniel Meiers**

Graduate of University of Virginia, 1990, Bachelor of Arts. Graduate of Columbia

Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions, 1995, Master of Divinity.

Licensed to minister in 1995. Is married to Laura and the proud father of two

children: Matthias Isaac and Madeline.



### **PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES - Steve Storkel**

Graduate of Northeastern Bible College, Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministry with a major in Bible. He has served as Pastor of Christian Education, Director of Christian Education and Youth before becoming Pastor of Youth Ministries at Berean. The Lord has lead Pastor Steve to develop a Youth Ministry that would make a difference in the lives of those involved in it and also in the lives of students in our community. Pastor Steve Storkel is married to Becky and they have three daughters, Jennifer, Brittany and Sarah.

**SENIOR ADULT PASTOR – Jim Berry**

Graduate of The Ohio State University, 1969 Bachelor of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Education from LaVern University, California. Completed 30 years of teaching in the Ohio Public School Systems. Is married to Judy and have two married sons and daughter-in-laws and four grandchildren:

Eric and Dawn and Timothy and Susanna-  
Jordan, Toby, Samuel & Grace Berry



**PASTOR OF EVANGELISM AND COMMUNITY LIFE – Craig Hamm**

Graduate of Liberty University (1982) and presently working towards a Masters Degree in Religion and Church Growth through Liberty's Extension Program.

Has managed WVMC, the local Christian radio station, from 1991-1998. Is married to Cheryl and has two daughters: Julie and Kristen.

## **MISSION MINISTRY**

### **MISSION PASTOR: Pastor Bill Heaton**

Berean is a church on the move in missions. We are attempting to move missions from one of the ministries to the ministry of Berean. The Great Commission is to “Go”! Jesus commanded the local church to reach the community, the country, and the world. We are attempting to do that through ministries of our church and through cooperation with other ministries.

Berean presently designates 24% of its general giving to missions. Special gifts to missions increase this by an additional 8%. Our church is involved in hands on, short-term mission work in our city, Mexico, The Dominican Republic and The Ukraine. We developed a sister church relationship with Grace Church of Brovary, Ukraine in 1996 with annual trips to conduct children and youth Bible camps.

**Berean is on the move in missions taking the love and grace of Jesus Christ to a lost world.**



# ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

## PASTOR BILL HEATON

In baseball you do not score any runs unless a player reaches home plate. Singles, doubles and triples are good but if the runners are left on base it is frustrating. You want to get them home to score runs. We have that same philosophy with our Adult Spiritual Development. Colossians 1:28 says “And we proclaim Him, admonishing, every man and teaching every man with all wisdom that we may present every man complete in Christ.”

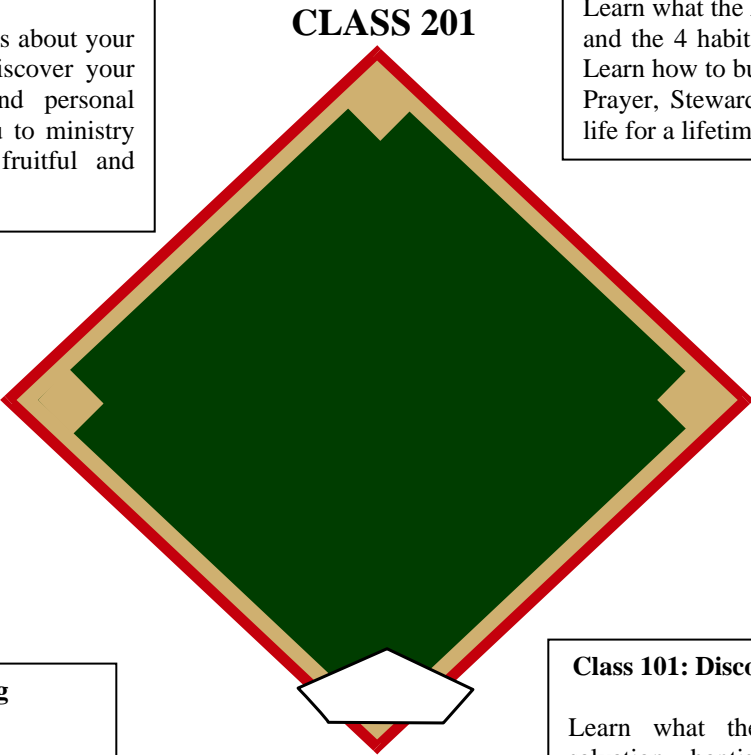
We compare completeness in Christ to “scoring runs”. Our baseball diamond illustration explains how we desire to move people along in their spiritual development towards the goal of being complete in Christ.

**Class 301: Discovering Your Servant Profile**

Learn what the Bible teaches about your unique Service Profile. Discover your passion, spiritual gifts, and personal style, which will direct you to ministry where you can be both fruitful and fulfilled.

**Class 201: Discovering Spiritual Maturity**

Learn what the Bible teaches about the need for and the 4 habits necessary to grow spiritually. Learn how to build the habits of Bible Reading, Prayer, Stewardship and Fellowship into your life for a lifetime of spiritual growth.



**Class 401: Discovering Your Life Mission**

Learn what your God given mission is in our world today from sharing “your story” to becoming a “world-class Christian.”

**Class 101: Discovering Church Membership**

Learn what the Bible has to say about salvation, baptism, communion and church membership. Learn about Berean beliefs and ministry. Come and discover why you will want to be a member of Berean. Taking the class does not obligate you to join.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

**"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."**

**John 4:23**

**PASTOR OF WORSHIP: Pastor Mark McMahan**

## **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

At Berean, we believe that our worship of God is the most important thing we do as individual believers and as a church. Our desire is to provide a celebrative worship experience that touches the whole person. We trust that the following is a start in helping achieve that purpose.

## **CELEBRATION CHOIR**

Our adult choir experience is open to people from 9<sup>th</sup> grade on up. No audition is required. Childcare is available. The choir sings every other Sunday morning in worship. Practices are Thursday from 7:00-9:00 PM September – May.



## **WORSHIP TEAMS**

Our worship team leads in worship every other Sunday. Participation is on an availability basis and an audition is required.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a children's Christmas program during the holiday season and a summer music camp in July for grades second through sixth grade. Children also can be a part of the Kid's Choir during the year.

**DRAMA DIRECTOR: Mary Ann Calhoun**



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**YOUTH PASTOR: Steve Storkel**

**JR. HIGH DIRECTOR: Dan Istvanik**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Robin Finn**

**OBJECTIVE:** The Berean Youth Ministry is designed specifically with the tastes and interests of Junior and Senior Highers in mind. We seek to train and raise up a generation of young people who will take God's kingdom into their world of teenagers. To accomplish this we encourage students through:

1. Teaching God's Word relevant to teens;
2. Fellowship with Christian teenagers;
3. Opportunities to affirm and serve others;
4. Opportunities that utilize their God-given gifts and talents.

**TEACHING:** There are many levels from which we teach, taking into consideration those teens that may be searching, and those teens who may want to serve Christ. We teach four basic areas: Relationships, Doctrine, Disciplines and Current Issues.

**SURGE:** Is a weekly event geared for Sr. Highers (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). This is a growth-level ministry for those who are just checking us out and those who have been around a while. We meet on Wednesday from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m.

**\*Sunday School Classes** are offered for both Junior and Senior Highers. We have separate classes for 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders as well. On occasion the Senior High Class will offer various elective courses. We meet on Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

**SURGE:** Is designed for Junior Highers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). Our goal is to equip them to be all they can for God and His kingdom. This night of programming includes activities, snacks, music, and teaching. We meet on Wednesday from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Christian fellowship and evangelism outreach are provided through a variety of social activities including but not limited to: Camps, weekend advances, monthly events, get-togethers, in homes, etc.

## **CHILDREN'S PASTOR:**

**Rev. Nate Meiers**

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## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT:**

**Jenni Maples**

E-Mail Address: [jmaples@bereanmansfield.com](mailto:jmaples@bereanmansfield.com)



**MISSION:** To enthusiastically & courageously reach as many children as possible with the good news of Jesus Christ!

**PURPOSE:** To Pastor Children, Support Parents, Equip Children's Workers and extend the ministry.

**MOTTO:** Healing Kids' Hearts

**CORE VALUES:** People, Relationship, Godliness, Joy and Effectiveness.

**NURSERY:** Our goal is to provide a safe, healthy and loving environment for the little ones to allow parents a secure and worshipful experience. Nursery is provided at every Sunday morning and Wednesday night service. Contact Pastor Nate for information on child dedication.

**PRESCHOOL:** Classes are available each service Sunday morning and Wednesday night. Children are assigned to rooms based on their birthday. Please refer to the signs at each door to find the right place for your children.

**ELEMENTARY:** Sunday school for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades is first and third service. Worship combines all the children together in the community room for second service. Adventure Club, our exciting program during the school year on Wednesday nights, uses drama and small groups to connect kids with Jesus.

**ADDITIONAL FUN:** We help send kids to Camp Burton for a week of summer camp. Children lead us to remember the real reason for Christmas during the Christmas pageant. Kids Retreat in the spring is a great time for kids to focus on spiritual growth. In the summer we use Backyard Bible Clubs and Summer JAM to reach our community with the good news of Jesus Christ.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** We mainstream special needs children into the classrooms. See Pastor Nate if you have a child with special needs. Young adults with special needs have their own Sunday School class during the second service.

**SAFETY:** Protecting your children is important to us. So every volunteer in direct contact with children is required to (1) attend Berean for at least six months, (2) get a fingerprint-based background check, (3) fill out an application including three references and a personal testimony of faith in Christ, (4) attend training, (5) get a photo ID card, (6) agree in writing to our statement of faith, our church covenant and to follow written guidelines. See Pastor Nate if you would like more information.

## **SECOND HALF FOR HIM/ BEREAN GOLD**

**Pastor Jim Berry**



At Berean, we believe that every person who believes in the Lord Jesus has a ministry gift from the Lord and a responsibility to use that gift for the good of the body of Christ. We refute societies' notion that older is less valuable and instead believe that the more God teaches through life's lessons, the more we have to share.

### **SCRIPTURE SPEAKS/COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Every Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM a Bible Study fellowship is held in the Chapel. Although not restricted to older adults, many who are able to attend at that time, are of 2<sup>nd</sup> Half for Him status.

### **CHAPEL VESPERS**

This gathering is held in the Chapel every first and third Sunday evenings at 6:00 P.M. The service is traditional in style.

### **BEREAN GOLD/SECOND HALF FOR HIM**

The adults' age fifty plus in our fellowship make up this group. We have several banquets a year and hope to increase the number of trips/outings. We desire to provide every person an opportunity to minister to others while making certain our people's needs can be met.

# Belonging Becoming Blessing

Women's Ministry

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**DIRECTOR:**  
Rochelle Baughman

**MOTTO:** Belonging,  
Becoming, Blessing

**PURPOSE:** To encourage and equip women to be and do all that God wants them to be and do.

**Newsletter:** Especially for women. Comes out quarterly.

**BECOMING MINISTRIES:**

Bible studies (check bulletin for details)  
Heart to Heart (Women mentoring women)  
Saturday Connection (Mini-retreat held periodically).

**BLESSING MINISTRIES:**

Meals (for funerals, new moms, illness)  
Harmony House (ministry in November)  
Ark Angels (Christmas)

**Questions? Call Rochelle (419) 756-3300  
Tuesdays or Thursdays**

# Adult Sunday School Classes

Time	Class	Room #
8:00 AM	<b>Son Risers</b> Pastor Bill Heaton	212
9:15 AM	<b>*Going Public with your Faith (20's-50's)</b> <b>(Focus on the Family video series - evangelism training)</b> Pastor Craig	213
	<b>* Love and Respect</b> <b>(Dr. Emerson Eggerichs video series - Marriage Enrichment)</b> Mike and Carolyn Hershner	139
	<b>Connections (20-30's)</b> <b>(Parenting Children/Marriage/Culturally Relevant Biblical Studies)</b> Mick Leach	Chapel
10:30 AM	<b>Quest for Truth (30's-50's)</b> <b>(Hebraic Foundations of our Faith)</b> Steve McElhatten	Chapel
	<b>Carpenters</b> <b>(Books of the Bible)</b> (30's-50's) John Stocks	212
	<b>Parenting Teenagers (40's-50's)</b> Allen Martin	213
	<b>Coram Deo</b> <b>(Books of the Bible/Topical Studies)</b> Mark Boyd	214
	<b>Passages Sunday School Class (women)</b> Rochelle Baughman	216
	<b>Lydia Class (women)</b> Cindy Rickel	217
	<b>Soldiers &amp; Saints (60s - 80s)</b> Dr. Ron Cyphers	220
	<b>Man's Perspective</b> Pastor Jim Berry	Choir Room
	<b>*Wide Angle (20's-50's)</b> <b>Biblical WorldView- video series by Chuck Colson and Rick Warren</b> Don and Lynne Smith	139

\* Classes marked (twice a year) are elective classes offered in the fall and spring. Advanced registration is preferred. Details are in weekly bulletin.

## **TO MEET YOUR NEEDS**

### **SMALL GROUPS**

**Pastor of Evangelism: Pastor Craig Hamm**

Small Groups are an important part of Berean's ministry.

#### **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES**



Small Groups are available for couples, men, women and singles. This is an active and on-going ministry. For more information please contact the church office (419) 756-3300 and ask for Pastor Craig or Sonya Lieb.