



# the Berean Banter

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## *It's an invitation!*

Come. A simple word at first glance. But it is fraught with meaning upon the second look. The dictionary says it is *a basic intransitive verb expressing movement toward a specified place or person*. We've all received invitations to come to a special event. There were two in our mailbox just recently. One asked us to celebrate a dear granddaughter's 6th birthday, a very special day indeed. The other was a request to join family and friends to commemorate a 50th wedding anniversary. What a delight for us to be invited to come.

There is an invitation given that is even more precious to me. It comes from the lips of our Savior. You may have guessed it... He says it many times. Come. No doubt you know by now that our church has embarked upon a study by Dr. Jerry Sheveland and his wife called, *Come and Follow*. That was the invitation Jesus gave to the disciples, and still gives to us today. There are also His gracious words in the book of Matthew. *Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

Now "listen" to these wonderful lyrics from worship leader Travis Cottrell. They are to be sung after that great hymn 'Just as I Am' as a response to the invitation to come. May they bless and encourage your heart as they have mine.

*I come broken to be mended  
I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desperate to be rescued  
I come empty to be filled  
I come guilty to be pardoned  
By the blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms  
Praise God Just As I Am.*

You know, an invitation just isn't worth very much unless you respond to it. If we leave it in the mailbox, throw it in the trash, or ignore it completely we have missed out on something wonderful. Have you responded to the heavenly invitation to come? Whether it is to come to Him for forgiveness, or for healing, or for direction in our lives you can be sure of one thing. His arms are always open wide to receive you. The invitation still stands. Come!

*Rochelle Baughman  
Director of Women's Ministries*



# SHUT UP, GIRLFRIEND!

## A WOMAN AND HER TONGUE

What in the world is that all about?  
Well, it's the subject of our next **Hot Topics Café** to be held  
Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 pm.

Join us in the Surge Center to hear guest speaker, Marlene Lawson, as she takes a candid look at the struggle women have of taming the tongue and the biblical principles that will help us be healthy, godly communicators.

Marlene is a certified Christian Life Coach, biblical counselor, speaker, and author with over 30 years of ministry experience. She presently serves as Mentor House Director for CityLinC Ministries and is developing Second Wind Mentors, a faith-based mentor program to parolees, as well as Guest Relations Manager and Special Events Planner for Gull Lake Ministries.

A frequent speaker for local MOPS groups and women's ministry retreats for many years, Marlene's candid humor and direct, no nonsense, delivery challenges women to apply Scripture and live the lives of passion and purpose that God has called them to.

She will celebrate 32 years of marriage to her wonderful husband, Len, this year and is the mother of 2 grown, married children and grandmother to 3 beautiful granddaughters.



**Tickets for this event will be \$5 and may be purchased in the foyer beginning October 2.**

## Adult Sunday School Schedule

### **8:00 AM**

**SonRisers**

Teacher: Pastor Bill Heaton

**Room 212**

### **9:00 AM**

**Truth Seekers**

Teacher: Dan Porte

**Room 213**

### **10:45 AM**

**Quest for Truth**

Teacher: Steve McElhatten

**Chapel**

**Man's Perspective (Men)**

Teacher: Pastor Jim & Leonard Haring

**Choir Room**

**Carpenters**

Teacher: Bob Rickel

**Room 212**

**Coram Deo**

Teacher: Mark Boyd

**Room 214**

**"Passages" (Women)**

Teacher: Rochelle Baughman

**Room 216**

**Soldiers and Saints (50+)**

Teacher: Dr. Ron Cyphers

**Room 218**



FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF  
**COURAGEOUS**  
HONOR BEGINS AT HOME



**F**our men, one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Protecting the streets is second nature. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.

IN THEATERS  
**SEPTEMBER 30**

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SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13  
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# GREETINGS FROM KENT!



We are happy to be back in Ohio and finished with traveling! It felt like we were living out of our van as we made the long trek back from the Rocky Mountains of Colorado to our home in Kent. The remainder of the summer was phenomenal at Leadership Training. As we reflect on our experience in Colorado we are so grateful for the opportunity to participate and lead something so powerful for so many students. The stories from our summer seem endless and the conversations we had with students will remain on our hearts for a long time to come. Lindsay and I both were repeatedly presented with opportunities to challenge students & to see them grow in their relationships with Jesus like they've never experienced before. We will always treasure and remember what God did this summer at Leadership Training. Along those lines, thirteen Kent State students will be returning from LT excited and ready to go! In fact, we hosted a welcome-back party at the Slack house where we invited upperclassmen students to return early to help with incoming freshmen activities. We mobilized a group of 40–50 students to be on campus meeting new freshmen students over four days. As you know, this is a critical time of year for our young campus church! We have found again and again that the habits and relationships that a student forms during the first few weeks of the semester carry on throughout the year (and sometimes throughout their college career!). Fortunately, God has given us some significant ministry opportunities to get “in front” of the incoming freshmen before they begin any of their habits — whether they are good or bad. We wanted to share these opportunities with you as both a praise and as a new prayer request — that God would work in big ways through them all.

- ◆ Destination Kent State: All incoming freshmen were required to attend a 2-day orientation program with their parents in June and July. h2o had the opportunity to be the only Christian group to host a table at this event — and over 160 students signed up to get more info about h2o!
- ◆ Summer Reading Project: Incoming freshmen are required to read the book “This I Believe” and participate in small-group discussion on the book when they arrive. Our staff and leaders were given the opportunity to help lead these discussions!
- ◆ Service Leaders: 150 incoming freshmen are signed up to do an afternoon community service project. Our staff and leaders were given the opportunity to help lead these projects and the reflection discussions following!
- ◆ Magazine Ad: We had the opportunity to place a full page advertisement on the back cover of the freshman orientation magazine called “The Connection.” All incoming freshmen received this magazine and will likely carry it around with them during their first few weeks on campus.
- ◆ Church Service in the KIVA: We have been given the opportunity to hold our first service in the KIVA (arguably the nicest and most well-known buildings for freshmen on campus) on Sunday, August 28th.

As you can tell, God is opening many doors for us! These are exciting and foundational times in the story of this young church. Thank you for partnering with us in this effort! We look forward to updating you next month!

## ***an update from... The Slacks church planting at Kent State University***

In Christ, Jason, Lindsay, Carter, Madalyn & Bryce

*“...how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?”  
(Romans 10:14-15)*

# Part of a First!

This summer, I had the privilege of being a part of the first doctoral program offered to Filipino church leaders in all of Central and Southern Philippines. Earlier in the spring, Cebu Graduate School of Theology (CGST) began the first PhD in Theology program offered at an evangelical seminary in the Southern regions. In July, I guided nine students through the second class of the program. Some of these students will become the next generation of Bible College and Seminary teachers for the growing church of the Southern provinces. Jan and I also taught other first semester classes at Baptist Theological College and CGST.



At the beginning of September we returned to Orlando to continue our work with the Global Diaspora Network (GDN). The GDN is a forward-looking ministry that promotes missions to and from the millions of migrating people who are both a great opportunity and a resource for missions. Jan and I are working with mission educators and leaders across North America to develop strategies to win, train, and send these people on the move.

In September, I will travel to Arizona to facilitate small gatherings of mission educators at the annual Evangelical Missiological Society meeting. We have the opportunity to work with mission leaders and mission sending agencies to advance Diaspora missions.

## Partners with Us!

We are always grateful for your partnership with us in the gospel. You supply the prayer and financial support that keeps us going.

When God brings us to mind this month, please pray for:

1. Wisdom for John as he meets with mission agency leaders and educators at the EMS annual meeting.
2. God's financial provision as we are below our required support level.

*Blessings,*

*John and Jan Baxter*

*Converge Worldwide Missionaries*

*Serving in the Philippines and internationally with the Global Diaspora Network*

## Worldview: Ideas have consequences. By Lynn Smith

If you look through an elementary school *Scholastic News* (formerly called *Weekly Reader*) the book choices are very different than when *Hardy Boys* or *Nancy Drew* were the mystery series youth eagerly awaited. Today, a large percentage of the choices deal with sorcery, witchcraft and the occult. Generally, the theme is good versus evil, but is there really such a thing as a "good witch" or a "good warlock"? You may reply that it is just a story and much fiction contains imaginations that will never be reality. Unfortunately, the practice of the occult is very much alive in our world. Since the *Harry Potter* series became popular, the calls from youth to the real occult power sources have increased many fold. It is the nature of humans to be drawn to personal power and personal "godhood", and do not these sources invite such sinful dispositions? Is it not instructive that the Bible warns repeatedly to avoid the occult (Lev 19:31; 20:6, Deut 18; 9-14; Acts 8: 9-24)? Every book, movie and TV show proposes a worldview (WV). Our WV is generally absorbed from our society rather than thoughtfully examined and chosen. What are the worldviews the children and youth are getting from these books involving the occult? Biblically, there are only two sources of supernatural power: God and Satan. Witches and warlocks, though they may be portrayed with personal goodness and great character do not utilize God's power, so there is only one other source of power. Do these books propose a Biblical WV? WVs shape our ideas and our lives. Ideas have consequences.

# healing kids' hearts



## mothers of preschoolers (mops)

Our dynamic ministry to young moms gets back into the game this October. Twice a month we provide fellowship, spiritual encouragement and a few surprises for these important and precious people and their little ones. We're still looking for cheerful baby-lovers to help with childcare on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's. See Kelly for an application!

## adventure club specials

### October 5 – Warfare Night

Come dressed ready for battle!

### October 19 – Bring a Friend Night

### October 26 – Costume Party



## baptisms are coming soon

A **PARENT ONLY** meeting for those with kids interested in baptism is October 16th, 10:45 a.m. in the Community Room. The baptisms will be November 13th.

## YAHOO! I'm rich!

Lester Lagoon is prospecting for gold **every Wednesday night**. Sherriff McLaw tries to show him that Jesus is more precious than gold, but with smooth-talking flim-flam artists like Black Bart around, it might be tricky! 1st – 5th graders are invited to join us **6:45-8:00 p.m.** for crafts, games, funny skits and small group Bible studies. Of course, there's fun in store for preschoolers learning about Jesus, too! Check out these special nights this month.



## fearless!

Halloween is often seen as a time of ghost, goblins and other scary and ungodly things. This year you can make Halloween weekend worthy of the Lord! Pastor Nate will be the speaker at the **Fall Kids Retreat** at Camp Burton October 28-30. All 2nd-5th graders are invited. Cost is \$65/child. We'll need parent chaperones and we'll pay your way (first come-first served). We leave Berean at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and return at 12:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Pick up an info packet and return the completed health form and registration with your check made out to Berean Baptist Church no later than Wednesday, October 12th.

# SURGE

## student ministries

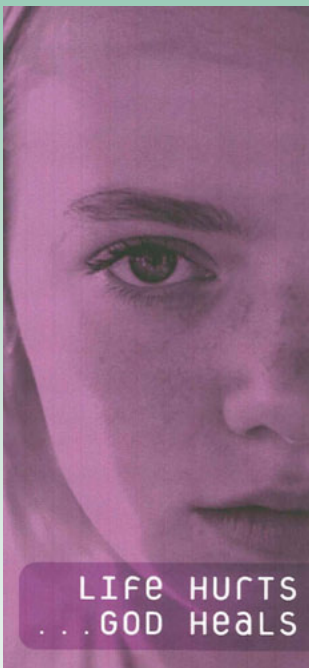


**YOUTH GROUP FOR 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES WEDNESDAYS 6:45 – 8:30 P.M.  
JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M.**



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You'll find all of our upcoming events, pictures, videos, encouragement and more!



The fall session of **Life Hurts... God Heals** begins Sun., Oct. 9th from 2 – 4:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the SURGE Student Center. LHGH will meet each Sunday for 13 weeks. This 8-step program is founded on God's truth and designed for students to help them deal with pain in their lives and the destructive behaviors they are falling into because of that pain. It provides a safe, confidential environment for our students to express the things they are struggling with by prayerfully claiming the hope of the Lord's healing in their lives. The Lord is moving and changing the lives of our students in awesome ways. Praise be to God!

1 Peter 2:24-25 says, "His wounds became your healing, You were lost sheep with no idea who you were or where you were going. Now you are named and kept for good by the Shepherd of your souls."

*If you need to find out more about Life Hurts... God Heals, please contact LHGH Coordinator, Melissa Benjamin by calling the Student Ministries office at 419-756-5082.*



**THE FALL ADVANCE IS COMING!  
DO NOT MISS THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE SEASON!**

Jr. High students will be returning to Geneva Hills Camp in the beautiful Hocking Hills the weekend of **Oct. 21st – 23rd**. Be part of the praise & worship, time in the Word, small group challenges, Dan's Disgusting Games, bonfire, late-night hike and more! All for only \$59.99!

*Registration forms are available in the Jr. High Room!*



Sr. High Ministry Team students will have the opportunity to join with other area youth groups at the Night of Champions, Nov. 4th -5th at Mansfield Christian School. This event is for students who are currently serving in our church or community and want to take their leadership to the next level. The cost is \$25, which includes meals, activities, and a concert by the band Abandon, with backstage access. Registration will begin soon.





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### Worship Services:

9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

### Sunday School:

9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

# Bread of Life Food Pantry

Berean volunteers deliver enough food to help feed a family of four for a week to about 65-70 needy families in the Mansfield area each month.

Since we started this ministry over a year ago, we have seen lives changed by the power of the gospel and several families have started attending our church regularly.

During our October Food Drive, we want to stock our shelves for extra deliveries during the holiday season. We would appreciate a donation of any of these items for our pantry:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, beans, etc.)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, etc.)
- Applesauce
- Cans of Tuna/Chicken
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Cans of Chilli/Manwich
- Cans of Ravioli, Spaghettios
- Spaghetti Noodles/Sauce
- Toilet paper, paper towels, soap, laundry detergent
- Cans of Soup
- Instant Mashed Potatoes



**Bring your donated food to the foyer on Sunday mornings or the church office during the week between now and October 23rd. Your donations are greatly appreciated.**