

# The Berean BANNER

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“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit”  
Psalm 51:10-12

## THE JOY OF TAKING OUT THE TRASH

According to the Bible, Christians should be full of joy. But people outside the faith often say they don't want to be a Christian because "it's all about following rules and there's no joy in that." So where does Christian joy come from?

I thought about this last week when I made a dump run to the Yreka Transfer Station. Have you been there lately? All day long the trash builds up into great piles. Seagulls are everywhere (making noise and adding their own "garbage" to the mess.) The smell is, well, a stench. If you wait and watch all this long enough, eventually a big truck comes. All the garbage is loaded into it, and then the truck hauls it away. For a few moments, our fair city dump is garbage-free. Whew! But then the process starts all over again.

What could this possibly have to do with joy? It all starts with our understanding of sin and guilt. Guilt builds up in our lives like stinky trash. Everyone experiences it: Christians and non-Christians alike. But what does one do with guilt once it's there? Human nature tries to deal with it in all kinds of ways. We try covering it up so no one else

will know. We justify it somehow, or compare ourselves to others, telling ourselves "I'm not that bad." We often try to outweigh the guilt by being good. These kinds of efforts might stuff the garbage down into the can a little further for a little longer, but they definitely don't take the trash away, and eventually the garbage will begin to overflow into a stinky mess.

Our loving God knows we have absolutely no way to solve our guilt problem on our own, so He paid the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross. Then He gave us a way to take our sins there and unload them through something we call "confession." We simply do what King David did when the prophet Nathan confronted him about his sin mess with Bathsheba and Uriah. David bowed his head in humility and confessed, "I have sinned against the Lord," to which Nathan responded saying, "The Lord has taken away your sin."

Wham! Just like that the trash can of guilt had been emptied and hauled away. To be sure, David and his family experienced natural consequences for his sin, but he didn't have to suffer from that invisible load of trash called "guilt." The joy of God's salvation had been

restored to David. He also had the hope of being with his loving and forgiving Father in Heaven forever in a sin-free environment.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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. (Matt 11:28-30)

Christians, you see, are not actually saddled with a bunch of rules to follow. In fact what we are given is a place to empty our trash, and that place is the cross. Our sins were paid for there. No other religion or philosophy can offer that. That's because no other religion or philosophy has a Savior who rose from the dead, thus proving the power and authority to forgive sins.

So, Christian brothers and sisters, let's take our trash to the cross and leap for joy that we don't have to live with that stinky mess any more. Not a believer yet? Jesus is willing to take your trash. Just give it to Him and He will haul it away. (for free!)

Suggested reading: 2 Samuel 11 & 12, Psalm 51:10-12, 1 John 1:9, Luke 15:11-24

*Mark Freudenburg*

## Church Family News

**Our sympathy** to the family of Danita Atchley. Danita fought a long battle with cancer and went to be with Jesus on July 9. Pray especially for her husband Rick and their children. Pray also for Marge Atchley (mother-in-law) and the extended family.

**Pray** for Pastor John & Debbie Wetzig currently on a mission trip to India, returning Aug. 9.

### Church Finances

#### As of 6/30/11

General Offerings: \$152,900

General Budget: \$164,564

Total Income \$171,464

Total Expenses \$149,653

2011 Budget: \$329,127

FYI: We have several funds that are not a part of our budget such as "Helps", Youth Trips, Short Term Missions, etc. which explains the additional income. These accounts often build "income" in a different month than "expenses" for those accounts.

We are praising the Lord that He is the Source of all that we have and need and that all our bills are paid!

### Listen on the Web!

*Our Sunday morning message is put on the web each week - check it out at [www.grenadaberean.org](http://www.grenadaberean.org)*

**Banner Options** - If you would like to receive the Banner via email, please email [office@grenadaberean.org](mailto:office@grenadaberean.org) If you no longer wish to receive the BANNER, please let us know that as well ~ just call us (530.436.2529) or drop us an email, thanks!

## Other Events

### Double Nickels

*Potluck at the church  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 12:00noon  
our theme...*

### "Hidden Treasure"

Along with a favorite dish to share, please bring a picture of yourself taken early in life... at 8 - 15 years of age.

*Please do not put your name on your picture.*

### FAIR "Prayer Tent"

The No. Siskiyou Ministerial Assoc. is sponsoring a "Prayer Tent" at the county fair. If you would like to be on the "prayer team", please call Lynne Schafer 842-1435 or sign up in our church foyer to get on the schedule.

### James 1:27

**Men's 2nd Saturday Ministry**  
Will have it's "Kick-off" meeting  
**Tuesday, August 9th - 7:00pm**  
**In HeBrews**

The men of the church are establishing this ministry to assist widows, single moms & the elderly.

If you have questions or would like more information please call Jack Darnall 436-2230.

### All Church Labor Day Campout

Sept. 2-5, 2011  
at Kidder Creek Camp

See the back page for general information. If you would like to go, watch for the sign-up sheets coming soon that will tell us your camping preferences and option choices, or call the church office and we will send you a registration sheet as soon as they are available! For now... plan to go - it's going to be a great weekend!

### Youth News:

#### Youth Group Meetings:

**Jr. High** - Wednesdays,  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**High School** - Sundays,  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Coming Up:

Sept. 28 See You At the Pole  
Sept. 30 - Aug 2 - KALEO

### Berean Jr. Camp Report

We had an incredible time at our annual Grenada Berean Jr. Camp at Indian Scotty. Most importantly, 4 children put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. We studied the life of "David from Shepherd to King" with the Bible messages, skits, songs & memory verses. The weather was just perfect and the "Down Under" atmosphere most fun!

35 campers and a staff of 34 had a wonderful time! Thank you so much for all your prayers, donations, transportation and entrusting of your precious children to us!

## Summer Sunday School Classes

### June - August

#### Adults:

**Bible Class** - Mike Spearin is teaching the book of Isaiah. This meets in the chapel/library.

**"Prayer Time"** - come together with other believers to pray - meets in Pastor John's office.

**"Invisible War"** - a Chip Ingram video series about the Armor of God. This meets in HeBrews.

#### FOR KIDS:

Summer Sunday School is always special! We group the 4 year olds through grade 6 . We are studying about God's Armor from Eph. 6.

#### YOUTH:

Youth going into grades 7-12 are divided into two groups for dynamic teaching from the Bible!

**BRING your family to Sunday School!**

### Berean Convention Here!

We are so excited to host our annual convention. Many pastors and their wives in our Berean Fellowship will be travelling our way. We will need lots of help on this end to put it together. Watch for sign-up sheets to volunteer. Meanwhile, pray for this and mark it on your calendar - October 5-8.

### Coming Up Beyond August

*September 2-5 Annual All Church Campout at KCOC  
Sept. 14 AWANA begins  
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 KALEO  
October 1 Continuous Worship Seminar  
October 5-8 International Berean Convention here!  
October 18 Watoto Concert at the Community Theater  
October 31 Light Night*

*...I stand in awe  
of Your deeds,  
oh Lord.  
Renew them  
in our day, in  
our time make  
them known;  
in wrath  
remember  
mercy"  
Habakkuk 3:2*



**Annual All Church  
Potlunch Picnic and  
Baptism Service  
at the Freeman Ranch  
(following 2nd Service)**

**Sunday August 21 ~ 12:30 noon**

Join us for this wonderful time of fellowship for the whole family.

Please bring one favorite dish for every two people in your family to share, lawn chairs, swimming attire and floating devices. Beverages and table settings will be provided.

If you would like to be baptized in the Shasta River, please contact either Pastor John or Pastor Benji.



**Labor Day  
Campout  
at Kidder Creek  
Camps  
September 2-5**



**2700 So. Kidder Creek Rd. in Scott Valley**

Kidder Creek is a Christian Ministry that partners with us. They are offering the camp facility, free of charge, for our Labor Day Family Campout again this year. We will be taking an offering for them at the camp.

**HOUSING:** Free

**Available:**

5 cabins (minimum of 5 people per cabin – they sleep 8)

8-10 RV spots  Many sites for tents

**FOOD:** This is not included in the camping offer. We will get you more information about the potlucks and special meals we are working on.

**FREE Options:** Fishing, Swimming, Archery, Volleyball, for Ultimate Frisbee, Hiking, Campfires

**Options that will have a cost:** Family Float Trip (\$16.50 per person, includes lunch), Horse Trail Rides (\$11.00 per person), Paintball (\$5.50 per person)

**Watch for sign-ups and registration coming very soon!!  
Enjoy a wonderful weekend with your church family.**

