

# The Berean BANNER

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*(from gotanswers.org)*

**PRAYING IN JESUS NAME**

Just recently, my grandson asked me why we say "In Jesus' name" at the end of our prayers. Kids pick up on things that we sometimes do without thinking!

To pray in Jesus' name is a powerful privilege that we must not take for granted. The following verses are where we find the phrase "In My name":

*"Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do... ", "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."*

John 14: 13, 14

*"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."* John 15:16

*"In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to*

*you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full."*

John 16:23, 24

Praying in Jesus' name is synonymous with praying in God's will. Praying for things that are in agreement with God's will is the essence of praying in Jesus' name. *(from gotanswers.org)* It is coming to God the Father and asking Him based on the authority He has given Jesus.

In Bible times, a name was the same as a person's character. *The Expository Dictionary of the Bible* notes that to "pray in Jesus' name" means: "(1) to identify the content and motivations of prayers with all that Jesus is and (2) to pray with full confidence in Him as He has revealed Himself." This is because a "name" in the biblical world represented the character and quality of the person or thing named.

And we have the privilege of praying in His name, going directly to God the Father in the name of Jesus.

Praying in the name of Jesus also reveals the intimate relationship we have with Him. As a Christian, we bear His name, "Christ". As a *Christian*, we are one of His. As we spend time in His Word, we begin to know His heart, His will and His purposes. We begin to know what to ask for. It is His heart that people come to Christ. (2 Peter 3:9) So, it is His will that we pray for people to be saved. Psalm 66:18 says *"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."* It is God's will that we confess our sin.

Do you want to pray in His will? Get to know Him! Get to know what His desires are! Then, you can assuredly say, "In Jesus name, AMEN!"

*Debbie Wetzig*

## Church Family News

**Baby Congratulations** to Josh & Jennifer Simas on the birth of their daughter, Piper Grace who weighed in at 6 lbs. on May 21. She joins her brother, Hunter. Congratulations also to Jean Amaral, her proud grandmother!

**Our deep sympathy** to the children of Crystal Bradford, (48) who went to be with Jesus on May 24 after being in critical condition for several weeks with severe lung issues. Please also pray for parents Chuck and Elaine Kische and the rest of the extended family.

### Church Finances

#### As of 4/30/11

General Offerings: \$102,081  
 General Budget: \$109,709  
 Total Income \$114,254  
 Total Expenses \$108,105  
 2011 Budget: \$329,127

FYI: We have several funds that are not a part of our budget such as "Helps", Youth Trips, etc. which explains the additional income and expenses.

We are praising the Lord that He is supplying our needs as a church and that we can continue to support our missionaries.

#### 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)*

### New Opportunity for men...

#### "James 1:27 Helps Ministry"

The Bible, in James 1:27, tells us that "religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress."

So much of the "looking after" is men's work! We are looking for men (and their sons) to join 4-man teams who will "adopt" one of our widows, single moms or an elderly couple. The idea is to devote a few hours on one Saturday morning a month to help with whatever is needed: stacking wood, pruning, changing light bulbs, etc.

If you are willing to be involved in this ministry, put your name on the sign-up sheet at the church or call Jack Darnall at 436-2230.

### Youth News:

**Discipleship** - for guys - C.O.B.R.A.S on every other Thursday night to dig in the Word! See calendar.

#### Youth Group Meetings:

**Jr. High** - Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm (new time!)  
**High School** - Sundays, 6-8 pm

There are several opportunities to serve God this summer! Ask Pastor Benji for a Summer Youth Service application.

On **May 29**, current 8th graders are invited to join the High School Youth Group.

On **June 1**, the current 6th graders are invited to join the Jr. Hi. youth group.

**Banner Options** - If you would like to receive the Banner via email, please email our church office; office @grenadaberean.org and let us know!

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 at office@grenadaberean.org

## Other Events



### 2011 Vacation Bible School

Get ready for the beach!!

**June 13-17 9 am – 12 noon**  
 for kids age 3 (by June 1) through grade 6 (fall of 2011)

**Want to help?** please call Debbie Wetzig (436-2440) ASAP!

**EVERYONE:** Think of kids you can invite! Take some of the flyers available in our foyer today and give to a child or two near you! Please also bathe this week in prayer.

### Camps

**Kidder Creek Camps** - The camp is one of our partner ministries - they are offering a 2 for 1 special to us this year. Call the camp at 530-467-3265 for more information!

**Berean Jr. Camp at Indian Scotty** - The brochures will be out June 5 - register EARLY to get a spot!

#### Coming Up Beyond June

July 19- 22 Jr. Camp at Indian Scotty  
 September 2-5 Annual All Church Campout at KCOG  
 October 5-8 International Berean Convention here!

"Arise and shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."

Isaiah 60:1

## 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 (in the fall) together for an exciting time studying God's Word!

#### YOUTH:

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


**BRING your family to Sunday School!**

*Return Service Requested*



## Congratulations Graduates...

### College

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- **Lauren Zlott** graduated on May 6th with a Masters in Speech & Language Pathology from Indiana University
  - **Matthew Ward** graduated on May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Azusa Pacific
  - **Lynsey (Johnson) Rehanek** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Union University on May 21st
  - **Lauren Quinn** graduated with a Doctorate in Sports Medicine from Duke University on May 21st
  - **Mary Young** who will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Management Systems from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo on June 11
  - **Erika Jacobson** who will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Southern Oregon University on June 11

### High School Seniors

Joshua Erhard, Melissa Fiock, Rachael Greenman, Makyla Hervieux, Cole Humphrey, Cole Jackson, Bjorn Jacobson, Gregory Johnson, Holly Justice, Kaeli Pyles, Megan Sisk, Darian Soulé, Ha Truong

### 8th Graders

Selby Boerman, Michaela Bray, Sarah Cooley, Breann Creager, Brianna Derra, Trevor Eastlick, Kevin Johnson, Lindsey Joling, Tori Koch, Corina Lange, Caleb Lawson, Alyssa Lucido, Meaghan McCoy, Kendall Nielsen, Brandon Rush, Matthew Ward