

# The Berean BANNER

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Jesus has given us our marching orders: Pass on what I've passed on to you.

## Marching Orders

I watched casually as he grabbed the 2x6, slapped his square on it and drew a line across it. Then he lowered it to rest one end on his upraised foot, grabbed his big skill saw with one hand and powered through the board, making a perfectly square cut. Laying the saw down, he nailed the board into place, a perfect fit.

"That's how it's done. Now it's your turn," he said, handing me the square.

I tried to imitate his quick, precise actions. I picked up the board, and then realized that I had it in the wrong hand. Finally getting that fixed, I laid the square across the board and tried to reach for my pencil, which was too far away. I dropped the board and square, picked up my pencil and then regained the board. Now I had my pencil, but again juggled the board and square, trying to get them aligned.

Finally it was time to make the cut. I tried to hold the board with my uplifted foot, as he had done, and almost lost my balance. The saw was really heavy in my hand, and when I pulled the

trigger it jerked to one side, diving into the board and binding. How in the world could you control this thing with only one hand?

I finally finished the cut, looked at the board and realized that my cut was not nearly straight. Another mark with the pencil and square, another attempt to cut, and finally it was close to straight. Only now the board was too short.

Patiently he watched. When I got frustrated he would make a little comment. "Try holding the board a little higher." "Place the straight edge of square on the bottom of the board and pull it up to make it square." "Trust the saw. If you start it straight, it will continue to cut straight."

I can now cut boards pretty much square.

That is discipleship. Watch and listen, be guided by the teacher, finally do it yourself.

Jesus commanded his followers, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even*

*to the end of the age."* **Matthew 28:19-20** He has given us our marching orders. "Pass on what I've passed on to you."

Being a disciple is more than just head-knowledge. I could have told you how to cut a board, but developing the skill to actually do it myself took perseverance on my part and patience on my teacher's part. And practice. I didn't get it right the first time. I had to keep trying, even when it made the board too short to fit. But the important thing was to learn the skill.

We are about to begin a more intentional discipling process in the church. Please consider being a part of that. It will take patience and perseverance and practice. But our goal is, as Paul said, *"... that we may present every man complete in Christ."* **Colossians 1:28** As we focus on making disciples, our purpose is that you be 'complete in Christ', that you be everything the Lord saved you to be, producing fruit to the glory of God.

Listen for announcements. Be ready to step into the water (Joshua 3) and to see what God does in your life and through you in the lives of others.

Pastor John Wetzig

## Spring Sunday School March, April, May

### Adults:

**Bible Class** - Gregg Neitsch is teaching the book of John. Meets in the chapel/library.

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

**"Discovering Spiritual Courage"** - Orlyn Culp is teaching this class that will help you to take action when your spiritual values are put to the test. It meets in HeBrews.

### FOR KIDS:

We offer graded classes for all ages beginning with 2 year olds. We also have an infant nursery for 0-2!

### YOUTH:

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

**BRING your family to Sunday School!**

## Church Family News

**Baby Congratulations** to Andy and Jill (Wetzig) Pullen on the birth of Ruby Elise on January 26. She weighed in at 8 lbs, 11 oz. Congratulations to grandparents John and Debbie Wetzig as well!

**Our sympathy** to the Hanna family. Carson Hanna (2), son of Chris Hanna and grandson of Wes & Teri Hanna went to be with the Lord on January 25. Please continue to pray for all the family in this loss.

**Our sympathy** to Liz Walker. Her husband Joe died on January 26 after a short illness.

### Church Finances

#### As of 1/31/12

General Offerings: \$23,351

General Budget: \$23,842

Total Income \$24,090

Total Expenses \$27,933

We had some expenditures in the special designated funds that will be recouped later. Just one example: tickets costing over \$1700 were bought for the upcoming Acquire The Fire trip. This will come in as kids sign up and we have fundraisers. The bottom line is that all bills are paid, praise the Lord! Our 2012 budget is \$285, 863. Please be in prayer as we strive to be good stewards of God's resources!

### Listen on the Web!

Check out our  
Worship Service at

[www.grenadaberean.org](http://www.grenadaberean.org)

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## AWANA NEWS

### March 10 AWANA WEEKEND

Hosted by GCBC!

#### 9:00 am Bible Quizzing

Snack & Lunch Concessions Available

#### 11:30 am AWANA Games!

Pastor Dave Perham will bring the message which will be between the Spark-A-Rama and T&T games.

**Needed:** *Volunteers to be time keepers, line judges, concessions and more - Please let us know if you can help at this event.*

### March 25 BBQ & Grand Prix Car Race - starting at 12:00 noon

↻ The BBQ will be served by our youth as a fundraiser for Acquire the Fire. Hamburgers & Hot Dogs will be available.

↻ The race is always a highlight each year. These events are fun but even more importantly, they are an opportunity to share the gospel with children and their families!

Please pray for these events.

*We can always use help with these special events. Call the church office to volunteer!*

### Coming Up beyond March:

April 6 Good Friday Service

April 8 Easter Sunday

(Sonrise Service, Brunch, Main Worship Service)

April 13, 14 Acquire The Fire trip to Sacramento

April 28 Women's Testimony Tea

May 5 Missions Yard Sale

June 9, 10 GCBC 50th Anniversary

June 18-22 Vacation Bible School

July 1- 14 Mission Trip to Kamloops

July 24-27 Jr. Camp at Indian Scotty

Aug. 31 - Sept. 3 Labor Day Campout at Kidder Creek

### Youth News

High School: Join the Youth Discipleship taking place each Tuesday morning at Pastor Benji's 6:30 am!

**Coming Up for both Jr. & Sr. Hi**  
April 13, 14 Acquire The Fire  
- see Pastor Benji for tickets!

## Other Events

### Rethink Church Family!



### Starting the week of March 18

*...have deeper relationships in a small group while studying God's Word and praying together...*

We encourage you to be involved in a small group! We are excited to offer this discipleship opportunity for adults. You can expect to be challenged by the Word each week on a personal level. Prayer will be a vital component. Life will be shared and accountability will be present. Childcare is available for all groups.

### Summer Short-term Mission Trip to Kamloops, BC

Please continue to pray for those who will be going on this mission trip to assist our missionaries, Valen & Carol Straley with the work in Kamloops. The team is forming and will begin training soon. Watch for news for fundraisers for this trip!

*"All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth."*

*Colossians 1:6*

I have hidden Your word in  
my heart that I might not sin  
against You.

 Psalm 119:11

## AWANA WEEKEND

March 10

9:00am T&T Quizzing  
11:30am Spark-A-Rama  
and T&T Games

LUNCH CONCESSION AVAILABLE

## Acquire the Fire Fundraiser

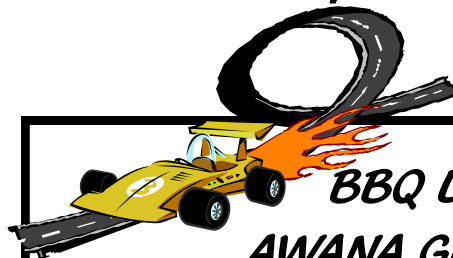
St. Patrick's Day  
**dinner/dessert auction**  
**Friday, March 16th**  
**6:00 pm**

Enjoy corned beef, cabbage, & baked  
potatoes with all the fixin's. Top it off  
with a delicious dessert!

Support our youth!

*Desserts to sell are very welcome!*

## SUNDAY, MARCH 25



### *BBQ Lunch & AWANA GRAND PRIX*

*Grand Prix Box Car Racing  
for all ages!*

Car kits are available at AWANA or call  
the church office. \$4 each

12 noon BBQ lunch



12:30pm Car check-in



1:00pm Race begins

There's an Adult  
Division too...



### SAVE THE DATE!

Church Roller Skate at Roller Odyssey in Medford  
April 11, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm