

The Berean BANNER

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JOY and PEACE

I stood in the cemetery again this week. Another grave, another marker. The cemetery is filling up. And again we laid another person in the grave.

Her life was a challenge. A single mother, striving to train her children, going to school, working late hours and challenging jobs. There was a lot of stress in her life. But she also had lots of joy. Many friends gathered to say goodbye, with fond memories of happy times. Her children bore witness to much laughter and delight in life. In the midst of the difficulties there was plenty of joy.

Joy comes from the Lord. God in His kindness gives us delight in this life. The Apostle Paul said "In the past, God let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has

shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." (Acts 14:16-17) Paul said this to the people of Lystra, people that were pagans. He confirmed Jesus' words about God blessing all people, the good and the evil alike. (Matthew 5:45) Most people experience at least some joy in their lives. Gazing at a beautiful sunrise, seeing the glory of flowers, sharing laughter and love. These blessings are all from the Lord.

But so often there is something missing. Many experience joy, but so few have come to peace.

The Lord gives us joy to draw us to peace. But peace doesn't come from the joy, but rather from an awareness that, in the midst of the joy, something is still not completely right. God has placed in us an aching awareness of Him. We see His fingerprints in the stars and the flowers, in the trees and the animals. We see them in our lives. But if we are separated from Him by

our sin, there is no peace.

Peace comes only through a personal relationship with God through His Son Jesus. "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1) When our sins are forgiven and we have been declared righteous because we believe in Jesus and His work on the cross, we can know peace. Peace with God because there is no longer a sin-barrier. Peace in ourselves. Peace with others. Many people in this world experience joy. That's a delightful gift from God. But far greater is a joy that is accompanied by peace because we are reconciled to God through Jesus.

"God's kindness leads you toward repentance" (Romans 2:4) My prayer is that you have both His joy and His peace.

Pastor John Wetzig

*May the LORD
bless you and keep
you. May the
LORD make His
face to shine upon
you, and be gra-
cious to you. May
the LORD lift up
His countenance
upon your, and give
you peace.
Number 6:24-26*

Church Family News

Wedding Congratulations to Mark & Michele (McCoy) Eggleston who were married August 27 in Klamath Falls, OR.

Church Finances

As of 7/31/11

General Offerings: \$176,823
 General Budget: \$191,990
 Total Income \$196,953
 Total Expenses \$173,347
 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

Banner Options - If you would like to receive the Banner via email, please email 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



CONTINUOUS WORSHIP CONFERENCE

October 1

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)

Guest Speakers

Paul & Christine Braddy from Cheyenne, Wyoming

Who should come? Worship leaders, worship teams, pastors, sound or power point persons, anyone interested in worship through music.

Topics: philosophy of worship, flow, rehearsal process, songwriting, instruments, resources.

New Women's Bible Studies beginning soon...

HERE & NOW THERE & THEN

A Beth Moore DVD Series on Revelation.

Tuesdays, 10:00am - noon in HeBrews starting Sept. 13.
 Cost: \$11.00 for workbook.

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LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF

Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit A DVD Bible Study by Beth Moore.

Thursdays, 6:30pm starting Sept. 15 at Karen Zimbelman' 1036 Limestone Circle, Yreka.
 Cost: \$17.00 for workbook

Worship Choir

We would like to invite you to be a part of a "Worship Choir" that will lead worship about once a month! This is for anyone who loves to sing (High School and older) and is willing to come to weekly Thursday night rehearsals. Rehearsals begin Sept. 8 at 7:30pm and will run for about an hour each week.

Youth News:

Youth Group Meetings:

Jr. High - Wednesdays,
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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

Coming Up:

Sept. 8 Man Day Celebration at Pastor Benji's
 Sept. 28 See You At the Pole - Join the nationwide movement to pray at your school's pole at 7am!

Sept. 30 - Aug 2 - KALEO
 Go back to school with Jesus!

Coming Up in October

- ❖ Oct. 1 "Continuous Worship" Seminar here!
- ❖ Oct. 5-8 Berean National Convention - at our church!
- ❖ Oct. 7 Women's Luncheon for all Women here! This is part of the convention and all women are invited!
- ❖ Oct. 18 Watoto Concert at the Yreka Community Theater
- ❖ Oct. 31 Light Night

Summer Sunday School Classes

Sept. / Oct. / Nov.

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.

"Shepherding a Child's Heart" - a Ted Tripp DVD series will begin on September 11 and will be facilitated by Mark & Sue Freudenburg

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!

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. **You are welcome at all of the sessions.** We need lots of help on this end to put it together. Volunteer for any of the following:

- ❖ Be on our "set-up" crew - There will be a lot of table/chair moving to get things ready for each day. It may involve late hours!!
- ❖ Make desserts and or sweet breads or a fruit plate for the breaks on Thursday, Oct. 6.
- ❖ Offer to be a greeter, an usher or do childcare for one or more sessions.
- ❖ House a couple, single, or family in your home during the convention.

See the sign-up sheet in the foyer or call the church to volunteer!

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them."

Matthew

18:20

Directions to Kidder Creek:

Go 6 miles past Ft. Jones on Hwy 3. Just past Greenview, cross over the Kidder Creek Bridge and then immediately turn right on South Kidder Creek Road. Follow it to the camp.


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BEREAN NATIONAL CONVENTION 2011
WEST COAST DISTRICT
October 5-8


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BEREAN FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Keynote Speaker: Todd Nighswonger, teaching pastor at Cornerstone Church, Simi Valley

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5

7:00pm Worship & Message

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

9:30am International Church Planting

10:45am Global Vision

11:45am Circle Discussions

7:00pm Worship & Message

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7

9:30am National Church Planting

10:45am Global Vision

11:45am Circle Discussions

1:00pm Women's Luncheon (reservation)

7:00pm Worship & Message

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 - STARTING EARLIER!



*bringing
light to the
darkness...*

LIGHT NIGHT

Monday, October 31

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

fun ✦ food ✦ games ✦ drama

Share the Light!