

# The Berean BANNER

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## Do You Trust Me?

I have been on life's journey for sixty plus years, but only forty three of those years have I had the Lord as my Savior, God as my Heavenly Father and His precious Holy Spirit as my Helper, Counselor and Comforter. Yet it has taken all of these many years to bring me to this question that God just posed to me last week when I asked Him, "What are You trying to teach me now?" and He said, "Do you trust Me?"

This question was huge, because in my mind and heart, especially these last three years, I have been holding on hard to my trust in God, as He has been walking me through a deep, dark valley that seemed endless. So thinking of His question I then had to ask, "Father, what do You mean by trust?" God is always so good to give us wisdom if we ask, and He said, "Will you surrender everything to Me? Will you submit everything to Me? Will you subject everything to Me? Do you trust Me?" And with tears streaming down my cheeks, I had to confess that there were times I was not trusting Him and I asked for His forgiveness and His help.

So off we went for a prayer walk and I said, "Help me, please Father where do I begin?" As we walked He began to softly speak to me answering my request saying, "Start at the beginning." So that's where I began with me, my life, my health, my days and the end of my days, my physical life and my spiritual life and everything in between; my joys, my sorrows, my sins, weaknesses, faults, failures, my salvation, my being born again and being made into the child of God He desires, my gifts and

strengths. I surrendered myself to the God who created, loves and redeemed me. I then surrendered my husband, my marriage, my children, my grandchildren and all they mean to me, knowing they mean so much more to God. I then surrendered all the earthly things as well, time as we know it and how I spend it, all my possessions, everything! Everything! Easy, right? Nope! My flesh, the old sin

nature and the enemy of our souls, Satan, came lurking about the next morning in my thoughts with fear, doubt and lots of anxiety! So out came the prayers, "Father help me!" And He did. I brought my fears, doubts and anxiety to Him. Again He said, "Will you trust Me?" "Yes, Lord, I will trust You!" I replied. "Help me overcome these thoughts by bringing them to You. Help me fight against the enemy and my flesh resting in Your strength because You promised I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Do we trust God really with illnesses that won't go away? With the death of loved ones? With painful, exhausting grief and loneliness? With wayward children year after year? With separation in our marriages and the pain, devastation and brokenness it creates? With care giving of children or parents in pain and ill health or mental ill health? With tragedy? With loss of any kind; work, relationships, homes? With the process of being made new in Christ dying daily to our old self? Do we really trust God with everything?

Well, this broken child of God is learning, and it's not easy, but He gives me His love, strength and help to know what to do as I lean hard on Him, His Word, His Son Jesus, the Savior of the world, and His Spirit. He helps me through my precious sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, His church.

This grace, love, help and strength is not just for me, but for you and anyone who will call on His name. In His love for you, He will answer your prayer and save you too from your sinful self, and fill you with His precious Holy Spirit for the help and strength you need in your brokenness. He specializes in healing and saving the broken hearted, strengthening those who are wounded and healing or helping those who are sick. That's why He came. So I ask you, "Do you really trust Him?"

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not onto your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.* Proverbs 3:5-6

I am willing to trust Him and I pray you are too!

Teri Schlumpberger



**Family News**

Our Sympathy to Brenda Sisk and family on the passing of her father, Richard DeAvilla.

**Missions Fundraiser Lunch**

For our church supported missionary  
*Faye Prindle*

*To help with her computer need*

**& AWANA GRAND PRIX!**

**Sunday, March 24**

**12:00 noon Spaghetti Lunch Menu:**

**Spaghetti & Choice of Sauce,  
Green Salad, Bread, Cookies**

**\$5.00/Adult**

**\$3.00/Child 10 and under**

**\$20.00/Family maximum**

**Grand Prix...READY... SET... GO!!!**

**12:30 pm Car Check-In**

**1:00 pm Racing Begins!**



Come join us for this fun-filled family time. Kits for making your car can be purchased for \$5.00. Be creative! Prizes not only for the fastest car but also design.

**Classes of Competition**

**Cubbies - 3 - 5 year olds**

**Sparks - K - 2nd Grade**

**T & T - 3rd - 5th Grade**

**Jr. High through Adult**



**Need help cutting out your car design? Contact John Wetzig for help in his workshop.**

**Items Needed!**

**Missions Spaghetti Lunch**

**Fundraiser:** Some food items are needed to help defray the cost of the lunch. *Please see the sign up in the foyer!*

**AWANA Store Night items:** Clean new or lightly used school supplies, summer fun activities and games, sporting goods, gardening supplies or personal hygiene items are needed for store night on April 3. The Awana kids use their hard earned "bucks" to buy these items. Please bring to the church office marked AWANA store by March 31, thanks!

**West Coast Berean District Special Event**

**"Transformed - Becoming the Person God Created You to Be"**



*with Scott and Diane Mathis, our Berean president and his wife.*

March 9, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Grenada Community Berean Church

Cost \$10.00 for lunch and snacks

Scott will be speaking to the men during the morning sessions and Diane will speak to the women. After lunch, there will be a combined session. Pastor Scott and Diane are exceptional people who use God's Word to speak to hearts. They draw from their own life experiences and what God has done in their own lives. This is a great opportunity!

*All adults are welcome. No Childcare is available, please make your own arrangements.*

**Pastors' Meet and Greet**

**Sunday, March 31**

**12:30 pm in HeBrews**

**Lunch Provided**

For anyone who has been attending the church for less than a year: Pastor Benji, Pastor Daniel, their families, and the elders would love the opportunity to meet you and spend some time getting to know you. Come enjoy lunch and a time of fellowship in HeBrews while having the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the church. Hope to see you at Pastors' Meet &

**Church Finances as of 1/31/2019**

General Offerings: \$26,346

General Budget: \$31,292

General Expenses: \$34,647

Average Attendance YTD: 242

*Our 2019 Budget Goal is \$327,921*

Praise the Lord, He is faithful!

**Option for giving..**

*You are welcome to give online for your general tithes and offerings! Go to our church website, [www.grenadaberean.org](http://www.grenadaberean.org) and look for the "Donate" button on the home page. You can give through your credit card or Paypal. You will get a tax receipt as normal.*

**BE JOYFUL**  
*always*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16

**Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:00 am Informal Worship Service in HeBrews

9:30 am Adult Electives:

◆ Prayer Time meets in Room 3.

◆ Bible Class meets in the Library. John Wetzig is teaching 1st & 2nd Thessalonians.

10:15 am Fellowship Time

10:45 am Main Worship Service

**For Children during the Main Worship Service:**

**Nursery** for infants and toddlers 0-3 – located in the CE Building

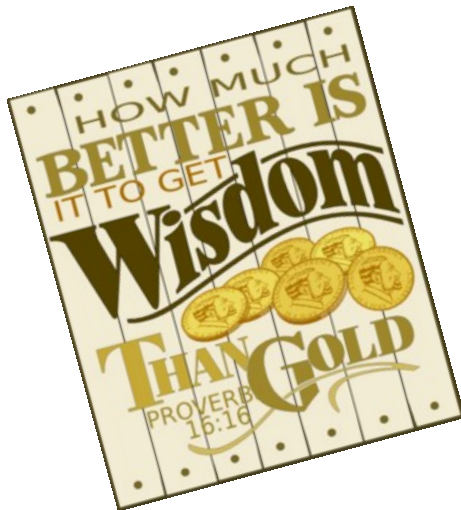
**Kingdom Kids** for ages 4-1<sup>st</sup> grade dismissed before the sermon with teachers to room 2.

**Club 3<sup>16</sup>** for grades 2-5 dismissed before the sermon with teachers to room 5.

**Draw people to Jesus and grow together as His followers!**

**ROOTS CLASS - March 3, 12:30 pm, in HeBrews**

**GET INVOLVED:** Our goal for each person God brings to our church body is to be grounded in the faith, mature as a believer, and serve Jesus Christ in and through our local body. To facilitate these goals, the "Roots" class includes the foundations of our faith, a brief history of our church, and ways you can be involved in this local body of believers. Join this informative and important class for those **new to our church or those wishing to become members.** Pastor Benji Hall leads this class and we provide childcare, a light lunch and serve Root Beer Floats! Sign up in the foyer.



## A SAFE PLACE FOR COUPLES TO RECONNECT



Does your marriage need to be reignited, or is it in need of a complete resurrection?  
| **re engage** offers hope for marriages that includes worship, teaching, small groups, and testimonies from couples who have experienced victory in the midst of hard times.

- \* **Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm \* at GCBC \* Starts March 5 & continues for 12 weeks**
- \* **Childcare available, please note number and ages of children.**
- \* **Cost: \$75.00/per couple \* Questions? Contact Daniel or Amanda Haller**

### Coming Up

**April 3** AWANA Store Night  
**April 6** Double Nickels 55+ Progressive Dinner  
**April 10** AWANA Grand Finale  
**April 21** Easter Brunch, Sunrise & Worship Services  
**May 11** Missions Yard Sale  
**June 17-21** Vacation Bible School  
**July 9-12** Junior Bible Camp @ Juanita Lake

### *Listen on the Web!*

*Check out our  
Worship Service at  
[www.grenadaberean.org](http://www.grenadaberean.org)*