

The Lamplighter



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From the Ink of Pastor Spink



On October 11, 2008 at 5:10 pm, a major event occurred at Berea Baptist Church. I had secretly planned a surprise birthday party for my wife and the final moment had arrived. Many friends and family had already arrived at the church and waited in the darkened auditorium. Debbie had suspected I was planning something for her “big one” (50th) and was expecting it that weekend since her mother and sister were coming, but a nifty decoy party tacked on to a Women’s Missionary Fellowship luncheon threw her off and gave her a temporary let down. Hours of planning and working went into this moment and now it was here.

We walked over to the church from the house next door. As we walked into the church foyer, suddenly she heard a loud, dynamic introduction (orchestrated by Andrew), and saw flashing lights from the auditorium. She turned to me with a surprised, yet knowing, smile and exclaimed, “What is this?!” I didn’t need to answer, because she already knew. It was “the big one”!

On December 25, 0000, sometime in the evening, another event took place, which was infinitely greater. It was a major surprise visit from heaven caught the whole world off guard.

The flashing lights and dynamic announcement came to shepherds a few moments later. The birth of Jesus Christ was so monumental that we still celebrate it today! And as you celebrate that birth this year, keep in mind that God has another major surprise coming. We have some clues that the rapture surprise is very near, but no one knows exactly when it will happen. This surprise will have a much greater immediate global impact as millions of Christians will be caught up in the air and taken to heaven.

It will be like no other event in the history of the world! Pay attention! Be ready! Merry Christmas! And perhaps....Happy Rapture!



OWLS

O.W.L.S. Trip to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway. The train departed at 9am for a rendezvous in Akron and returned at 12:30.



The gang takes off...



The half-way point of Peninsula Station



Chug into chow...and call it a day!

The OWLS invited the teens to be their guests at an Intergenerational Fellowship Meal on Tuesday, November 11. A good time of visiting with each other and sharing views about each other's generation was enjoyed.



Ready for food and fellowship

Digging in to a good time



“GIFT TO THE KING” OFFERING

This year's **Christmas offering** will be directed toward two special needs. The first \$2,000.00 will go toward a missionary project for Fred and Rachel Whitman who serve in Italy. God enabled them to purchase a building this year and relocate their growing church. However, the cost of retrofitting and renovating the building has been a major challenge. This gift will give them a good boost and serve as a great encouragement in their ministry.

The rest of the offering will be used for the possible purchase of a house on West St. next to the Church property if the church decides to move forward with this opportunity. Otherwise, the offering will go into the building fund toward our next building project.

All of these are special needs at this time, but remember, this Christmas offering is first and foremost **a gift to the King**. Let us give Him our hearts and a worthy gift!



Shirley Spielberg went home to be with the Lord during her sleep on November 8.

NOVEMBER

- 4 Paulocsaks
- 25 D. Valentines
- 28 Meiers

DECEMBER

- 18 Kimes
- 24 Treeses



LIBRARY CORNER



Pastor's book is available through the church. If you would like to order, please email or call the office.

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(2 for \$25.00)
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AWANA AWARDS

Cubbies

Ernie Elephant Patch –

- Peter Scorzino #2 Madison Thomas #3
- Kassie Titus #2 Christian Bustler #2

Luv E Lamb Patch–

- Elisabeth Belford #3 Madison Thomas #4
- Peter Scorzino #2 Abby Calaway #4
- Christian Bustler #3

Skipper Rank Patch

Maliyah Williams



Red Jewels

- #1 Maliyah Williams
- #2 Justin Luiza
- Paige Horton
- #3 Justin Luiza
- Paige Horton
- Ryan Kudlaty

Green Jewels

- #2 Justin Luiza
- #4 Garrett Tuck
- Maliyah Williams

CLUBBER OF THE MONTH:

PAIGE HORTON

Chums

Start Zone - Kaleigh Hudimac, Mikaylah Williams

Discovery Zone - Julie Calaway (2), Molly Calaway, Sarah Paulocsak (2), Manpriet Thomas, Rachel Delashmitt, Kaleigh Hudimac, Emily Kudlaty, Hannah McDivitt, Mikaylah Williams



Guards

Discovery Zone - Alayna Kudlatey

Pals

Start Zone - Ryan Creter, Jacob Gonzalez, Noah Paulocsak

Discovery Zone - Brett Snelling, Nathan Titus

Pioneers

Discovery Zone - Matthew Calaway, Cameron Luiza, (2) Nathan McDivitt, Nate Laseke

HARVEST FEST was held on Nov. 7.

First place winners: Kassie Titus,
Matthew Calaway, Julie Calaway
Honorable Mention: Abby Calaway,
Sarah Paulocsak, Jared Magnani
Thanks to all the participants!



David IS Goliath!



The lame man can walk again and his daughter tackles the donut.



How does it feel to be in the belly of a whale?

TREK

The Trek group has been busy this past month. Mr. Luiza finished up the series we had been doing in counsel time regarding God's attributes and how they should affect our media choices. He is now starting a new series called "Taking God's Word for It" about basic truths in the Bible regarding God, man, sin, judgment and reconciliation.

Last month we had an activity at Red Wagon Farm's Pumpkin Festival. The weather held out and we had a fun time in the corn maze, wagon ride and the hay maze. This month we had an activity at church making some treats in the kitchen, having some game time and eating pizza.



Devon and Hannah ready the cookies



Everyone samples the cookies!

TEEN WARRIORS

Live Loud! That is the name of the study the teens have been doing on Wednesday nights over the book of James. That is the encouragement to the teens: Live Loud! Live your faith everyday and let it change you. Wake up asking God how do you want to use me today? What is it that you want from me? And then for them to do it! The teens have been working hard on journaling and memorizing the book of James also. It is only through Bible reading and Scripture memorization that changes will happen!! A couple of the teens already have the first chapter memorized! Great job and praise God!

Keep up the good work!

Upcoming events

Youth night November 30

Afterglow at Titus's December 7

Christmas party December 12 7-10pm

Caroling with cookies and hot cocoa December 17

There have been several activities like fifth quarter where the teens played some football, challenged Pastor on the Wii and ate! (Of course lol) Then we had the privilege to minister to some of the shut-ins and rake their yards at this year's shake a rake. What an encouragement on both ends. Ella even helped out a little bit :) A special thanks to the Valentines' and Altimus' for the wonderful lunch you provided!

And on Tuesday November 11 we had the intergenerational dinner where the teens and the owls gathered and had a wonderful time of eating and fellowship. There was even some entertainment of Ike Sherwin on the harmonica. It was such a sweet time seeing two generations that are far apart in years but share a close bond through the blood of Christ! Thanks to Pastor and Mrs. Mosher for all of their hard work in setting it up! It really was a great time!

Continue to pray for the teens and for this youth group. Change is upon us and God is at work! James 1:17-"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

BEREA BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL

Fall Term Concludes

The Bible School 2008 Fall term concluded, November 20th for the classes at Berea Baptist Church and November 24th for the sessions held at the First Baptist Church in Wellington. Forty students were enrolled in both locations; twenty of these were first time enrollees.

Here are some of the comments from their course evaluations:

- *Definitely a great help in witnessing & defending our faith*

- *Great resources for things we hear almost daily; gave answers to false statements.*

- *Definitely worthwhile.*

- *It gave me a better understanding of God and His Word.*

- *Definitely worthwhile for all ages of adults.*

- *The Revelation course gave me a greater understanding of the holiness & righteousness of God.*

The **2009 Spring semester** classes will be held at Berea Baptist Church for both the Monday and Thursday sessions. On Monday evenings Rev. James Beight will be teaching **New Testament Survey I** (Matthew – Acts) and Dr. William Smallman will be teaching the Old Testament book of **Isaiah**. On Thursday evening Rev. Kenneth Spink will be teaching **Theology II** (Christology and Pneumatology).

The Monday classes begin January 19, 2009 and conclude March 30th. The Thursday class begins January 22, 2009 and finishes April 2nd. All class sessions are from 7:00-8:30 PM on both nights. There will be no Monday or Thursday classes the week of the joint Bible conference (March 8-11, 2009).

Another Bible college has given credit to students who took a Bible school course while still in high school. There are three who have agreed to do this thus far. If you are a junior or senior in high school and are planning to attend Bible college, you should consider taking one of the subjects offered for next semester.

Our God is immense beyond our ability to comprehend, yet He is knowable. He has revealed Himself to us in the Bible. Join us next term for a ten week adventure in 'knowing God.'

Berea Baptist Bible School 2009 Spring Semester



MONDAY EVENING at Berea, Ohio 7:00-8:30 p.m. Jan 19 — March 30
(No classes March 9. Chapel: February 23, 7:00-7:20 p.m.)



James Beight, BA

NT Survey I — (Matthew-Acts) An overview the New Testament focusing on the development of the church and emphasizing the purpose, message, and general content of Matthew thru Acts. The course will explore the significance of the church in light of God's dispensational and prophetic plan bringing new clarity to the New Testament.

Textbook: *Survey of the New Testament* by Paul Benware



BW Snodman, D.Min.

Isaiah — The focus of this course is an exposition with special emphasis on the character of God as shown in His dealings with Israel. Messianic prophecies and God's purposes for the nation of Israel will also be highlighted.

Textbook: *Encountering The Book of Isaiah* by Bryan Beyer

THURSDAY EVENING at Berea, Ohio 7:00-8:30 p.m. Jan 22 — April 2
(No classes March 12. Chapel: February 26, 7:00-7:20 p.m.)



Kenneth Spink, M.Min.

Theology II — (Christology and Pneumatology) This class will involve the study of Christology and the Holy Spirit. What one believes about who Christ is and what is the work of the Holy Spirit will help reinforce the student's understanding of why we love and desire to be obedient disciples of God.

Textbook: *Basic Theology* by Charles Ryrie

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Check here if you want us to order your text book.

- NT Survey I
 Isaiah
 Theology II

Name: _____ Address: _____

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