

The Lamplighter



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From the Ink of Pastor Spink



I saw a political cartoon today which featured two candidates on a platform, one apparently liberal and the other conservative. The liberal candidate had a huge microphone pointed at him very closely with various other microphones and cameras close behind. The conservative candidate had just one microphone pointed closely at him. It had the news media identified on it but it was shaped in the form of a gun. There have been several well-known personalities who have been preaching the obvious message of this cartoon! If you want a national voice for communication with plenty of support, join the liberal ranks as a politician. But if you prefer close hostile scrutiny which leads to being shot at, go conservative.

Perhaps a larger issue is the daily national deception being pumped out by the media. In his editorial in World Magazine, April 21, 2007, Joel Belz identified “seven big lies” being promoted by the national media. They were, Evolution, Global Warming, Abortion, Homosexuality, Stem-cell Research, Islam, and Pluralism. There are other issues as well, but these are some of the main issues with which society is regularly pummeled. Belz asks some probing questions about each of these subjects. I will quote him on just two. 1) Homosexuality: “Why no serious pursuit of why homosexuals have a life span 20 years shorter than the general population?” 2) Islam: “Mainstream media, like

mainstream politicians...dance dishonestly around this one – and for understandable reasons. But isn’t it a hallmark of serious journalism that the truth must be pursued no matter the cost?”

There is the big issue – *the pursuit of truth*. American media has morphed into the promotion of an agenda. Very few media sources today are genuinely pursuing pure truth. They may investigate to gather facts, but they have already decided how they want to present those facts in order to further their predetermined agenda.

Belz concludes his article by stating, “On all these issues – and they’re not tiny, insignificant social questions – we’re not asking that the media agree with us. All we want is honest discussion.” I am afraid Mr. Belz is asking for something he will never get. And, he better watch out. If the national media ever catches wind of his message, he may find the big media gun aimed at his head.

As discerning Christians, we should be aware of this campaign of deception and seek truth from other venues. Furthermore, we should passionately pursue truth from the only pure source: God’s Word!



HEALTH NEWS

Art Cobb recently underwent his second knee surgery and is doing well with rehab.

Virginia Marshall is continuing treatments for leukemia.

Sarah Minch had major surgery for complications from Crohn's disease and is recuperating at home.

Doug Thompson has paid three visits to Southwest for lung problems and is doing somewhat better.

WITH THE LORD



Harold Valentine left Earth for Heaven on May 11.

Toni Sabo joined our other loved ones in Glory on May 22.

ANNIVERSARIES

June

- 6 Ross & Sue Baucum
- 8 Walt & Linda Werner
- 8 Lee & Erica Bodenmiller
- 10 Jolene & Jeremy Workman
- 10 Kim & Nick Titus
- 14 Wayne & Maureen Sharp
- 17 Chris & Denise Lee
- 21 Rick & Carolyn Tester
- 21 Hal & Betsi Prill
- 22 Ike & Betty Sherwin
- 22 Clarence & Terry Jandecka
- 23 Jim & Karen Thompson
- 24 John & Judy Feliciano
- 26 William & Susie Kerr

July

- 4 Gary & Gene Avery
- 2 Phil & Brenda Burchett
- 23 Paul & Judy Calaway
- 25 Jerry & Carole Hawkins



COUPLES' RETREAT

Thirteen couples enjoyed beautiful weather, scenery and fellowship at Charm Countryview Inn at our annual Couples' Retreat. Our speaker was Pastor Ben Reed along with his wife Pam from Niles, OH. Our theme was "Growing Love" and the purpose - to keep our love fresh as couples. You're never too old to be challenged to love your spouse Biblically! We hope to see you there next time!



OWLS

June 11th -- Trip to Sauder Village, (all day)
July 27th -- Ride the Good Times (lunch onboard)
August 11th -- Trip to Pymatuning
September 11th -- Picnic in the Metroparks
October 13th -- Cleveland Botanical Garden
November 2nd -- Trip to Lehman's Hardware

The Health Seminar was held on April 30.

Mr. Tom Strong, a noted medical lecturer and patient advocate, addressed the issues of arthritis and back pain and discussed non-medical approaches in their treatment. Mr. Strong is sponsored by the Sarah Adult Day Care in Strongsville.



Dr. Bud Hurst is a general surgeon currently working in emergency medicine at St. Vincent & Hillcrest hospitals. Dr. Hurst has worked at mission hospitals in Liberia and Bangladesh. Additionally, he currently volunteers his expertise at the Faith Baptist Wellness Center clinic in inner city

Cleveland. He addressed the topic of wellness and the relationship to faith.



Healthy listening & Eating!

NEW MEMBERS

Charles A. Hill, Jr. was born in Avon Lake, Ohio where he lived until his senior year in high school when his family moved to Oberlin, Ohio. Upon completion of high school, Chuck worked in the Carpentry apprenticeship program and became employed as a carpenter through the local union. He moved into Cleveland, Ohio and began working through the Cleveland union for more steady work. He began installing windows and doors to have a steadier job and currently works as a glazier for the Carroll Glass Company. Chuck likes to work with his hands and he likes to garden.

Rebecca Hill, or Becky, was born in Omaha, NE. Her father was in the Air Force and she spent her youth moving all over the United States, Canada, and Europe. Becky graduated from high school in the Netherlands and returned to the states to enroll in Baptist Bible College. She completed her BA degree and returned to Meadville, PA. In 1986 she moved to Cleveland Ohio to take a job with Baptist Mid-Missions. She attended Madison Avenue Baptist Church where she met and married Chuck in 1990. Becky likes to bike and enjoys reading, crafts and to scrapbook when she has free time.

(Charles) Alexander Hill is completing his junior year at Berea High School. He is looking forward to finishing in the near future. He hopes to pursue some training in the medical field and will probably begin by attending Tri-C after graduation. Alex enjoys computers, video games, but his passion is playing his guitar.

Erin Hill is completing her sophomore year at Berea High School. She is also looking forward to the end of the year as her joy is being at the fair grounds and spending time with her horse. She is an active member of the local 4H group - The Silver Spurs. Erin is unsure of what she would like to do for the future, but she does know that she would like to work with horses in some way.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

“Study to show thyself approved unto God,” Paul told Timothy. Like the followers of Jesus in the New Testament, our church desires for all our families to grow in the Lord. Every Sunday morning at 9:30, many of our members are actively participating in Sunday School. We have classes for all ages and invite everyone to join us as we mimic those who lived in Berea during Paul & Timothy’s time: “they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily.”



CHILDREN’S CHOIR & BELLS



The Children’s Vocal and Bell Choirs gave a special presentation for Mothers’ Day.

NEW WEB DESIGN

The **LAMPLIGHTER** is now available on our website and in color! If you would like to still receive a hard copy, please email, call, or write us.

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WORK DAY



Lisa Simpson *does* windows.

Tim McDivitt scrubs while Nathan supervises.



June Harness organizes the choir music.



Many hands made the work load lighter. **THANKS!**





AWANA AWARDS



1st Book Award:
Abbey Calaway
Kasie Titus

2nd Book Award:
Madison Thomas

1st Book Ribbon:
Paige Horton
Ryan Kudlaty
Garrett Tuck
Maliyah Williams
Review: Maliyah Williams



2nd Book Ribbon:
Paige Horton
Justin Luiza
Review: Justin Luiza
Workbook pin: Justin Luiza

3rd Book Sparky Plaque:
Micah Thomas



1st Book Ribbon:
Julie Calaway, \$125 Camp Scholarship
Alayna Kudlaty
Emily Kudlaty
Sarah Paulocsak
Manpriet Thomas
Hannah Tuck

Finished all silver and gold sections:
Julie Calaway, Manpriet Thomas

2nd Book
Molly Calaway, \$75 Camp Scholarship
Brett Snelling, \$75 Camp Scholarship
Nathan Titus, \$75 Camp Scholarship

3rd Book Excellence Award
Cameron Luiza, \$75 Camp Scholarship
Jared Magnani, \$75 Camp Scholarship
Nathan McDivitt

4th Book Timothy Trophy
Matthew Calaway, \$75 Camp Scholarship

½ Book Award:
Devon Snelling, \$75 Camp Scholarship

Entire Book Award:
Hannah Luiza, \$100 Camp Scholarship

TEEN WARRIORS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July activities
13-17 VBS
20-25 Camp CoBeAc
27-31 Teen Leadership Conference



AWARDS

Carrie Whitty, 15 Youth Bucks
Sarah Magnani, 15 Youth Bucks & \$15 Certificate
Daniel McDivitt, 30 Youth Bucks, \$100 Certificate,
Journal, \$125 Camp Scholarship

Congratulations to the following High School, College, Seminary, and Berea Baptist Bible School Graduates!!

High School:

Kirk Bulick, Berea High - traveling, welding career
Scott Magnani, Berea High -college, Marines
Christine Morgan, Midpark High, Kent, journalism
James Swaffield, Berea High, Marines
Nick Cepullio, Buckeye High, BW, computer

College:

Andrew Spink Faith Baptist Bible

Graduate School:

Benjamin Spink, Faith Baptist Theological Seminary
Bethany Spink, Faith Baptist Theological Seminary
James Steppenbacher, Ohio State

BBBS:

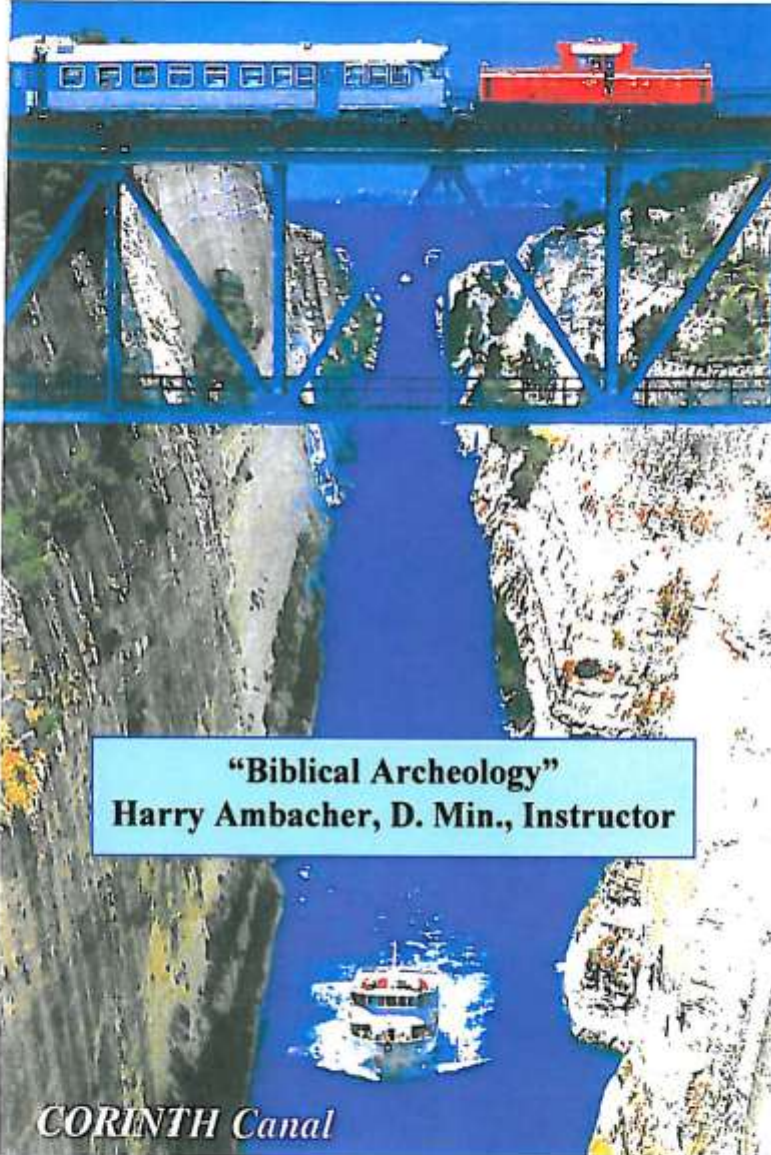
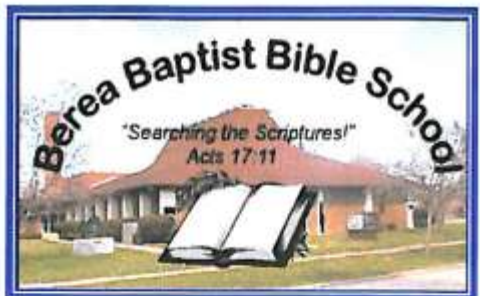
1st Year Certificates:
Scott Magnani
Cheri Minch

Biblical Archeology

Summer Module

June 15-20, 2009

Monday-Friday: 7-9 PM; Saturday: 8-1



"Biblical Archeology"
Harry Ambacher, D. Min., Instructor

CORINTH Canal

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(1 Tim. 3: 15)

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Yes, I would like to register. Courses are \$50.00 each. Make checks payable to Berea Baptist Church.
New students are required to submit an application form, before classes open and pay a five-dollar registration fee. Text books must be purchased separately.

Students desiring credit should check here .

(Returning students will receive a \$10 reduction in course fee for each new student they recruit.)

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