

Missionary Highlight ...Reuben & Susan Mains *servicing in Grenada*

So this new year is progressing at a rapid pace which we see in the school calendar and activities at Berean Christian Academy. We took in five new preschoolers in January, so the preschool department is now full. We have 130 students in all, going up to the 6th grade. We have 3 terms in the school year and this is our sports term.



We have 10 teachers and there are constant challenges of all kinds to address. I often remind our staff to not get bogged down in daily details, but to always remember that our purpose and goal is to prepare these young students for this life to come, to get them on a life-long path of discipleship.

We are praying for a person who can be brought in to replace me as principle in the future. I do not have a firm exit date, but it is possible that we will be ready for the transition in 3 years. We would really like someone with many qualities: educational qualifications, spiritual, administrative skill, counseling and mentoring and willing to take a stressful job like this for less than optimal pay. But it truly needs to be someone who is doing it as a ministry and service to Jesus Christ.

Prayer Requests:

1. For the school, the teachers and students.
2. For the replacement of Reuben as principle in the next 3 years.
3. For the future principle who seeks this job as a ministry and service to Jesus Christ.

January 2020		
	Offerings	Expenses
General Fund YTD	\$23,745	\$20,835
Missions Fund YTD	\$64,199	\$61,920

The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

A — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

B — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

C — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Prayer: Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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Welcome to Worship! — We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** is for 3-7 year olds; 8 yrs old and older need to stay with their parents. Parents, drop off your children prior to joining the service. (10:30am service)

'Outflow' Adult Sunday School — 9am & 10:30am in Room 200.

Save the Date — Missions Conference is March 7-15! It is going to be an exciting week packed with opportunities!

Mission Faith Story — Did you make a faith promise last year at missions conference that really stretched your faith? Have you seen God providing funds for your faith promise? Contact Lynn Peterson at 324.0508 and tell her your story!

Serving Opportunity — During the missions conference we will have the opportunity to help serve at Ruby's Pantry on Monday, March 9. Sign-up in the lobby to volunteer and see if it is something that you would enjoy doing in the future.

Baby Shower — for Allison Wulff today, February 23 at 2pm at Mary Boyum's home; 1415 Home Lane.

Community Opportunities...

Community Café — Tuesday, Feb 25 at 5pm.

Psalm FM Newsletter Mailing — Thursday, Feb 27 at 7am.

Community Clothes Closet — Drop off clothing/household items on Wednesday, March 4 shop on Thursday, March 5. The Closet is open to all from 10am-1pm.

A Grace-Transformed People

Ephesians 2.1-10

1. The Universal _____.

It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us.

Ephesians 2:1-3 (MSG)

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v. 1 you were dead in your transgressions and sins

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. Matthew 23:27-28 (NIV)

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v. 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.

... (Christ) who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. Galatians 1:4 (NIV)

'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips ...' Isaiah 6:5 (NIV)

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v. 2 when you followed ...the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. 1 John 3:8 (NIV)

He (the devil) was a murderer from the beginning. John 8:44 (NIV)

2. The Universal _____.

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead, (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-7 (NLT)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1 (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)