

The 66th Annual
Berean Christian Conference

LIVING GOD'S VISION

Theme Verse
*...looking unto Jesus,
the author and finisher of our faith... "*
Hebrews 12:2 (KJV)

Theme Worship Song:
"You are my Vision"

June 27 - July 4, 2015
Grove City College
Grove City, Pennsylvania

Saturday, June 27

Registration begins at noon in Mary Anderson Pew dormitory

5:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Opening Celebration - Andrea Marcellis and Wayne Urbaniak Welcome - David Elliott
7:45 p.m.	Fellowship and Ice Cream
12 midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Sunday, June 28

"...let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2, KJV)

Chairperson: Jim Lesch

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Worship
9:45 a.m.	Keynote Sermon - Andy Weeks Fellowship "Living God's Vision" - Liz Fischer, Shannon Fischer, Andy Weeks
11:45 a.m. Hall	Conference Photo on Stairs of Crawford
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
	--Fellowship, Rest, and Recreation--
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Bible Study
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m. Reflection	Worship, Time with Children, and
7:00 p.m.	Sermon - Chris Peterson
7:45 p.m.	Vespers
8:00 p.m.	Fellowship and Ice Cream
12:00 midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Monday, June 29

"The Lord watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love." (Psalm 33:18, NLT)

Chairperson: Kathie Raymond

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Bible Studies / Interest Groups - Session A

11:00 - noon Bible Studies / Interest Groups - Session B

12:15 p.m. Lunch

--Fellowship, Rest, and Recreation--

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Worship, Time with Children, and
Reflection

7:00 p.m. Sermon - David Elliott

7:45 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Fellowship and Ice Cream

12:00 midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Tuesday, June 30

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.
For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."
(II Corinthians 4:18, NIV)

Chairperson: Noah Schultz

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sermon - Larry Urbaniak

10:15 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 - noon Bible Studies and Interest Groups

12:15 p.m. Lunch

--Fellowship, Rest, and Recreation--

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Worship, Time with Children, and
Reflection

7:00 p.m. Message in a Blink
Brian Dunn
Leah Downey
Meghan Lin
Levi Schultz
Tracie Elliott

7:45 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Fellowship and Ice Cream

12 midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Wednesday, July 1

"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..."
(Philippians 2:4-5, NRSV)

Chairperson: D'Ann Urbaniak Lesch

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Bible Studies / Interest Groups - Session A
11:00 - noon	Bible Studies / Interest Groups - Session B
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
--Fellowship, Rest, and Recreation--	
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Bible Study
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m. Reflection	Worship, Time with Children, and
7:00 p.m.	Sermon - Jarrett Skorup
7:45 p.m.	Vespers
8:00 p.m.	Fellowship and Ice Cream
12:00 midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Thursday, July 2

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." (I Corinthians 13:12, NRSV)

Chairperson: Joe Brown

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Sermon - Johnny Hunter
10:15 a.m.	Fellowship
10:30 - noon	Bible Studies and Interest Groups
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
--Fellowship, Rest, and Recreation--	
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Bible Study
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m. Reflection	Worship, Time with Children, and Reflection
7:00 p.m.	Baptism Celebration - Jeff Cannon
8:00 p.m.	Fellowship and Ice Cream
12:00 midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Friday, July 3

"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." (Psalm 105:4, NIV)

Chairperson: Faith Schwebke

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Youth Presentations
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
10:15 a.m.	Sermon - Tim Chabot
11:00 a.m.	Testimony Meeting - Gregg Burdett
11:45 a.m.	Communion Service - Doug Famous
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
--Fellowship, Rest, and Recreation--	
4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Bible Study
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Slide Show - Heather and Matthew Jensen
7:00 p.m.	Closing - Andrea Marcellis, Wayne Urbaniak
7:45 p.m.	The Lord's Prayer
8:00 p.m.	Fellowship and Ice Cream
12:00 midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Saturday, July 4

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

Bible Studies and Interest Groups
Monday and Wednesday Morning

Each of these workshops is presented twice-- once Monday morning, then repeated Wednesday morning with the times alternated as indicated. Choose two (one from each list). Full descriptions included in this program.

Monday, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. / Repeated Wednesday 11:00-noon

A DRINK OFFERING - Larry Urbaniak Room #114

LIVING THE "FATHER'S" VISION - Alex Allen Room #116

THE RAMIFICATIONS OF LEGACY: Room #110
CONSEQUENCES OR AMELIORATION - Johnny Hunter

"SAY WHAT??!!!"-Jane Burdett and Nita Oftedahl Room #111

UNDERSTANDING AND HEALING Room #112
BROKEN FAMILIES IN AFRICA - Carrie Miles

Monday, 11:00-12:00 noon / Repeated Wednesday 9:45-10:45 a.m.

GIVING UP BITTERNESS FOR THE SWEET Room #114
TASTE OF FORGIVENESS - Donna Mathewson

LEARNING TO DISCIPLE - David Karavas Room #116

RELIGION, POLITICS Larry Iannaccone Room #110
AND CHURCH-STATE CONFLICT

SEASONS - Stacey and Tim Allen Room #111

WHEN THE HONEYMOON - Becky Schulz Room #112
IS OVER

Bible Studies and Interest Groups
Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

Full descriptions included in this program.

Tuesday, 10:30 - 12:00 noon

BIBLE STUDENT ROOTS – Dennis Thorfeldt	Room#111
"CLOUDED VISION": CHRISTIANS AND ANXIETY/DEPRESSION - Leah Downey	Room #112
CREATION IS FOR REAL Henry Gmiterek	Room #116
DYING, LOVE, AND JESUS - Tim Panella	Room #110
FROM OVERWHELMED TO OVERJOYED - Melissa Cannon, Cathy Jo Loy	Room #114

Thursday, 10:30 - 12:00 noon

CHRISTIAN THEMES IN THE CINEMA: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey - Matthew Jensen	Room #111
FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY - John Polychronis	Room #112
HUMILITY IS NUMBER 1 - Clare and Dick Ostwald	Room #114
LISTENING AND TALKING Dawn Kersula	Room #116
MY EYES, GOD'S EYES Doug Famous	Room #110

Bible Study and Interest Group Descriptions

Monday 9:45-10:45; repeated Wednesday 11:00 - 12:00 noon

A DRINK OFFERING / Larry Urbaniak, Room #114

What exactly is a drink offering? We will look at a couple of Old Testament stories to consider this question. How and where is the significance of a drink offering mentioned in the New Testament? We will discuss its importance to us as Christians.

LIVING THE "FATHER'S" VISION / Alex Allen, Room #116

"Abba Father" means more than just "old guy that disciplines us." Understanding the relationship of father and child should drive a more meaningful relationship with Him and each other. "If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourself in fear during .. your stay on earth." I Peter 1:17

THE RAMIFICATIONS OF LEGACY: CONSEQUENCES OR AMELIORATION / Johnny Hunter, Room #110

An important lesson contained in scriptures is the historical pattern of successes by following Judeo-Christian principles and the pattern of failures by ignoring them. Each generation leaves behind a legacy of heritage for advancements or the aftermath of failure. In their wake is an era of renaissance or darkness - freedom or oppression. Christians should avoid the enticing attitude of Hezekiah and stand in our lifetime.

"SAY WHAT?!!!" / Jane Burdett and Nita Oftedahl, Room #111

The way we talk matters. We need to think deeply about the theological implications of what we are saying and remember that God is not simply a useful tool to support our politics or our beliefs. He is not a pawn in our hands. He is not the parking lot fairy. He does not comfort grieving parents by telling them He knew they could handle it. God is the powerful center. For our soul and the souls of others, it is worth thinking before we speak.

UNDERSTANDING & HEALING BROKEN FAMILIES IN AFRICA

Carrie Miles, Room #112

In historically non-Christian countries, attitudes towards marriage and child-rearing may be very different from anything modern Americans have encountered - utilitarian, devoid of companionship, compassion or forgiveness. Ugandan pastor Frank Tweheyo calls it "two thieves in one house." This session will explain the logic of such family relationships, provide biblical tools for breaking the cycle of abuse, disfunction.

Bible Study and Interest Group Descriptions

Monday 11:00 - 12:00; repeated Wednesday 9:45 - 10:45

WHAT'S EATING YOU? GIVING UP BITTERNESS FOR THE

SWEET TASTE OF FORGIVENESS / Donna Mathewson, Room #114
Is there something that is bothering you? Has someone hurt you and you can't forgive them? Said something that you can't shake loose? Wronged you in some way? Whatever the case, don't let it continue to hold you a prisoner. If you don't do something about it, you will allow the seed of bitterness to become rooted and develop deep within. Slowly but surely it will cultivate and grow, stealing your happiness. God's desire is that we give up bitterness and experience the sweet taste of forgiveness.

LEARNING TO DISCIPLE / David Karavas, Room #116

We will compare and contrast various models of discipleship. Where have these failed, and what has proven to be successful in actually helping people to grow with fruitfulness and be transformed into the full maturity of Jesus Christ? As a participant of this workshop, I welcome your input in sharing your successes as to what has worked for you. Let's learn together how to disciple others.

RELIGION, POLITICS, AND CHURCH-STATE CONFLICT /

Larry Iannaccone, Room #110

For most of two centuries, the laws and activities of America's federal government had little impact on America's churches. But as the regulatory role of government has grown, church-state conflict has become increasingly common, the political views of religious and secular Americans have become increasingly polarized. We will consider the problems posed by these trends, esp. for people of faith.

SEASONS / Stacey and Tim Allen, Room #111

"Everything in our lives has a season, an appropriate time, not some random way but in a manner that's charged with purpose." Join us as we discuss the seasons of life and how God has prepared and equipped us for each opportunity, challenge & change!

WHEN THE HONEYMOON IS OVER / Becky Schultz, Room #112

How do you keep your marriage strong when the honeymoon is over and everyday life kicks in? Your relationship with your spouse is an opportunity for continual growth, and is blessed by God. We'll share thoughts and scriptures to help weather the struggles, embrace the blessings, and avoid focusing on what you "deserve" instead of what God has planned for your lifelong marriage.

Bible Study and Interest Group Descriptions

Tuesday, 10:30 - 12:00 noon

BIBLE STUDENT ROOTS / Dennis Thorfeldt, Room #111

If you're curious about the history of the Bible Student movement and how it evolved into the current Bible Student churches, as well as the Berean Christian Conference and Camp Blessing, plan to attend this informative interest group.

"CLOUDED VISION": CHRISTIANS AND ANXIETY/DEPRESSION

Leah Downey, Room #112

The Bible commands us to "not be anxious about anything" (Phil 4:6) and to "be content in every circumstance" (Phil 4:11) so what happens when Christians have anxiety and depression? When we are trying to live God's vision and our vision gets clouded by these conditions? We will explore different aspects of this from scriptural, physical and personal points of view.

CREATION IS FOR REAL / Henry Gmiterek, Room #116

In this interest group we will try to answer some of the following questions: 1. What does the Bible say about Creation? / 2. What are some of the widely held theories of creation and how we got here? / 3. Do these theories make sense scientifically and do they contradict the Bible? / 4. Do these theories make it more difficult to have faith in God's intelligent design? / 5. What are some of the serious implications in the belief of the theory of evolution for the Christian and non-Christian?

DYING, LOVE AND JESUS / Tim Panella, Room #110

For this session we will look at the last 6 months of life, the process of dying. Topics to be discussed will be: a) comments from Jesus; b) end of life decisions; c) talking to friends who are dying; d) fears of a dying patient; e) is there a good death?; and f) the stages of grief.

FROM OVERWHELMED TO OVERJOYED

Melissa Cannon and Cathy Jo Loy, Room #114

You CAN do everything God has called you to do in a peaceful, joy-filled manner, getting sufficient rest and confirming into His likeness: a soul overwhelmed by God's grace in whatever season of life you are in. Based on Ephesians 5:16-17, this mini-retreat will give you tools to fight against the "superwoman syndrome" and set Biblical priorities: Grow in Godliness; Love my family; Serve the church; Fellowship with believers; Evangelize non-Christians; Attend to my work; Care for my physical body.

Bible Study and Interest Group Descriptions

Thursday, 10:30 - 12:00 noon

CHRISTIAN THEMES IN THE CINEMA: *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* / Matthew Jensen, Room #111

The movie-going experience is not only what the film makers put into the movie, but also what we can take out of it. We will compare clips from the movie to biblical text and discuss such topics as greed, the need to take risks in pursuit of a worthy quest, the value of home, courage and mercy, and how God uses the weak things of the world to accomplish His ends.

FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY / John Polychronis, Room #112

I Timothy 6:10 states, "For the love of Money is the root of all kinds of evil." Brought up thinking that the Lord is about to return any minute, some of us were not as attentive to our personal finances as we should have been. This interest group will address money, greed, benevolence, and the steps we can take "as good stewards" of the Lord's money as well as possessions--and how we can pass this along to our heirs without causing them stress. We as good stewards have a responsibility to handle our finances and our estates, no matter how small or large, with Godly Wisdom so as we proceed with it in "Good Order."

HUMILITY IS NUMBER 1 / Clare and Dick Ostwald, Room #114

"Humbles yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." (James 4:10, NIV). Join us in exploring God's response to pride and humility; humility examples of Jesus; and scriptural examples of putting humility into our lives.

LISTENING AND TALKING: A PRIMER OF COUNSELING SKILLS

FOR THE EVERYDAY CHRISTIAN / Dawn Kersula, Room #116

We're not called to be psychologists--but we are called to "Provoke one another to love and good works." We'll explore ways to give good counsel without giving advice, and bearing one another's burdens without taking the frustrations of the world on our own shoulders.

MY EYES, GOD'S EYES / Doug Famous, Room #110

We want to be able to see others from God's perspective. We will look at a variety of scenarios and scriptural references to examine our vantage point. What examples does Jesus give us? How did He see things? How did He relate to individual people? How does my vision reflect Christ's vision and God's perspective?

Youth Programs

Nursery - Randy and Sarah Roehr

Beginning Sunday morning, nursery care is provided during the morning and evening services for infants and children through two years of age. The nursery is located in the Early Childhood Center in the Hall of Arts & Letters. Volunteer helpers are welcome.

Vacation Bible School - Alexis and Tim Schopf

Sunday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Fine Arts 2nd Floor
EVEREST: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power
Embark on an icy adventure to overcome obstacles with God's awesome power!

Sunday: 2 Corinthians 9:8 - God has the power to provide.

Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:4 - God has the power to comfort.

Tuesday: Psalm 147:3 - God has the power to heal.

Wednesday: Nehemiah 9:17 - God has the power to forgive.

Thursday: John 3:15 - God has the power to love us forever.

Friday: VBS Program and Group Activities

Middle School - Autumn Battaglia and Andrea Marcellis

Sunday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Hall of Arts and Letters
THE GRAVE ROBBER

Miracles are not simply something Jesus did in the past, but something He wants to do now. No matter how big the problem, God is bigger still. Join us for a week of studying the seven miraculous signs of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Based on The Grave Robber - How Jesus Can Make Your Impossible Possible by Mark Batterson.

Teen Program - Jeff Cannon

Sunday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Hall of Arts and Letters
FAITH FUEL

Sunday: Fuel Source--Archeology

Monday: Fuel Source--History

Tuesday: Fuel Source--Biology

Wednesday: Fuel Source—Prophecy

Thursday: Fuel Source—Reality

Friday: Teen Program and Final Activities

2015 Conference Directors

Conference Chairperson	David Elliott
Personal and Family Counseling	Bill and June Twelker
Accommodations	Linda Bebeau
Program Secretary	Wayne Urbaniak
Publicity	Jim Lesch, D'Ann Urbaniak Lesch
Adult Program Director	Kent Urbaniak
Baptismal Counseling	David and Melissa Slinn
Recording	Jared Fornier
Children's Evening Activities	Alex and Kathy Allen
Records Secretary	Donna Mathewson
Committee Chairperson	Andy Weeks
Recreation	Noah Schultz
Evening Vespers	Ben and Meghan Lin
Technology Coordinator	Jarrett Skorup
Teen Program	Jeff Cannon
Ice Cream Coordinator	Lori Brown
Middle School Program	Autumn Battaglia, Andrea Marcellis
Airport Transportation	Andy Weeks
Morning Worship Coordinators	Jamie and Kris Klein
On-Campus Transportation	Joyce Urbaniak
Nursery	Randy and Sarah Roehr
Treasurer	Eileen Schopf
Outreach	Shannon Fischer and Clare Ostwald
Ushers	Grace and Jack Adkisson
Vacation Bible School	Alexis and Tim Schopf

2015 Conference Committee

Term expiring in 2015:

Andrea Marcellis, Donna Mathewson, Wayne Urbaniak

Term expiring in 2016:

Liz Fischer, Kris Klein, Andy Weeks

Term expiring in 2017:

Leah Downey, David Elliott, Larry Iannaccone

General Information

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Registration held in the Mary Anderson Pew (MAP) West Lobby, starting at noon on Saturday, June 27. If arriving after midnight, make arrangements for someone to let you in.

Meals are in the Mary Anderson Pew Dining Hall (MAP).

Evening fellowship and ice cream are also in MAP cafeteria.

First Meal Saturday, June 27 - 5:00 p.m.

Last Meal Saturday, July 4 - 7:00 a.m.

Linens and Towels - Bed linens and two towels are available for a fee on your registration form.

Meeting Locations - Bible studies, interest groups, nursery, middle school, and teen programs are at Hall of Arts and Letters.

-Worship services and sermons are held in the auditorium of Pew Fine Arts Building. VBS is held on the 2nd floor of Pew Fine Arts.

-Morning meditation is held in Harbison Chapel. Afternoon Bible Studies are held in the Student Union.

-Evening Activities: Ice cream is available after services in Mary Anderson Pew Cafeteria. The gym and pool are open some nights.

Arriving by Air Rides to/from the Pittsburgh airport are available for an extra fee. Provide flight information on your registration form.

Directions

From EAST

From WEST

From

NORTH/SOUTH

I-80 West

I-80 (Exit 15)

I-79 to Exit 29 to 208

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East on I-80 to I-79

208 East

Exit 29 to 208 W

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