

# *The 63rd Annual Berean Christian Conference*



## *Soaring on Wings Like Eagles*

June 30-July 7, 2012  
Grove City College  
Grove City, Pennsylvania

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But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (NIV)

*Isaiah 40:31*



## *Saturday, June 30*

- 12 Noon      Registration Held at Mary Anderson Pew Dormitory
- 5:15 pm      Dinner
- 6:30 pm      Meet and Greet
- 6:45 pm      Opening Service and Celebration - Brooke and Nita Oftedahl  
Welcome - Dave Schopf
- 8:00 pm      Fellowship and Ice Cream
- 12 Midnight    Dorm Doors Locked



***Sunday, July 1***

Soaring Above It All

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***Isaiah 40:31***

Chairman: Dane Skorup

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|---------------------|--|
| 7:30 am             | Meditation in Harbison Chapel  |
| 8:00 am             | Breakfast  |
| 9:00 am             | Worship  |
| 9:30 am             | Keynote Sermon - David Elliott   |
| 10:15 am            | Fellowship   |
| 10:30 am            | "Getting Off the Ground" - David Elliott   |
| 11:45 am            | Conference Photo on Stairs of Crawford Hall  |
| 12:15 pm            | Lunch  |
| 1:15 pm-<br>2:15 pm | Bible Study - "Soaring Through Adversity" - Art Polychronis  |
|                     | --Fellowship and Recreation--  |
| 5:15 pm             | Dinner   |
| 6:30 pm             | Family Worship - "The Jensen, Chabot, Roehr, Forster Family Variety Half Hour with Special Guests" |
| 7:00 pm             | Soaring Stories - Kathie Polychronis, Dane Skorup, Marcia Graveen, Meghan Bechtel                  |
| 7:45 pm             | Vespers  |
| 8:00 pm             | Fellowship and Ice Cream   |
| 12 Midnight         | Dorm Doors Locked  |

**Monday, July 2**

Soaring Above Self

For the spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. (NIV)

***II Timothy 1:7***

Chairman: Mark Johnson

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|----------------------|--|
| 7:30 am              | Meditation in Harbison Chapel                |
| 8:00 am              | Breakfast                                    |
| 9:00 am-<br>9:30 am  | Worship                                      |
| 9:45 am-<br>10:45 am | Bible Studies and Interest Groups, session A |
| 11:00 am-<br>12 Noon | Bible Studies and Interest Groups, session B |
| 12:15 pm             | Lunch  |
|                      | --Fellowship and Recreation--                |
| 3:30 pm              | Afternoon Bible Study                        |
| 5:15 pm              | Dinner                                       |
| 6:30 pm              | Family Worship - The Burdett Family          |
| 7:00 pm              | Sermon - Wayne Urbaniak                      |
| 7:45 pm              | Vespers                                      |
| 8:00 pm              | Fellowship and Ice Cream                     |
| 12 Midnight          | Dorm Doors Locked                            |

***Tuesday, July 3***

Soaring Above Fear

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.  
(NIV)

***1 John 4:18***

Chairman: Tim Schopf

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| 7:30 am              | Meditation in Harbison Chapel                 |
| 8:00 am              | Breakfast                                     |
| 9:00 am-<br>9:30 am  | Worship                                       |
| 9:45 am-<br>10:45 am | Bible Studies and Interest Groups, Session A  |
| 11:00 am-<br>12 Noon | Bible Studies and Interest Groups, Session B  |
| 12:15 pm             | Lunch   |
|                      | --Fellowship and Recreation--                 |
| 3:30 pm              | Afternoon Bible Study                         |
| 5:15 pm              | Dinner  |
| 6:30 pm              | Invitational Worship - Donna Mathewson        |
| 7:00 pm              | Invitational Sermon - Robert Iannacconne, Jr. |
| 7:45 pm              | Vespers                                       |
| 8:00 pm              | Fellowship and Ice Cream                      |
| 12 Midnight          | Dorm Doors Locked                             |

**Wednesday, July 4**

Soaring Above Conflict

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (NIV)

***Romans 12:18***

Chairman: David Karavas

7:30 am	Meditation in Harbison Chapel
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship
9:30 am	Sermon - Jeff Cannon
10:15 am	Fellowship
10:30 am- 12 Noon	Bible Studies and Interest Groups
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Conference Business Meeting
	--Fellowship and Recreation--
3:30 pm	Afternoon Bible Study
5:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Family Worship - Johnny and Pat Hunter
7:00 pm	Sermon - Pedro Peterson
7:45 pm	Vespers
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream
12 Midnight	Dorm Doors Locked

**Thursday, July 5**

Soaring Above Death

Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."  
(KJV)

***John 11:25***

Chairman: Ray Spano

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|----------------------|--|
| 7:30 am              | Meditation in Harbison Chapel  |
| 8:00 am              | Breakfast  |
| 9:00 am              | Worship  |
| 9:30 am              | Sermon - Tim Chabot  |
| 10:15 am             | Fellowship   |
| 10:30 am-<br>12 Noon | Bible Studies and Interest Groups  |
| 12:15 pm             | Lunch  |
|                      | --Fellowship and Recreation--  |
| 3:30 pm              | Afternoon Bible Study  |
| 5:15 pm              | Dinner   |
| 6:30 pm              | Family Worship - Middle School and Teen Groups<br>Pedro and Cheryl Peterson, Brooke Oftedahl |
| 7:00 pm              | Baptismal Celebration  |
|                      | Introduction of Baptismal Candidates - Robert<br>Iannaccone, Jr.                             |
|                      | Baptism  |
| 7:45 pm              | Vespers  |
| 8:00 pm              | Fellowship and Ice Cream   |
| 12 Midnight          | Dorm Doors Locked  |



**Friday, July 6**

Soaring Above with Christ

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

***Colossians 3:1***

Chairman: Chuck Forster

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| 7:30 am     | Meditation in Harbison Chapel   |
| 8:00 am     | Breakfast   |
| 9:00 am     | Youth Presentations   |
| 10:00 am    | Fellowship  |
| 10:15 am    | Sermon - Larry Urbaniak   |
| 11:00 am    | Reflections and Testimonies - Henry Gmiterek  |
| 11:45 am    | Communion Service - Bill Twelker  |
| 12:15 pm    | Lunch   |
|             | --Fellowship and Recreation--   |
| 3:30 pm     | Afternoon Bible Study   |
| 5:15 pm     | Dinner  |
| 6:30 pm     | Rapid Reflections:<br>David Elliott, Tim Chabot, Jarrett Skorup, Doug Famous, Kent Urbaniak |
| 7:00 pm     | Worship that Soars  |
| 7:45 pm     | Vespers   |
| 8:00 pm     | Fellowship and Ice Cream  |
| 12 Midnight | Dorm Doors Locked   |

## *Children's Programs*

### Vacation Bible School

Melissa Cannon

At SKY VBS, kids will be learning that "Everything is Possible with God!" (Mark 10:27)

Our week will be filled with awesome songs, crafts, games and snacks. The amazing activities will tie in with our Bible stories, where kids will learn that:

No matter who you are...

No matter how you feel...

No matter what people do...

No matter what happens...

No matter where you are... you can trust God!

We will meet from 9:00 am to 12 Noon Sunday through Friday on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building.

### Middle School Program

Pedro and Cheryl Peterson

Come hang out and study heroes from the Old Testament. We will explore questions such as: How can we learn to listen, recognize and obey God's voice in our lives? What things keep us from God? How can we make changes that bring us closer to God? Be ready to study, encourage, learn, have fun and more!

We will meet from 9:00 am to 12 Noon Sunday through Friday in the Hall of Arts and Letters.

### Teen Program

Brooke Oftedahl

#### Life Choices: Trusting God in Life's Decisions and Challenges

Life can be tough, especially for teenagers. Critical issues like peer pressure, sexual temptation, family conflicts and lukewarm faith can detour even those with the best intentions. This week we'll learn how to handle life's most difficult issues. Which path will you choose?

### Nursery

Todd and Jennifer Casell

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 and Letters. Volunteer helpers are most welcome!

## *Bible Studies & Interest Groups*

### Monday (Choose Two)

**Jeff Cannon**

Biblical Chronology: A  
Reconciliation of Various Ages,  
Dates and Timeframes in the Bible

**Donna Mathewson**

The Transforming Power of a  
Grateful Heart

**David & Melissa Slinn**

Service with a Smile

**Wayne Urbaniak**

Edification: Encouraging One  
Another in our Faith

**Robert Iannaccone, Jr.**

Melchizedek's Children: A Nation  
of Priests

### Tuesday (Choose Two)

**Jon Larson**

The Ebenezer Way

**D'Ann Lesch**

Homelessness 101: Christians and  
Social Change

**David Elliott**

An Overview of Financial Peace  
University

**Henry Gmiterek**

Knowing and Doing God's Will

**Ray and Debbie Spano**

Christian Transitions

### Wednesday

**Dennis Thorfeldt**

The Language of Love

**Jonathan and Danielle Ziegler**

The Tangible Kingdom

### Thursday

**David Karavas**

Walking in Truth

**Kent Urbaniak**

Understanding

### Wednesday & Thursday

**Larry Urbaniak**

Hell / Rich Man and Lazarus

**Nita Oftedahl & Jane Burdett**

What Do You Know for Sure?

**Doug Famous**

Faith that Moves Mountains

## General Information

### Registration

Registration is held in the Mary Anderson Pew (MAP) West Lobby starting at 12 Noon on Saturday, June 30. You can register any time that day. If you are arriving after midnight, please make arrangements for someone to let you in!

### Address & Phone Numbers

Grove City College  
100 Campus Drive  
Grove City, PA 16127

Main Line: (724) 458-2000  
Campus Security: (724) 458-3000

United Community Hospital:  
(724) 458-5442

### Meals

All meals are served in the Mary Anderson Pew Dining Hall (MAP). Evening Fellowship and Ice Cream will be held in the MAP Cafeteria.

#### First Meal

Saturday, June 30 - 5:15 pm

#### Last Meal

Saturday, July 7 - 7:30 am

### Meeting Locations

Bible Studies and Interest groups, Nursery, Middle School and Teen Programs are held in HAL (Hall of Arts and Letters).

Worship Services and Sermons are held in the auditorium inside the Fine Arts Building.

VBS is held on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building.

Morning Meditation is held in Harbison Chapel.

Afternoon Bible studies are held in the Student Union.

### Evening Activities

Ye Olde Ice Cream Shoppe is open after services in the 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. Please provide flight information on your registration form.

## Directions

### FROM EAST

I-80 West  
Exit 29 to 208 WEST

### FROM WEST

I-80 (Exit 15)  
East on I-80 to I-79  
South on I-79 to  
208 EAST

### FROM NORTH/

SOUTH  
I-79 to  
208 EAST

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