

69th Annual Berean Christian Conference

Build Your Kingdom



June 30 - July 7, 2018
Grove City College • Grove City, PA



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Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your Church
We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

(Chorus)
Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

(Chorus) x2

Saturday, June 30

Build

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” (Matthew 7:24, NIV)

Noon	Registration Begins: <i>Mary Anderson Pew Dormitory</i>
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Conference Opening: <i>Dave Schopf: Conference Chairman & The Skorup Clan</i>
7:45 p.m.	Ice Cream
Midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Sunday, July 1

eclare

♪ *Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear.* ♪

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7, NIV)

Chairperson: *Doug Oftedahl*

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Build Your Kingdom Here: *Jeff Cannon*
Interactive Adult Sunday School, Worship, & Message

12:00 p.m. Conference Photo: *Steps of Crawford Hall*

12:15 p.m. Lunch

***** *Rest & Recreation* *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study: *Ed Hogrebe*

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. DECLARE

Worship Service

7:05 p.m. Speed Stories:

Brenton Clark

Amanda Moreno

Giovanna Johnson

Levi Schultz

Andrea Marcellis

Brent Skorup

7:45 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Monday, July 2

Restore

♪ Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and lands. ♪

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10, NIV)

Chairperson: *Heather Forster Jensen*

- 7:45 a.m.** **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m.** **Worship Service**
- 9:45 a.m.** **Interest Groups** (*until 10:45 a.m.*)
- 11:00 a.m.** **Interest Groups** (*until Noon*)
- 12:15 p.m.** **Lunch**

***** *Rest & Recreation* *****

- 3:00 p.m.** **Afternoon Café**
- 4:00 p.m.** **Afternoon Bible Study:** *Jon Larson*
- 5:15 p.m.** **Dinner**
- 6:30 p.m.** **RESTORE**
Worship Service
- 7:05 p.m.** **Sermon:** *Wayne Urbaniak*
- 7:45 p.m.** **Vespers**
- 8:00 p.m.** **Ice Cream**
- Midnight** **Dormitory Doors Locked**

Tuesday, July 3

ransform

♪ *Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.* ♪

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NASB)

Chairperson: *Mark Johnson*

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sermon: *Andy Weeks*

10:00 a.m. Break Time

10:30 a.m. Interest Groups (*until Noon*)

12:15 p.m. Lunch

***** *Rest & Recreation* *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study: *David Karavas*

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. TRANSFORM

Worship Service

7:05 p.m. Building God’s Kingdom in Me: *Clint Oftedahl*

Barbara Bechtel, Jeff Cannon, Leah Downey, Brent Skorup

7:45 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Wednesday, July 4

edicate

♪ *To see the captive hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.* ♪

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” (Romans 12:1, NASB)

Chairperson: *Ben Burdett*

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Interest Groups (*until 10:45 a.m.*)

11:00 a.m. Interest Groups (*until Noon*)

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Business Meeting

***** *Rest & Recreation* *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study: *Doug Famous*

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. DEDICATE

Worship Service

7:05 p.m. Sermon: *Kent Urbaniak*

7:45 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Thursday, July 5

each

♪ *Unleash Your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far.* ♪

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them." (Hebrews 7:25, NIV)

Chairperson: *Faith Schwebke*

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sermon: *John Polychronis*

10:00 a.m. Break Time

10:30 a.m. Interest Groups (*until Noon*)

12:15 p.m. Lunch

***** *Rest, & Recreation* *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study: *Henry Gmiterek*

5:15 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. REACH

Baptism Celebration: *Kent Urbaniak*

8:00 p.m. Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Friday, July 6

roclaim

♪ *Change the atmosphere, build Your Kingdom here.* ♪

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

Chairperson: *D’Ann Urbaniak Lesch*

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Youth Presentations

10:00 a.m. Break

**10:15 a.m. Sharing How God is Building His Kingdom
in You:** *Dennis Thorfeldt*

11:30 a.m. Communion Service: *Dennis Thorfeldt*

12:15 p.m. Lunch

***** *Rest & Recreation* *****

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Café

5:15 p.m. Dinner

**6:30 p.m. PROCLAIM - BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE
Closing Service:** *Jarrett & Karen Skorup*

7:30 p.m. The Lord’s Prayer

8:00 p.m. Ice Cream

Midnight Dormitory Doors Locked

Saturday, July 7

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

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Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	
	Breakfast (7:45)			
	Walk to Arnold Recital Hall (8:45)			
	Build Your Kingdom Here (9:00) <i>Jeff C.</i>	Worship Service (9:00)		Sermon (9:30) <i>Andy W.</i>
		Walk to HAL (9:30)	Interest Groups (9:45)	
		Switch Groups (10:45)		Interest Groups (10:30)
		Interest Groups (11:00)		
		Walk to Crwfd (11:45)	Walk to MAP (12:00)	
Registration (12:00)	Lunch (12:15)			
	Rest & Recreation			
	Afternoon Café (3:00)			
	Afternoon Bible Study (4:00)			
	<i>Ed H.</i>	<i>Jon L.</i>	<i>David K.</i>	
Walk to MAP				
Dinner (5:15)	Dinner (5:15)			
	Walk to Fine Arts			
Walk to FA (6:45)	DECLARE & Worship Service (6:30)	RESTORE & Worship Service (6:30)	TRANSFORM & Worship Service (6:30)	
Conference Opening (7:00) <i>Dave S. & The Skorup Clan</i>	Speed Stories (7:05)	Sermon (7:05) <i>Wayne U.</i>	Building God's Kingdom in Me (7:05)	
Ice Cream (7:45)	Vespers (7:45)			
	Ice Cream (8:00)			
Dormitory Doors Locked (12:00)				

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Breakfast (7:00)
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Walk to Arnold Recital Hall (8:45)			
Worship Service (9:00)		Youth Presentations (9:00)	
Walk to HAL (9:30)	Sermon (9:30) <i>John P.</i>		
Interest Groups (9:45)	Break Time (10:00)	Break Time (10:00)	
	Interest Groups (10:30)	Sharing How God is Building His Kingdom (10:15) <i>Dennis T.</i>	
Switch Groups (10:45)		Communion Service (11:30) <i>Dennis T.</i>	
Interest Groups (11:00)			
Walk to MAP (12:00)			
Lunch (12:15)			
Bus. Meeting (1:15)	Rest & Recreation		
Afternoon Café (3:00)			
Afternoon Bible Study (4:00) <i>Doug F.</i>	<i>Henry G.</i>	No Bible Study	
Walk to MAP (5:00)			
Dinner (5:15)			
Walk to Fine Arts (6:15)			
DEDICATE & Worship Service (6:30)	REACH & Baptismal Celebration (6:30) <i>Kent U.</i>	Closing Service (6:30) <i>Jarrett & Karen S.</i>	
Sermon (7:05) <i>Kent U.</i>		Lord's Prayer (7:30)	
Vespers (7:45)			
Ice Cream (8:00)			
Dormitory Doors Locked (12:00)			

Interest **G**roup **D**escriptions

**Monday, 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. &
Repeated 11:00 a.m. until Noon (Pick 2)**

Genuine Christian Community in the Age of Tweets

Elizabeth & Peter Celauro

Thanks to social media we're "more connected than ever" – and suffering a cultural epidemic of loneliness, depression, hate, and discord. Join us as we move beyond connection to explore the real community Scripture calls us to not only experience, but enjoy. See what 21st century thinkers should learn from the early church and how the Acts 2 blueprint for Christian living could spark the change our hurting world needs.

Aliens, Extraterrestrials, Angels? Are We Just Confused?

Denis Couture

Unity Among Diversity

Jim Lesch

In recent years we have seen a trend towards division based on sound bites, curated statistics, deliberate deception. Even as Christians there are issues that constantly threaten to divide us. How can we promote Christian dialogue that leads to unity in Christ?

You Complete Me

Becky & Dan Schultz

Who are you focused on in your relationship? God guides us through our experiences so that we can learn to complement each other instead of compete with each other.

Good News in the Minor Prophets

Joyce Urbaniak

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we might have hope." (Romans 15:4) Come learn from Hosea, Joel, and Amos.

Interest **G**roup **D**escriptions

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. until Noon (One Time Only)

Eternal Life Through Science

Alex Allen

“Truly I tell you some who are standing here will not taste death.” (Matthew 16:28) Medical science is progressing so fast that the next generation might never grow old. We’ll explore the science and technology enabling these developments and then what it means for Christians focused on “His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life”.

RENOVATE...Building a Life with God

Jane Burdett & Nita Oftedahl

Is your spiritual life a “Fixer Upper” or “Flip or Flop”? Have you settled for being “This Old House”? You may have spiritual “Curb Appeal” but what do people see when they walk through your front door? Is your inner spiritual house looking tried, worn, and shabby? Do you need to shore up your foundation? God wants to do a RENOVATION in you!

Building the Kingdom...Family First

Steve Skorup

Missions are important to building God’s Kingdom, but building strong families are more important.

Mephibosheth & Ziba

Larry Urbaniak

Who are they? How are they related? Are you bothered by the end of their story? What can we learn from it?

Interest **G**roup **D**escriptions

**Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. &
Repeated 11:00 a.m. until Noon (Pick 2)**

Sermons

Steve Battaglia & Dane Skorup

Each speaker will have 20-25 minutes to share their message during this time slot.

Heavenly Politics

Doug Famous

With all of the political and social unrest competing for our attention and even causing strife among Christians, how are you reacting? How are your viewpoints being communicated? We will look to find God's anchor in seeking His Kingdom's perspective.

It's Time to Grow Up

David Karavas

Why has there been such an increase in people falling away from their faith in recent years? Why do many claim to follow Jesus, and yet their lives never seem to change? Why do people grow old without growing up? Discover seven spiritual laws of growth leading to Christ-like maturity.

Who Do You Say I Am?

Dawn Kersula

David in Psalm 111 describes a God who works mighty wonders in the cosmos. The demons in Mark 1 recognize Jesus and describe who He is. How would we describe who God is and who Jesus is...in our everyday lives?

I'll Take a Venti Triple Non-Fat Cherry Mocha with Whip!

David & Melissa Slinn

Does everything always have to be complicated? It seems that we can't even order a simple cup of coffee these days. Join us as we explore simplifying our lives and ways to keep God our focus during the busy seasons of life.

Interest **G**roup **D**escriptions

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. until Noon (One Time Only)

How to Make BAD Decisions

David & Tracie Elliott

We've made some bad decisions in our life. We've made some bad decisions professionally, personally, and relationally. None of us set out to make bad decisions, but sometimes the methods we use in decision making significantly decrease the quality of our decisions. Many times we've learned from our bad decisions, but just as many times we've made a bad decision into a habit. Join us as we examine the process of decision making.

Centurion Faith

Johnny Hunter

Our Accountability to the King of the Kingdom

Daniel Moerschel

According to the scriptures, "*all believers will stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ to give an account of the things done, whether good or bad*" (2 Corinthians 5:10). What is this going to be like? Will we really have to give an account of everything? What about rewards or lack of rewards? What is our ultimate accountability to Jesus for the deeds we do to further His Kingdom in our lifetime?

Retirement - Time for a Growth Spurt

Wayne & Kathy Urbaniak

Are you approaching retirement? Are you already there? Have you been there for a while? Retirement offers new opportunities for growing God's Kingdom – and for growing spiritually. We will discuss major retirement factors; fear and courage; laziness and liveliness; disappointment and joy; sickness and health; loneliness and relationships; doubt and faith.

2018  **Conference**  **Directors**

Accommodations	<i>Dave & Kathie Raymond</i>
Adult Program Director	<i>Gregg Burdett</i>
Afternoon Café Director	<i>Kathy Urbaniak</i>
Background Administrator	<i>Jim Lesch</i>
Baptismal Counseling	<i>Jon & Lynnette Larson</i>
Children’s Evening Activities	<i>Alex & Kathy Allen</i>
Committee Chairperson	<i>Kent Urbaniak</i>
Conference Chairperson	<i>Dave Schopf</i>
Conference Communications	<i>Meghan Lin</i>
Ice Cream Coordinator	<i>Karen LePitre</i>
Middle School Program	<i>Cheryl & Pedro Peterson</i>
Music Coordinator	<i>Brooke Oftedahl</i>
Nursery	<i>Bethany Urbaniak</i>
Outreach	<i>D’Ann Urbaniak Lesch</i>
Program Secretary	<i>Nita Oftedahl</i>
Publicity	<i>Heather Forster Jensen & Matt Jensen</i>
Recording	<i>Ben Urbaniak</i>
Records Secretary	<i>Shannon Fischer</i>
Recreation	<i>Jamon Robinson & Levi Schultz</i>
Technology Coordinator	<i>Kevin Edwards</i>
Teen Program	<i>Liz & Shannon Fischer</i>
Transportation – Airport	<i>David Kersula</i>
Transportation – On-Campus	<i>Jon Graveen</i>
Treasurer	<i>Donna Mathewson</i>
Ushers	<i>Jack Adkisson & Ernesto Moreno</i>
Vacation Bible School	<i>Lisa & Rachel Mackey</i>
Vespers	<i>Ricky Teunis</i>

2018  **Conference**  **Committee**

Term expiring in:

2018: *Matt Jensen, Meghan Lin, Kent Urbaniak*

2019: *Gregg Burdett, Nita Oftedahl, Dave Schopf*

2020: *Shannon Fischer, Jamie Klein, Jim Lesch*

General Information:

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Campus Security: (724) 458-3000

Emergency/Grove City Medical Center: (724) 450-7170

Linens & Towels:

Bed linens & two towels are available for a fee on your registration form.

Meals:

In the North Dining Room of MAP (*same as last year*)

First Meal: Saturday, June 30 at 5:15 p.m.

Last Meal: Saturday, July 7 at 7:00 a.m.

Meeting Locations:

- Morning Meditation & Afternoon Bible Studies are held in Rathburn Hall
- Morning Worship Services & Sermons are held in Arnold Recital Hall
- VBS is held on the 2nd floor of the Pew Fine Arts building
- Interest Groups, Nursery, Middle School, & Teen programs are held in the Hall of Arts & Letters
- Afternoon Café is held in Ketter Hall Rec Room
- Evening Services are held in the Auditorium of Pew Fine Arts building
- Evening Ice Cream is held in the North Dining Room of MAP (*same as last year*)
- The Gym & Pool are open afternoons and some nights

Registration:

Held in the Mary Anderson Pew (MAP) West Lobby, starting at Noon on Saturday, June 30. If arriving after midnight, make arrangements for someone to let you in.

Nursery: *Bethany Urbaniak*

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 **B**ible **S**chool: *Lisa & Rachel Mackey*

Sunday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Fine Arts 2nd Floor

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Middle School: *Cheryl & Pedro Peterson*

Sunday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Hall of Arts & Letters

Calling all Junior Highers! Come join us **AFTER** morning worship as we journey through the book of James studying wisdom, perseverance, humility, faith, listening, and overcoming distractions. What can we learn from people in Biblical times and apply in our lives today?

Teen Program: *Liz & Shannon Fischer*

Sunday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Hall of Arts & Letters

The Way I'm Wired: Discovering Who God Made Me to Be
Ever wonder what your purpose in the world is? Who is God calling you to be? The teen program will delve into your best qualities, personal values, strengths, gifts, and opportunities to live out God's calling. *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works" (Ephesians 2:10).*

Travel:

- **Arriving by Air:** Rides to/from the Pittsburgh airport are available for an extra fee; provide flight information on your registration form
- **Driving Directions:**
 - From EAST:** I-80 West to 208 West
 - From WEST:** I-80 East to I-79 South to 208 East
 - From NORTH/SOUTH:** I-79 to 208 East

