

71st Annual
Berean Christian Conference

July 3-10, 2021

Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA



Notes

Saturday, July 3, 2021

Rooted and grounded in love

Ephesians 3:16-21 NASB -- "...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

Noon	Registration begins
5:15 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Conference Opening Jared Cannon, Conference Chairperson
7:45 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream
Midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

General Notes

Monday, July 5, 2021

Coe College, 5008, 1220 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Main Phone: (319) 399-8000
Campus Security: (319) 399-8888

Emergency: St Luke's Hospital: Emergency Room & Urgent Care
Services:(319) 369-7211

Linens and Towels: Bed linens and a towel are available for a fee on your registration form. (One pillow and one blanket are also available for a higher fee.)

Meals: All meals will be served in The "U" Dining Room inside Gage Memorial Union. First meal is Saturday, July 3rd at 5:15pm and last meal is Saturday, July 10th at 7:45am.

Meeting Locations:

Morning Worship Services and Sermons: Cherry Auditorium

VBS: CJ Lynch, lower level of Gage Memorial Union

Nursery: Eppley, lower level of Gage Memorial Union

Interest Groups, Middle School, and Teen Programs: (TBD)

Afternoon Café: Armstrong-Douglas Lobby

Evening Services: Cherry Auditorium

Evening Ice Cream: Phifer Commons, upper level of Gage Union

The pool will be open in the afternoons, and the gym will be open afternoons and some nights (both are located in Eby Fieldhouse)

Travel Arriving by Air: There is an airport 15 minutes from campus. Please arrange your own transportation if you are flying.

Strengthened through the power of His Spirit

Ephesians 3:16

"...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man..."

7:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Video Sermon: David Elliott
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	Interest Groups
12:15 pm	Lunch
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
3:00 pm	Afternoon Café
5:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Worship Service
7:05 pm	Sermon: Kevin Edwards
7:45 pm	Vespers
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream
Midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

That Christ may dwell in your hearts

Ephesians 3:17

"... so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith..."

7:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Video Sermon: Wayne Urbaniak
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	Interest Groups
12:15 pm	Lunch
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
3:00 pm	Afternoon Café
5:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Worship Service
7:05 pm	Sermon: Tim Schopf
7:45 pm	Vespers
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream
Midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

2021 Conference Directors

Accommodations	Melissa Cannon
Adult Program Director	Jeff Cannon
Afternoon Café Director	Kelly Reif
Baptismal Counselor	Glenda Edwards
Children's Evening Activities	April Skorup
Committee Chairperson	Shannon Fischer
Conference Communication	Jarrett and Karen Skorup
Conference Chairperson	Jared Cannon
Ice Cream Coordinator	Dave and Eileen Schopf
Middle & High School Program	Laura Cannon
Music Director	Giovanna Johnson
Nursery	Alexis Schopf
Program Secretary	Tracie Elliott
Publicity	Melissa Cannon
Technology Coordinator	Kevin Edwards
Transportation – On Campus	Mark Johnson
Treasurer	Donna Mathewson
Ushers	Karen LePitre
Vacation Bible School	Levi Schultz & Noah Schultz
Vespers	Jeff Cannon

Berean Christian Conference Committee

Term Expiring:

- 2021: Shannon Fischer, Jamie Klein, Jim Lesch
- 2022: Jared Cannon, Kevin Edwards
- 2023: Tracie Elliott, Becky Schultz, Brent Skorup

Nursery

Director: Alexis Schopf

Beginning Sunday morning, nursery care is provided during the morning and evening services for infants and toddlers through age 2.

Vacation Bible School

Directors: Levi Schultz & Noah Schultz

Age 3-entering 5th grade

Get ready for all the singing, dancing, playing, crafting, and learning about God this year at VBS! There's no better friend than God, and we can't wait to be together to get to know God and each other.

Middle & High School Program

Director: Laura Cannon

Entering 6th grade – graduating high school

Who Do You Say I Am?



The teenage years are filled with change and uncertainty. Just when life begins to feel steady, a year like 2020 can flip your world upside down - your passions, relationships, or overall purpose may suddenly seem shaky. Thankfully, our identity in Christ remains constant throughout every season of life. Join us in Teen and Middle School Group as we learn about our true foundation: our identity in the eyes of the King.

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

*To know the love of Christ,
which surpasses knowledge*

Ephesians 3:18-19

"...may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge..."



7:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Video Sermon: Dennis Thorfeldt
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	Interest Groups
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Conference Business Meeting
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
3:00 pm	Afternoon Café
5:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Worship Service
7:05 pm	Sermon: Levi Schultz
7:45 pm	Vespers
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream
Midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Thursday, July 8, 2021

Filled up to all the fullness of God

Ephesians 3:19

"...that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."

7:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Video Sermon: Russ Allen
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	Interest Groups
12:15 pm	Lunch
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
3:00 pm	Afternoon Café
5:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Worship Service
7:05 pm	Baptism Celebration – Glenda Edwards
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream
Midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Interest Groups - Thursday

10:30 am -12 noon, pick one.

Lisa Mackey: Dealing with Challenges

It has been 2 years from the last in-person Berean Christian Conference. In that time, there have been many challenges we have faced. We will share our experiences and look at scripture on how to deal with challenges. Be prepared to share.

Shannon Fischer (video): Listen, Love, Repeat: Others-Centered Living in a Self-Centered World

This study will focus on showing Godly love to all the people that surround us on a daily basis, those close to us to the people society considers "unlovable." We will dig into scripture, as well as discuss practical ideas to apply to everyday life. Based on the book by Karen Ehman.

Bible Meditation (self-guided): Prepared by Brent Skorup

I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all thy works;
I muse on the work of thy hands. - Psalm 143:5 (KJV)

In this morning session we will meet briefly before separating for self-led, quiet contemplation of Scripture and the Lord's work. Prepared materials to assist in passage reading and meditation will be provided. Bring a notepad and a Bible (no Bible apps if possible).

Friday, July 9, 2021

Interest Groups - Wednesday

10:30 am – 12:00 noon, choose one

Mark Johnson: The Relationship between the Father and the Son

What does the Bible say? We will look at verses and discuss.

Becky Schultz (video): It's Not Supposed to Be This Way

Based on a book written by Lysa Terkeurst, we'll reflect on how we can find unexpected strength when life events don't go as planned.

*To Him be the glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus to all generations*

Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

7:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Youth Presentations
10:00 am	Fellowship
10:30 am	Praise and Testimony – Dave Schopf
11:30 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Lunch
	Fellowship, Rest, Recreation 
3:00 pm	Afternoon Café
5:15 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Love's Harvest: Jeff Cannon
7:30 pm	The Lord's Prayer
8:00 pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream
Midnight	Dormitory Doors Locked

Interest Groups - Monday

10:30 am – 12:00 noon, choose one

Richard Teunis: Kingdom Creative

Creativity is rooted in God, the Church and His people, but over time it has been taken over by the world. What does it look like to be a Christian in a world of “creativity” and art that is offensive to our faith? How has God wired us to create? It’s time to take a Kingdom view of Art and Creativity, because everyone is a creative, and it is crucial to our walk to understand the impact of art, design, movies, music, writings, science, accounting, etc. and how we can use our passions for the Kingdom.

Alexis Schopf: Gospel Principles for Parenting

Paul David Tripp shares that, "In the midst of folding laundry, coordinating carpool schedules, and breaking up fights, many parents get lost. Feeling pressure to do everything "right" and raise up "good" children, it's easy to lose sight of our ultimate purpose as parents in the quest for practical tips and guaranteed formulas." Join me as we discuss 14 gospel principles and how these principles apply to our parenting journey.

Interest Groups - Tuesday

10:30 am – 12:00 noon, choose one

Steve Battaglia: Regensburg Colloquy of 1541

This was the final attempt to bring unification between Catholics and Protestants. Sadly, the members of each respective party were not able to agree on a few distinct theological ideas thus forging two separate paths within the church. Despite the separation, the Catholic and Protestant theologians did find common ground on the doctrine of justification--that is, how do we become righteous before God--at the Colloquy. This interest group, therefore, seeks to investigate and explain the historical theology surrounding the Regensburg Colloquy of 1541 by discussing its major players, tracing the theological ideas concerning justification, and offering what it means for believers today.

Lydia Carpenter: Caregiver Burnout

Caregivers are often so busy caring for others they tend to neglect their own emotional, physical and spiritual health. The demands on a caregiver’s body, mind and emotions can easily seem overwhelming, leading to fatigue, hopelessness and intimately burnout.