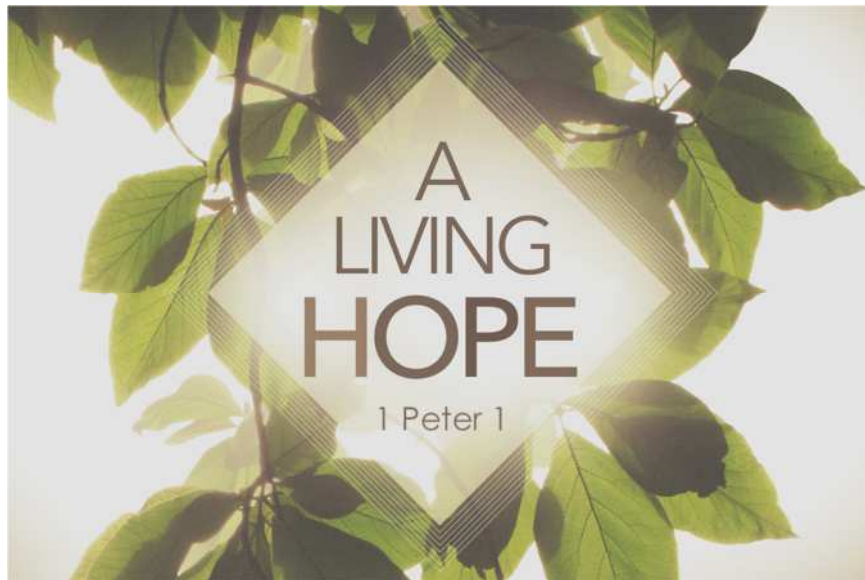


72nd Annual

# Berean Christian Conference



July 2 – July 9, 2022

Indiana Wesleyan University\*

4201 S Washington St, Marion, IN 46953

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# A Living Hope

*1 Peter 1:3-9, 13-16,22-24, 25a—Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

*Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”*

Saturday, July 2, 2022

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| Noon         | Registration begins<br>South Hall Lobby                                  |
| 5:00-6:00 pm | Dinner   |
| 7:00         | Conference Opening<br>Globe Theater<br>Jared Cannon, Conference Chairman |
| 7:45         | Fellowship and Ice Cream   |

# Jesus Christ, our Living Hope

## 1 Peter 1:3

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 7:30-8:30 am | Breakfast  |
| 9:00         | Worship  |
| 9:30         | Keynote Sermon: Brent Skorup<br><i>Christmas in July: The Birth and Life of Jesus</i>  |
| 10:00        | Break  |
| 10:15        | People Our Age: Age-based Discussion Groups  |
| 11:00        | Reflections Around the Yule Log  |
| 11:45        | Conference Photo   |
| 12:00-1:00pm | Lunch  |
|              |  Fellowship, Rest, Recreation  |
| 3:00         | Afternoon Café   |
| 4:00         | Bible Study  |
| 5:00-6:00pm  | Dinner   |
| 6:30         | Worship Service  |
| 7:00         | My Hope Has a Name:<br>Henry Gmiterek<br>Eileen Schopf<br>Noah Schultz   |
| 7:45         | Vespers  |
| 8:00         | Fellowship & Ice Cream   |

# We have Hope because this earth is not our home

**1 Peter 1:4,5**

*“...and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”*

|   |                                    |   |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 7:30-8:30am   | Breakfast                          |   |
| 9:00  | Worship Service                    |   |
| 9:30  | Break                              |   |
| 9:45  | Interest Groups and Workshop Talks |   |
| 10:45   | Break                              |   |
| 11:00   | Interest Groups                    |   |
| 12:00-1:00pm  | Lunch                              |   |
|  | Fellowship, Rest, Recreation       |  |
| 3:00  | Afternoon Café                     |   |
| 4:00  | Bible Study                        |   |
| 5:00-6:00pm   | Dinner                             |   |
| 6:30  | Worship Service                    |   |
| 7:00  | Sermon: David Elliott              |   |
| 7:45  | Vespers                            |   |
| 8:00  | Fellowship and Ice Cream           |   |

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

# We have Hope because God can bring good out of our trials

**1 Peter 1:6,7**

*“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”*

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|---|--|
| 7:30-8:30am   | Breakfast  |
| 9:00  | Worship Service  |
| 9:30  | Break  |
| 9:45  | Interest Groups  |
| 10:45   | Break  |
| 11:00   | Interest Groups  |
| 12:00-1:00pm  | Lunch  |
|  | Fellowship, Rest, Recreation  |
| 3:00  | Afternoon Café   |
| 4:00  | Bible Study  |
| 5:00-6:00pm   | Dinner   |
| 6:30  | Worship Service  |
| 7:00  | Sermon: Levi Schultz   |
| 7:45  | Vespers  |
| 8:00  | Fellowship and Ice Cream   |

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

## We have Hope that brings us glorious joy

**1 Peter 1:8,9**

*“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 7:30-8:30 am  | Breakfast  |
| 9:00          | Worship Service  |
| 9:30          | Break  |
| 9:45          | Interest Groups and Workshop Talks   |
| 10:45         | Break  |
| 11:00         | Interest Groups  |
| 12:00-1:00 pm | Lunch  |
| 1:15          | Conference Business Meeting  |
|               |  Fellowship, Rest, Recreation  |
| 3:00          | Afternoon Café   |
| 4:00          | Bible Study  |
| 5:00-6:00pm   | Dinner   |
| 6:30          | Worship Service  |
| 7:00          | Sermon: Jeff Cannon  |
| 7:45          | Vespers  |
| 8:00          | Fellowship and Ice Cream   |

# We have Hope that drives us toward holiness

## 1 Peter 1:13-16

*“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”*

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 7:30-8:30am   | Breakfast  |
| 9:00  | Worship Service  |
| 9:30  | Break  |
| 9:45  | Interest Groups  |
| 10:45   | Break  |
| 11:00   | Interest Groups  |
| 12:00-1:00pm  | Lunch  |
|  | Fellowship, Rest, Recreation  |
| 3:00  | Afternoon Café   |
| 4:00  | Bible Study  |
| 5:00-6:00pm   | Dinner   |
| 6:30  | Worship Service  |
| 7:00  | Sermon: Tim Schopf   |
| 7:45  | Vespers  |
| 8:00  | Fellowship and Ice Cream   |

# We have Hope that produces sincere love for one another

1 Peter 1:22-25a

*“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, ‘All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.’”*

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|---|--|
| 7:30-8:30 am  | Breakfast  |
| 9:00  | Youth Presentations  |
| 10:00   | Fellowship   |
| 10:15   | Baptism Celebration  |
| 12:00-1:00pm  | Lunch  |
|  | Fellowship, Rest, Recreation  |
| 3:00  | Afternoon Café   |
| 4:00  | Bible Study  |
| 5:00-6:00pm   | Dinner   |
| 6:30  | Communion Service and Conference Reflections:<br>Dennis and Charmaine Thorfeldt                                    |
| 7:30  | The Lord’s Prayer  |
| 8:00  | Fellowship and Ice Cream   |



# Interest Groups - Monday

9:45 -10:45 am and 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Each workshop will be delivered twice, you pick two.

## **Workshop Talks: Steven Battaglia and Jarrett Skorup**

(Offered ONCE from 9:45 am – 10:45 am in Globe Theater)

### **Glenda Edwards: Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

In Acts 1:5,8: Jesus said to his apostles, "For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy spirit. ... you will receive power when the holy spirit comes on you".

Acts 8:15: "When [Peter and John] arrived, they prayed for the new believers [in Samaria] that they might receive the holy spirit, because the holy spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Why weren't the apostles satisfied by the Samaritans' baptism in the name of Jesus and how did they know when believers received the holy spirit? We will explore baptism in the holy spirit in Scripture and how it is also available today!

### **Steve Skorup: Big questions about God and Life**

Do you ever wonder if God is there? Does He hear you speak? Do you hear Him speak to you? Do you listen and respond? How is your life going? What's next for you? Come to the study and let's talk.

### **Kent Urbaniak: TBD**

# Interest Groups - Tuesday

9:45 -10:45 am and 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Each workshop will be delivered twice, you pick two.

## **Laurel Clark: Mama/Papa Bear Apologetics**

Based off of the book, *Mama Bear Apologetics* by Hillary Morgan Ferrer. This will be a discussion-based class between new and seasoned parents (dads are invited too!). We hope to equip young parents with tools as they guide their kids in forming their own biblical beliefs about what is true and what is false. We pray you leave hungry for apologetics and equipped to teach your kids how to think through and address the culture's lies in a critical manner. New parents: come ready to learn! Seasoned parents/grandparents: we ask for you to join and add in wisdom as you see fit.

## **Steve Edwards: Christianity and Democracy**

Jesus commanded us to “love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12:31). But, how do we apply that when even committed Christians have such widely differing and fervently held political views? With half of the country believing the other half is trying to “destroy America” and with many people “unfriending” each other for expressing certain beliefs, can the Bible help us resolve our differences? Do Christians in a democracy have greater obligations and responsibilities than those who live under authoritarian rule? What is meant by the “separation of Church and State?” Does that also mean separating God from the law? Does it mean separating God from your vote?

This is not a forum to convince others why your political beliefs are correct or to debate specific policy issues. This will be an opportunity to share which scriptures and biblical principles you consider paramount in your role as a citizen and to discuss whether there are any political goals upon which all Christians can agree.

## **Brooke and Nita Oftedahl: Finding Your People...Building Community In A Lonely World**

In a world that's both more connected and more isolating than ever before, we are often tempted to do life alone, whether because we are too busy or relationships and work are hard. But science confirms that consistent, meaningful connection with others is critical to our well-being. In the book by Jennie Allen, *Find Your People*, she draws from insights in science and timeless Biblical truths to discover how to dive in and experience the wonder of community. Loneliness does not have to be your reality.

## **Larry Urbaniak: Bible Translation Misconceptions**

We will consider/examine some ideas about Bible translations. How old is the Bible translation? Is the KJV the oldest Bible in the English language? Which produces the best translations: committees or individuals? The best translations are the most literal and/or the most theologically neutral.

# Interest Groups - Wednesday

9:45-10:45 am and 11:00 am -12 noon

Each workshop will be delivered twice, you pick two.

## **Workshop Talks: Clint Oftedahl and Kevin Edwards**

(Offered ONCE from 9:45 am – 10:45 am in Globe Theater)

### **Autumn Battaglia: Introverts in the Church**

Are you an introvert? Are you married to an introvert? Do you have an introverted child, coworker, or friend? Are you an extrovert? Then you have something to learn in this group. Based on the book "Introverts in the Church: Finding Our Place in an Extroverted Culture" by Adam S. McHugh, we will discuss what it means to be an introvert in a culture that values extroversion to the point that many introverts feel that it's not as faithful to be an introvert. We will discuss how introverts have been uniquely called and gifted to serve, lead, worship, and evangelize differently and effectively. And how extroverts can understand how to love and support introverts as they serve in ways that might look a little different. Come ready to learn and discuss. Unless you don't like to talk in public. No pressure.

### **Tracie Elliott: I Love to Tell the Story....**

Gossip is one of the most widely tolerated and destructive sins in the church. We tolerate gossip because we've all been guilty of it, so we tend to shrug it off or spiritualize it. In this workshop, we will discuss the definition of gossip, the destructive powers of gossip, what the Bible says about gossip, how to avoid gossiping, and what to do when someone else gossips to us. Join us for a great discussion about the sin we are all so drawn to commit; no one's going to gossip about it later!

### **Larry Iannaccone: Does Faith Have a Future in a World of God-Like Technology?**

What do you want to know or learn? What should you buy? What would you like to read, view, or hear? Where can you find meals that fit your tastes and budget, and how can you get there quickly? Just pray to Alexa or Siri. Tired of managing your personal finances? Let Mint or Microsoft Money handle your banking, bills, subscriptions, income, investments, and taxes. Hearing voices, seeing visions, and having face-to-face conversations with faraway friends and family? You're neither crazy nor inspired – just well connected via Facebook, FaceTime, Twitter, Snapchat, Zoom, Instagram, TikTok, texting and the like. Looking for love? Put your faith in eharmony, OKCupid, Match, Bumble, or Tinder. Need medical advice or help with exercise, dieting, drugs? The net will light your way.

No, it's not the Kingdom of God. But much we now take for granted surpasses traditional images of heaven. Let's talk about the ways technology is changing how we think and act. And let's share strategies for faithful Christians living in the magical world of modern tech.

# Interest Groups – Thursday

9:45 -10:45 am and 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Each workshop will be delivered twice, you pick two.

## **David Elliott: Redeeming Sports - Why Winning Really Isn't Everything**

I can't remember a time in my life when athletics weren't a part of my daily experience. Americans consume sports on an unprecedented scale, and finding the balance can be a challenge. In this workshop, we will take a look at four key areas:

Sports can be redeemed for God's glory.

Sports can be a platform for ministry if we are willing to work at it.

The Christian life, like sports, is a race that demands our perseverance as we follow Jesus.

Sports can give us a vision of life with God, in this world and the next.

## **Dawn Kersula: You'll be in my Thoughts and Prayers**

It's become a cliché - maybe even a punch line. But how can we deepen our prayer lives so that we can say with the writer of Hebrews *You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly* - and your thoughts and prayers are effective and full of grace! No experience necessary - but experience prayers welcome!

## **Jarrett Skorup: The Rise of Christianity: How the Early Church Got Going**

Immediately after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Christianity was a small group of just a few followers in one isolated, backwards part of the world. But within a few hundred years, it was the official religion of the largest empire on earth. Today, it is the most widespread faith of all, not just in total numbers but also in the number of cultures and countries it reaches. Come learn about the rise of Christianity and how the small early church became a worldwide phenomenon.

# Nursery

**Director: Kerry Skorup**

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

# Vacation Bible School

**Directors: Becky and Eden Schultz**

**Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness**

By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead! We'll spend the week exploring the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest while we sing, learn, and create together.

# Middle School Program

**Director: Levi Schultz**

Luke 6:48 says, "He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built" (NIV). There is much to look forward to during our middle school years, like growing deeper friendships while creating new ones, becoming involved in extracurricular activities, understanding what makes us unique, and so on. However, with these new experiences, there are also new challenges and obstacles that life tends to throw our way. During these times of excitement and difficult challenges, it is important to create a firm foundation in Christ and trust the plans He has for us. In the action-packed middle school group this year, we will learn how faith and a personal relationship with Christ gives us the greatest hope of all.

# Teen Program

**Director: Steven Battaglia**

**Resisting Wormwood: A Close Reading of Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters***

C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters* is a compilation of satirical letters written from the perspective of a senior demon, Screwtape, to his nephew, Wormwood. In these fictional letters, Screwtape gives his nephew advice on how to tempt the new Christian within the story. Join us as we read and discuss *The Screwtape Letters* and its meaning for our own lives.

# 2022 Conference Directors

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Accommodations                | Melissa Cannon         |
| Adult Program Director        | Jeff Cannon            |
| Afternoon Café Director       | Kelly Reif             |
| Background Checks             | Brent Skorup           |
| Baptismal Counselor           | Dave Schopf            |
| Children's Evening Activities | Alexis and Tim Schopf  |
| Committee Chairperson         | Tracie Elliott         |
| Conference Chairperson        | Jared Cannon           |
| Ice Cream Coordinator         | Dave and Eileen Schopf |
| Middle School Program         | Levi Schultz           |
| Music Coordinator             | Jamie Klein            |
| Nursery                       | Kerry Skorup           |
| Outreach                      | Bethany Hirschi        |
| Program Secretary             | Sarah Roehr            |
| Publicity                     | Kathie Raymond         |
| Records Secretary             | Brent Skorup           |
| Recreation                    | Brenton Clark          |
| Technology Coordinator        | Kevin Edwards          |
| Teen Program                  | Steven Battaglia       |
| Transportation – Airport      | Joyce Urbaniak         |
| Transportation – On Campus    | Mark Johnson           |
| Treasurer                     | Donna Mathewson        |
| Ushers                        | Karen LePitre          |
| Vacation Bible School         | Becky and Eden Schultz |
| Venue Coordinator             | Laura Cannon           |
| Vespers                       | Giovanna Johnson       |

## Berean Christian Conference Committee

Term Expiring:

- 2022: Jared Cannon, Kevin Edwards, Kathie Raymond
- 2023: Tracie Elliott, Becky Schultz, Brent Skorup
- 2024: Laura Cannon, Sarah Roehr, Dane Skorup

# General Conference Notes

**Indiana Wesleyan University\*:** 4201 S Washington St, Marion, IN 46953

**Campus Security:** 765-677-4911 – Emergency Number

**Emergency:** MGH Express Urgent Care, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. daily

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Phone: (765) 660-7480

Services: (319) 369-7211

Marion General Hospital

441 North Wabash Ave. Marion, IN 46952

Phone: (765) 662-2694

**Lodging and Parking:** South Hall

**Linens and Towels:** Linens (2 bath towels, 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, sheets, blanket, pillow, pillowcase, & small bar of soap) are available for a fee on your registration form.

**Meals:** All meals will be served in the Baldwin Dining Room, located inside the Barnes Student Center.

\*For Saturday night dinner and all Friday meals, we will utilize the seating in Teter Café.

**Second Annual BCC Party:** Date/Location TBD

**Meeting Locations:** Noggle Christian Ministries Center

VBS: Classroom 135 (Youth Lab)

Nursery: Classroom 126

Middle School: Classroom 138

Teen Group: Classroom 130

Interest Groups: Classrooms 122, 118, and 116

**Additional Important Locations:**

Morning and Evening Services: Globe Theater

Afternoon Café: South Hall Lobby

Evening Ice Cream: Teter Café

Gym and Pool: Recreation and Wellness Center

The gym will be open in the afternoons and nights, but it will be closed on Friday, July 8th.

Pool hours are TBD, and we may also use the nearby YMCA pool with a water slide and splash pad. Racquetball courts, a workout gym, two sand volleyball courts, an outdoor basketball court, and an indoor running track are also available each day.

**Travel Arriving by Air:** If you need transportation to and from the conference, please fly into the Fort Wayne airport.

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