

New here?

Sunday large gatherings: 8, 9:15, & 11 a.m.; 6 p.m.; npberean.org/live

Bibles: available at information center

Sound levels: assisted listening devices and earplugs available at sound booth

Office hours: Mon.-Thu. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed Tue. 1:30-2:30 p.m. for staff meeting)

Contact us: npberean@npberean.org, 308-532-7448, npberean.org

For families

Mother's Room: A private place to care for your baby and still connect to the gathering via livestream – follow signs north of auditorium.

Kids Connect (infant-grade 6): Available at 9:15 and 11 a.m. – check-in east of Commons or upstairs from foyer. Kids also welcome in large gatherings.

Sola (grades 6-12): On break for summer – will resume with 6th grade Step Up on 8/2 and Back to Sola Kickoff (all grades) on 8/9.

Today's songs

- *God Is for Us* – CityAlight
- *Goodness of God* – Bethel Music
- *Jireh* – Elevation Worship
- *Firm Foundation (He Won't)* – Cody Carnes

Giving

Sunday: use wooden boxes by auditorium doors

Online: npberean.org/give

Text: text any amount to 84321

Mail: 202 W. 8th St., North Platte, NE 69101

Coming up

Baptism – Today, 9:15 a.m. gathering

Baptism is a public witness of an internal reality, that the person has passed from death to life by trusting Jesus alone for salvation. Today we're baptizing Mattie Morrell (by Tara Kautz).

Lunch with Leaders – Sun. 7/30, 12:15-

1:30 p.m., The Commons: Newer to Berean? Come enjoy a meal together after morning gatherings. You'll get a chance to interact with a few key leaders, take a quick welcome tour, and meet others who are newer to Berean as well. To RSVP, write Lunch with Leaders on your ConnectCard or visit npberean.org/LwL.

Partnering with Families: Preschoolers moving to Kindergarten, will have a special Sneak Peek time with their families on July 30th in the 252 room during either the 9:15 or 11:00 a.m. gathering.

All-Church Generations Gather – Sun. 8/6, 10 a.m., OUTSIDE: All generations - all together - one gathering! Join us outside to the west of the auditorium to hear multiple generations in our body declaring the great works of God! Directly following, Nebraskaland Bank will grill meat and we will provide drinks and paper goods. Please bring a side or dessert (or just come – we'll have plenty). Enjoy indoor and outdoor dining areas plus activities for kids and teens. For more information, check npberean.org. *Bring your lawn chair.*

Save the Date – Grow Group Season Launch; Sun. 8/13:

You were made to live in community! But the question is... do you have any intentional Christian community in your life currently? Would you commit to being here on Sunday 8/13, as we consider why this matters and have the opportunity to take an active step in this together as a church?

Next week's sermon: Guest speaker Bryan Clark

Gen. 1:1, 26-28, 31; 2:7, 18, 22-25 NASB



BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

7.23.23

Welcome!

We'd love to connect and be a spiritual resource for you! Please fill out a ConnectCard (in seat pocket or npberean.org/cc).

If you're new, bring your ConnectCard to the information center for a welcome gift.

Go paperless

Interactive bulletin: npberean.org/sunday

PDF bulletin: npberean.org/sundayprint

Who Has The Sword?

Follow Your Heart? • John Stone

God's _____

(Judge. 7:9-18)

God's _____

(Judg. 7:19-22)

(Judg. 8:22-28)

Judges 7:9-22 ESV

⁹ That same night the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand. ¹⁰ But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant. ¹¹ And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp."

Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outposts of the armed men who were in the camp.

¹² And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the East lay along the valley like locusts in abundance, and their camels were without number, as the sand that is on the seashore in abundance.

¹³ When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, "Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat." ¹⁴ And his comrade answered, "This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp."

¹⁵ As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand." ¹⁶ And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. ¹⁸ When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'"

¹⁹ So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"

²¹ Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. ²² When

they blew the 300 trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

Judges 8:22-28 ESV

²² Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have saved us from the hand of Midian." ²³ Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the LORD will rule over you." ²⁴ And Gideon said to them, "Let me make a request of you: every one of you give me the earrings from his spoil." (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) ²⁵ And they answered, "We will willingly give them." And they spread a cloak, and every man threw in it the earrings of his spoil. ²⁶ And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and the purple garments worn by the kings of Midian, and besides the collars that were around the necks of their camels. ²⁷ And Gideon made an ephod of it and put it in his city, in Ophrah. And all Israel whored after it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and to his family. ²⁸ So Midian was subdued before the people of Israel, and they raised their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

Talk it over

Visit npberean.org/grow-groups to find a group, start a group, or get more resources.

- What was one thing from this week's sermon that impacted/challenged me?
- *Treasuring God*: What is God showing me about himself?
- *Being Transformed*: How is God challenging me to grow? What is my next step in that area?
- *Loving Others*: Who do I have opportunity to live out these truths with this week?