

## BEREAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP NEWS AND NOTES – JANUARY 2023

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and The Lord Jesus Christ. The 2022 BBF Summer Bible conference was indeed a blessing to all who attended. To see so many Saints gathered together for the purpose of serving The Lord Jesus Christ, and serving one another, is like a taste of what is to come after this life has passed. This is especially exciting because we know that only what is done for Christ will last.

Pastor Jeff Seekins, the pastor of our gracious host church, Community Bible Church, shared with us a comment from one of the attendees. We thought it would be encouraging to pass this along. They said they have never seen a group of believers who were so united. Wow, what a statement in this world that seems so divided. What a testimony to our great God and Savior. Those are the things that make our hearts rejoice!

As some of you may know, this annual BBF Summer Bible conference is service based. This is true of our gracious hosts at Community Bible Church. From the speakers who bring forth The Word, those who teach the children, set up and tear down, work the sound booth and registration tables, serve the meals, sweep, mop, pick up trash, clean the bathrooms, donate financial resources, and more. Everything that goes into this time of sweet fellowship is done for The Glory of God! Every participant seizes the opportunity to SERVE our Savior and His Body. It truly is a sight to behold, and we at the BBF cannot thank the Lord enough for your partnership in serving the Lord!

While this is a service based Conference, there is a financial service also. This includes all the behind-the-scenes costs like insurance, utilities, ink, postage, supplies, paying the nursery workers, very modest honorariums to speakers and workers, covering the costs of our host church, and much more. Each year our costs run roughly \$15,000.00 which also includes expenses for the CD/DVD ministry, the Fall Conference and other ministry costs. *We rely on faithful individuals and churches to provide the support we need as well as what we receive through the offerings at the Annual and Fall Conferences.* The Lord has provided EVERY time, through members of HIS BODY who believe in what we at the BBF are doing, and The Doctrine we stand for. We thank The Lord and you for meeting this need also. “Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account” (Philippians 4:17).

There are no unimportant members of The Body of Christ, and without you this conference would not be possible. There are many areas of service needed every year. Would you please pray about taking advantage of these opportunities and let us know how and where you would like to serve the Lord during this conference? We cannot do it without you. Please contact one of the board members to find out where you can serve. 1st Corinthians 15:58 reminds us: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of The Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in The Lord.”

Speaking of being “stedfast and unmovable” We at the BBF want to express our gratitude to Pastor Ken Lyon, of Bitely Community Church, Bitely, Michigan...and his wife Regina for their unwavering and uncompromising stand with us for the past several decades. Ken and Regina have set quite the standard of faithful service for all future board members. This has opened the door to welcome our newest BBF Board member Ray Seiler from Oak Forest, Illinois. He did not hesitate to make himself available to coordinate the children’s ministries for the upcoming 2023 summer conference in Tipp City. If you would like to serve in this area let Ray know at [godsplumr@hotmail.com](mailto:godsplumr@hotmail.com).

We will once again serve alongside Community Bible Church in Tipp City, Ohio for the Berean Bible Fellowship's 54<sup>th</sup> annual summer conference, June 18-23, 2023. Our theme will be "God's Prophetic Promises" with 15 messages related to this theme. The Bible Hour will feature Pastor Jim Tollar speaking on "Answering God's Call". Won't you please pray about making this investment in your eternal 401k by joining us and serving with us? It is an important spiritual investment to stand with those who stand for rightly dividing the Word of Truth, to enjoy times of study in the Scriptures, and to establish good friendships with believers of like precious faith. We hope to see you this coming June.

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Our Berean Bible Fellowship Fall Conference October 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was held at Grace Bible Church in Beloit, WI. Our theme was "Our Heavenly Hope – Keep Lookin'Up!" These dear Saints were quite the hosts, and we are still looking up. If you missed out on this Conference, why not mark your calendar for the October 2023 Fall Conference at Croton Community Church in Newaygo, MI. Watch the BBF website ([www.bereanbiblefellowship.weebly.com](http://www.bereanbiblefellowship.weebly.com)) for more details.



Berean Bible Fellowship – Fall Conference October 2022, Beloit WI