

THE WARRIOR PATH

OCTOBER 2007

New alumni newsletter editor

by Mrs. Judy Welfelt, Admissions Director

Tricia Coor, class of 2007, has volunteered to help with our web alumni newsletter. Tricia is a freshman at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri, and is majoring in journalism. Tricia will be writing and editing the quarterly alumni newsletter that appears on our website.

If you would you like to keep better track of your classmates by being informed about who has graduated, married, given birth, received a promotion, or moved to a new location, we need your help! We have little information about our alumni and we want to include news about as many of you as we can.

We are asking each of our alumni to e-mail us some basic information. Please include your name (also maiden name, if applicable), year you graduated from Berean, what class offices you held your senior year, your education path (college degrees, etc.), your career path, family news (information about your children and spouse), your present location, your e-mail address, and any other news that would be interesting to your classmates. Pictures are always welcome! E-mail your information to either jwelfelt@southwind.net or Tricia Coor at lil_chica_07@hotmail.com.

We are looking forward to hearing from YOU!



Jim Barber



Mike Hoover



R.J. Tippin



Stephen Unruh



Friday morning, September 7, Berean students and staff greeted steam engine 844 as it made its patriotic excursion through Elbing. It was the first steam engine to run through town since 1959. Union Pacific provided the special excursion as a tribute to our military personnel.

Annual meeting helps launch new school year

by Mr. Terry Tilson, Superintendent

The Annual Meeting of the Berean Christian Laymen's Association was held on Monday, August 20, at 7:30 P.M. in the Berean band room. The agenda for the evening included the election of Board members, reports, and approval of the budget for 2007-2008. Five men were nominated to fill four positions. The four men chosen to serve three-year terms are shown above. Both R.J. Tippin and Stephen Unruh have served previous terms on the Board.

Mr. Tilson shared a brief summary report of the 2006-2007 school year and updated the constituency on the student enrollment and staff for 2007-2008. His report is printed on the back page of this newsletter. If you would be interested in the packet of information that was handed out at the meeting, please call or write the office to request a copy.

The Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of each month.

It's Country Fair time

by Mrs. Peggy Latta

The annual Berean Country Fair will be held Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., coinciding with our Junior High Soccer Festival. The gymnasium will be filled with craftsmen displaying and selling their original, handmade items. Also available will be an authentic German lunch and delicious homemade goodies. In prior years the Fair has been a blessing to the school by providing many needs. This year the proceeds are designated for teachers' and administrators' ACSI conference expenses and to purchase new desks in one classroom. Come enjoy great food, crafts, and fellowship while supporting Berean.



Arts • Crafts • Home-Baked Goodies • German Food • Door Prizes



Time to join the Booster Club

by Mrs. Kathy Veer

Have you ever wondered what the Booster Club does? Our goal is to support the entire school and student body by providing activities and financing projects that promote and encourage school spirit, loyalty and unity.

The club has been busy this year with several projects already completed and more in the plans. There is a new sign at First Street and plans for a new sign at the school entrance. The soccer stadium and press box have been spruced up with signs and flags. The club hosted a Tailgate Party with free food and activities to kick off the fall sports season. With the help of artist Carolyn Holmes and graphic artist Natalie Veer, The club introduced the official Warrior mascot logo that you see above. Instead of a traditional, detailed image, the Boosters chose to go with a modern look that is sleek and powerful, yet a simple image that can be easily printed on paper or merchandise. It has already been used on t-shirts and stadium chairs and the club hopes to get it up in the gym by the scoreboards before basketball season starts.

To help with funding, the Booster Club is introducing an exciting new Sponsorship program. If you would like to help support the current and future projects of the Booster Club, consider becoming a sponsor! There are three sponsorship levels available. See the form below for details or call one of the Booster Club officers: Lorna Guhr (283-0361), Liz Pearce (620-752-3628) or Kathy Veer (283-9597 or school office). The Booster Club is also open to hearing any ideas you have for activities or projects that would help with its goals of promoting school spirit, loyalty and unity.



BEREAN BOOSTER CLUB SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Return this form to the school office with check payable to Berean Academy.

Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____ E-mail _____

City, State, Zip _____

____ **WHITE SPONSOR:** \$50 - \$149

Benefits: Name on program, \$10 coupon for Booster Club merchandise

____ **BLUE SPONSOR:** \$150 - \$299

Benefits: Name on program, \$20 coupon for Booster Club merchandise,

Two season passes of your choice to home sporting events.

Indicate choice: ___ HS Soccer ___ HS BB ___ JH BB

____ **GOLD SPONSOR:** \$300 & up

Benefits: Name on program, \$25 coupon for Booster Club merchandise, Family All Activities Pass to all home sporting events and school plays.

From the Superintendent's desk

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the students and staff of Berean Academy. The 2007-2008 school year has gotten off to a great start. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him by serving others.

Our enrollment is 314 students, up four over last year, PTL! These students represent 171 family units and over forty churches. Of the total student number, sixty-two are new to Berean Academy.

It was a busy summer for our summer maintenance crew as they cleaned and prepared our facilities for another school year. Briefly, this dedicated crew accomplished the following major tasks along with many minor ones:

- Stripped and waxed all of the tile floors on campus.
- Touched up and in some cases painted whole rooms.
- Painted the exterior trim on most of our buildings.
- Kept up with the watering and mowing throughout the summer.
- Moved several teachers and their rooms to new locations.
- Moved the Elementary Library holdings to the Main Library.
- Did some major cleaning and throwing away in selected areas.
- Basically deep-cleaned our whole building complex.

Note: A special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary and many volunteers for their help in the final cleaning of our *continued on next page...*

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facilities before school began.

Besides doing the above, we also had to do some major cleaning following a senseless, major act of vandalism to our campus. We had to replace twenty-six openings of glass which also included several windows in vehicles. A number of trophies were damaged and several fire extinguishers were discharged throughout the building and then taken. Please pray with us that those responsible would be brought to justice.

Our theme for this school year is "Unity in Christ," based on Romans 15:5-6 which says, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." One would like to believe that unity is not a problem for believers, but as we all know that is not the case. I will be sharing more about the theme in future articles.

We are excited about the new year and serving our students and their families. It is our desire and prayer that others would sense and see unity and harmony in our relationships with each other. Your prayers and encouragement are appreciated.

Terry Tilson, Superintendent

Welcome new and returning families

by Mrs. Judy Welfelt, Director of Admissions

What an exciting time to see all of our new and returning families. We are excited about each and every one of you being a part of the Berean family. With twenty-two new families and sixty-two new students, there are many new faces on campus.

There are always adjustments at the beginning of a new school year for everyone. New teachers, new classrooms, new friends, new responsibilities, new rules, and new routines are just a few of the changes that occur. When you are a new student those changes can sometimes seem overwhelming.

Host families are assigned to each new family at the beginning of the year with the hope that they will help with the transition into a new school. If you are a host family, remember to give your family a call to see how they are doing and if they have any questions. I am also available to help with anything I can to make the adjustment easier.

Encourage your children to reach out to a new friend. We have all been the "new one" in some point in our lives and

Amount Received
\$15,155 (as of 9/8/07)
(8% of budget)



Amount Needed
\$164,845
(16% of fiscal year has passed)



it helps to remember what feelings we experienced at that time so we can be empathetic with the new ones around us now. One can never have too many friends!
Again, welcome to Berean Academy!

Two Primary Options for Giving

by Mr. Terry Tilson, Superintendent

Each year the board commits a designated amount for the Family Educational Grant (FEG) fund which covers multiple student discounts and partial tuition for those who qualify by application. This year, over half of our families will benefit from FEG funds. Some would not be at Berean Academy were it not for this program.

The board has designated \$180,000 for FEG in the annual budget for 2007-2008. While we allocate and distribute these FEG funds each year, the donation level has not

been met to fully fund FEG for the past several years. As a result of an inadequate amount of donations, we have had to use what little excess we have had in the general fund to cover the difference. It is only by God's grace and provision and the support of His people that Berean Academy is able to continue her ministry from year to year.

Another option for giving is to help us "complete" the Building for Eternity project by erasing the \$43,000 deficit from unpaid pledges. When the total cost of the project is considered, this amount is really quite small, as many say that one can expect a 15% deficit based on the averages.

Please pray with and for us concerning these special needs and also prayerfully consider what God would have you do concerning them. Just a reminder that all donations, unless designated otherwise, automatically go to FEG.

Long-range schedules have a way of changing. Before you travel a long distance, check to be sure that an activity has not been cancelled or rescheduled. (This calendar includes only HOME athletic events.)

21.....	Jr. Hi. VB/Soccer	September 2007						
27.....	Berean CC Meet	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28.....	Jr. Hi. Soccer	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	End 3wk Grading Period	30						

8.....	Jr. Hi. VB Tournament	October 2007						
11.....	Board Meeting, 7:00 P.M.		1	2	3	4	5	6
13.....	Jr. Hi. Soccer Tournament							
	COUNTRY FAIR							
15.....	JV VB Tournament		7	8	9	10	11	12
16.....	Sr. Hi. Soccer	13						
19.....	End 9wk Grading Period	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21.....	3rd Sunday Prayer Meeting, 3:00 P.M.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
22-23	ACSI Teachers Conference, NO SCHOOL	28	29	30	31			
26.....	Would-Be Games							
30.....	School Pictures (K-11)							

ANNUAL REPORT OF BEREAN ACADEMY

To the Corporation for 2006-2007

August 20, 2007

Berean has faithfully provided Christian Education to students and their families for over sixty years. The Lord has been faithful in His daily guidance and provision. As a staff, it is our joy and privilege to serve Him by serving others.

The theme for 2006-2007 was "Trust in the Lord," with Proverbs 3:5-6 serving as the foundation verse. Trust is to have or put confidence in someone or something; to have faith and believe that one is trustworthy. Trust is something that is easier said than done. Little did we know as the year would unfold that this theme would be put to the test.

The death of Bradford Whittemore, one of our seniors, just a few weeks prior to graduation posed the greatest question for us, "Can we trust God in our circumstances even when we don't understand?"

The answer is, "Yes we can, based on the truth of God's Word and our experience with Him." I would like to share a thought of encouragement that was sent to the school from a very dear friend. The author of this thought is unknown, but the message is powerful.

"For there is nothing—no circumstance, no trouble, no testing—that can ever touch me until first of all it has gone past God and past Christ right through to me. If it has come that far it has come with great purpose which I may not understand for the moment. But as I refuse to become panicky, as I lift up my eyes to Him and accept it as coming from the throne of God for some great purpose of blessing to my own heart, no sorrow will disturb me, no trial will ever disarm me, no circumstance will ever cause me to fret, for I shall rest in the joy of who my Lord is and what He has done. That is the rest of victory."

I would like to share one other passage of scripture on trust that has been encouraging to me this past year. "*And those who know your name will put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you*" Psalm 9:10.

We began the year with 315 students and closed with 312. This number is comprised of 171 families representing over forty-five churches. The dedicated staff of forty-three served faithfully. On May 12, the thirty-five members of the Class of 2007 completed their time at Berean Academy. Please pray for them as they seek the future and plans that God has for them.

There are a number of highlights from the past year that stand out in my mind. For the sake of time and space,

I will simply list them with little or no explanation.

- Fall Spiritual Emphasis Week with Tom Dorsch
- Summer Missions reports
- Student Council Icebreaker and Community Service Day
- Christian Action Would-Be fundraisers for summer missions
- Both boys and girls teams qualified for State in Cross Country
- Senior high girls basketball team went undefeated for the first time in a regular season and went to State for the second year in a row.
- Band and Choir both earned I ratings at State
- Forensics qualified a full team for State
- Hosted an ACSI Accreditation Visitation Team in April
- Senior high boys track team placed third at State

What makes Berean what it is today is her people. The constituency, Board, parents, students, and staff are the core of Berean's ministry. The presence, support, encouragement, and impact of each of these groups is greatly appreciated.

The men of the Berean Board are to be commended for their Godly leadership, dedication, and faithful service to the school. A special thank you to Elywn Busenitz and Greg Eilert for their time of service on the Board.

I would also like to acknowledge the Ladies Auxiliary for their many avenues of ministry to and for the school. The Auxiliary has been very instrumental in providing unbudgeted funds for various programs of the school from year to year.

My closing comment is one of gratitude for you, our constituency, for your faithful support of Berean Academy. Thank you for helping make it possible to train students for ministry in the Kingdom of God.

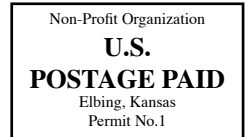
With gratitude and praise,

Terry L. Tilson, Superintendent



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