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:: Sunday Worship Services

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Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption

Pastor Max Frazier

May 7 – Confirmation Sunday

May 14 – *Ruth: A Portrait of God's Redeemer* – Ruth 1-4

The Book of Ruth is a remarkable story that occurs during the reign of Gideon. It is the story of a man who takes his family from Bethlehem to Moab because of the famine in Judah. While there, he and his wife enjoy receiving two Moabite daughters-in-law into the family. But soon tragedy strikes leaving Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth widows. Ruth journeys back to Bethlehem with Naomi – committed in love to Naomi, yet considered an outsider in Judah. But God honors her faith as she finds employment in the fields of Boaz, who, unknown to her, can be the one who truly sets her life free. Boaz is the most perfect example in the Old Testament of a kinsman-redeemer which is what Jesus would become for us. We will be spending time examining the comparison between Boaz and Jesus. Without this little book, our understanding of the reason why Jesus Christ came would be limited.

May 21 – Senior Sunday

May 28 – *Samson: An Incomplete Hero* – Judges 13-16

Samson is one of those Bible characters that you really don't know how to respond to. He did accomplish some amazing heroic feats of strength against the Philistines, yet he also displayed a total disregard for the vows that should have guided his life. Samson's life began well – his parents truly valued God's guidance. Yet, as Samson grew, he began to act as if those unusual accomplishments were of his origination rather than of God. Samson's problems began with his eyes – what he saw. This led to moral weakness which led to a physical weakness which led to a spiritual weakness that eventually led to Samson's death. Many are the lessons we can and should learn from Samson's life.



BCC Financial Update

BCC FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH MARCH 2017

General Fund Tithes and Offerings:

March Budget:	\$126,000
March Actual:	\$120,899
March YTD:	\$361,000
Offerings YTD:	\$392,263

Building Fund:

March Offerings:	\$22,884
Loan Balance:	\$1,501,549

Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like offering envelopes, please indicate this on the contact card and place in the offering plate, sign-up at the envelope table or call the Church Office (763) 682-1470.

THANK YOU MEALS-ON-WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all our volunteers who served the community through Meals-On-Wheels in March and April!

BY-LAWS FORUM

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

At the Buffalo Covenant Church annual meeting on January 29, 2017, three changes were made to the church constitution. In light of these changes, various by-law changes now need to be made to help us minister most effectively. The by-law changes are more numerous and will spark thoughtful questions. In order to explain the thinking behind the proposed by-law changes two documents have been prepared:

- ***Reasons For Constitution & By-Law Changes***
- ***Proposed By-Law Changes: Questions & Answers***

In addition, the following will be available for you to review:

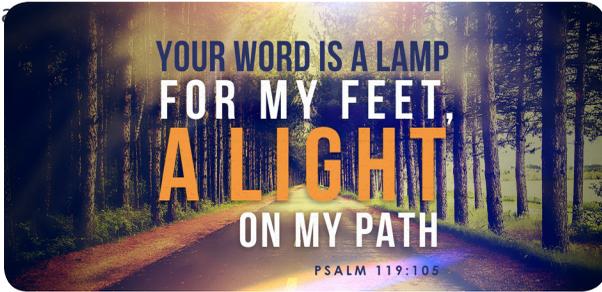
- ***The BCC Constitution***
- ***The Proposed By-Laws***
- ***The BCC ministry organizational chart***

We trust these materials will be informative and helpful. In addition, one more date has been reserved for forums. Elders and pastors will be available to discuss with you any questions you may have about the proposed by-law changes.

FORUM SCHEDULE:

***Sunday, May 21 | Room 200
9:00-9:30 a.m., 10:30-11:00 a.m.***

The proposed By-Laws will be voted on at the church business meeting on Sunday, June 4, 2017,



MAY FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDES

The weekly devotional and worship information in this guide corresponds with Max's sermons and our Sunday School lessons. Take it home and worship with your family! May Family Worship Guides are available in a bin under the designated frame in the Commons.

MAY FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

*"Your Word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path."*

- *Psalm 119:10*



NEW BCC SIGN

This week the new Buffalo Covenant Church sign is scheduled to be installed down by Highway 25. This sign was made possible due to a generous donation by a church family. Assuming all goes well this week, next Sunday it should be up and functioning.



BCC CARE CHAIN

God often uses others within our church body to meet our needs. Our church family has grown and

so have the needs of our people. As a result, we are looking for men, women and families who are willing to use their gifts, abilities, time and resources to serve others.

A Care Chain exists to connect those with needs to those who can help. In order for this to work, we need your participation! A survey has been created that gives you an opportunity to list your skills, abilities and knowledge that could be shared with people in our congregation. Another part of the survey provides an opportunity for those with needs to let us know how we can help. Working together we can build up the body of Christ to the glory of God!

Printed surveys are available in the Commons. Please fill out the survey and deposit into the Care Chain Survey Box located in the Commons. Or, surveys can be completed on our church website at: buffalocov.org/care-and-prayer.



BCC ADULTS

There are multiple weekly and monthly opportunities to connect with others, to grow spiritually and to be supported through participating in a Class, Bible Study, Prayer Group, Support Group or Social Gathering.

MONDAYS:

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Mondays | Room 200 | 12:00 p.m.

Members of this group pray weekly for BCC, the pastors and staff, and the needs of the BCC congregation. This prayer time is open to all of the BCC family.

MONDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | Room 201 | 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study on the book of Colossians.

TUESDAYS:

GRIEF SHARE

***Tuesdays, through May 16 | Room 108
6:00-8:00 p.m.***

The structured program encourages participants to move forward through their unique grief journey while trusting God as their true Comforter and Healer. For more information and registration, please call Dick and Lois Barth (763) 682-3742 or the church office (763) 682-1470.

S.A.L.T.

Tuesday, May 16 | 1:30 PM | Youth Room

Buffalo Covenant SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) Family will meet on Tuesday afternoon, May 16 for their monthly program. Our special guest will be Pastor Kevin Doely who is a ventriloquist. He has shared many program with Senior groups in our area. This will also be our annual salad luncheon, featuring a table filled with amazing salads. There will also be a time where we share in the singing of many of the great hymns of the past. You are urged to invite a friend to come and share this afternoon of fellowship. Our meeting will be held in the Youth Room. And will begin at 1:30 p.m.

HOPEKEEPERS LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, May 30 | Room 200 | 6:30 p.m.

HopeKeepers is for individuals who live daily with a chronic illness. We are reading "Facing Your Giants" by Max Lucado, and supporting one another through facing our "giant" of Chronic Illness. If you have questions or would like to visit the group, contact Katie Rhodes (763) 682-1470.

THURSDAYS:

WOMEN'S MISSION CONNECTION

Thursday, May 25 | 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Ann Devitt's Home

LOVE FOR A LIFETIME

Thursdays, through May 25

Youth Room | 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

A six-week marriage enrichment seminar led by Rick & Jody Kantor. The seminar provides concrete Biblical teaching, activities, advice and experiences that have helped their marriage to prosper through significant changes and challenges.

SUNDAYS:

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

MAY 14

DISCOVER BCC

Sundays, through May 21 | 11:00- 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in making Buffalo Covenant your church home please join us for Discover BCC. Over the course of four weeks, you will learn about our church's mission, values and history. We will review our core beliefs, and give you a chance to ask questions. You will get a chance to tour the building, meet others, and find places to get involved. All intended to help you—as we say—be a disciple who makes disciples of Jesus. At the end of the four weeks you will have the opportunity to become a member of BCC.



2018 TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Have you ever wanted to walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Have you ever dreamed of sailing upon the waters of the Sea of Galilee or walking through the narrow streets of the Old City of Jerusalem? Have you ever thought it would be “cool” to float in the Dead Sea? Have you ever desired to stand before the empty tomb and celebrate Christ’s resurrection? If you have answered “yes” to any of these questions, then there is an opportunity for those dreams and desires to become a reality. From April 20-May 3, 2018, you are invited to join Pastor Max for a “Dan to Beersheba” visit to the Holy Land. We will be visiting such places as Caesarea, Megiddo, Mount Carmel, Migdal, Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Qumran, En Gedi, the Dead Sea, Masada, the Machtesh in the Negev, Beersheba, and the many sites in Jerusalem. We will be staying in first-class hotels and enjoying some of the best cuisine within Israel. An interest sheet and itinerary are available in the Commons, along with a sign-up sheet. Please take the interest sheet, complete it, and return it to Pastor Max. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Max or email him at max@buffalocov.org. Space will be limited.



DAYS FOR GIRLS

HANDS ON WORKDAY AT BCC - DAYS FOR GIRLS *Saturday, May 13 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.* **Room 108**

Women of BCC- Girls 11+ welcome with moms or grandmas. Days for Girls mission is to create a more dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions.

Jobs to be done for Days for Girls Project

- Learn about Days for Girls
- Trace, Cut, Turn, Press, Add drawstrings
- Assemble kits

Kits are being prepared for care points in Ethiopia.

Donations accepted:

- Hotel size soaps
- One-gallon sized Ziploc -Freezer bags
- Cotton quilting fabrics

A NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER

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Friday, June 2 | Youth Room | 7- 8:00 p.m.

Come join us for a time of worship and prayer!
We will be serving ice cream afterward for a time of fellowship.

BCC YOUTH



GRADUATING SENIORS

We need information from you by TODAY for the Senior Sunday (May 21) bulletin. Please email, or turn-in the following information **by TODAY to Julie Ellis** (julie@buffalocov.org):

- Name
- Parents names
- Names of people who have been a spiritual influence in your life
- Plans for your future
- Date of your open house
- Wallet size senior picture

If you would like to be a part of the Senior Sunday Service on May 21st, please talk with Pastor Val (763-682-1470; val@buffalocov.org). Also, you may bring in an open house invite to Julie if you wish to have one displayed in the Commons.



DATES & REGISTRATION 2017

That time of year for thinking about summer camps at Lake Beauty Bible Camp (LBBC) has begun! Register online at lbcc.com. LBBC Camp brochures are available in the Commons under the designated frame.

- **FRONTIER KIDS: July 4-6** (For campers who have completed 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade)
- **JUNIOR HIGH: July 9-14** (For campers who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade)
- **TRAILBLAZER: July 16-20** (For campers who have completed 3rd, 4th or 5th grade)
- **SENIOR HIGH: July 30- August 4** (For campers who have completed 9th-12th grades)

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided for the Frontier Kids & Trailblazers. If we have enough campers going to the Jr. High and Sr. High camps, we will send the van. If not enough campers are going, we will connect the names with other parents so you can carpool together. The van leaves at 1:30 p.m. (come at 1:15) on the day kids go to Lake Beauty and they are back around 3:00 p.m. on the day they return. Space is limited. To sign up your kid(s) to get a ride in the church van TO and/or FROM Lake Beauty, contact Katie (office@buffalocov.org; 763-682-1470). *The deadline is June 15th.*



BCC KIDS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 *Galactic Starveyors*

Monday-Friday, June 12-16

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

(12:00 pick-up for preschoolers)

VBS registration packets are now available for you to pick-up in the Commons! VBS is for ages 4 years old through 4th Grade completed (younger children can come and be a part of the day if their parents are volunteering). Kids must 4 years old by June 1st. Cost is \$15/child, or \$35/family.

Registration deadline is June 4. Registrations turned in after that day will be charged a \$5 late fee.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many places to serve at VBS - we need decorators the week prior, leaders and helpers for preschool and elementary the week of, and cleaners afterwards. If you would like to be part of the MOST FUN WEEK OF THE YEAR, contact Janine (janine-kruger@hotmail.com) or Stephanie (sraeanderson@yahoo.com).

AWANA BOOK COMPLETERS CAMP OUT **June 23-24**

There will be an overnight camp out at Dennis and Arliss Wallenta's home on Deer Lake for all T&T kids who have completed a handbook this year. Activities will include a bike ride on the trails near their home, camping, swimming, boating, playing and having lots of fun - and some great lessons from God's Word! Only T&T clubbers who have completed a book during this club year are eligible. Registration forms for this event will be handed out on Awana Awards night, along with the book completion awards. Please return the forms promptly so we can plan for this fun reward event!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
May 14

VBS
June 12-16

GRANDCAMP (see info on next pg)
July 21-23

MUSIC CAMP
July 31-August 6

SPORTS CAMP
August 14-17

**Registration forms are now available
for all summer camps in the Commons!**



GRANDCAMP

For Kids and their Grandparents

July 21-23

WHAT IS GRANDCAMP?

GrandCamp is a unique faith adventure for grandparents and their grandchildren through Grade 5. The Camp is focused on transferring a faith-legacy from one generation to another, growing in that faith, and building a treasure chest of life-changing memories—and having a pile of fun while you're doing it!

GrandCamp is an amazing inter-generational adventure designed to transport grandparents and their grandkids away from the daily distractions of life where God can do something extraordinary in the lives of both grandparents and grandkids.

This is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren to spend quality time together, sharing their faith and making memories that will last a lifetime. Daily activities include Bible Study, games, crafts, storytelling, singing, and campfires. Join us as the young, and the young at heart, learn from each other during this unique experience.

LODGING, MEALS, COST, ETC.

Families are invited to stay at the church for the entire time. There will be a limited number of rooms available for use by one family per room. You will need to provide your own air mattress or cots, but you will have a "private room". You are also welcome to bring your tent or RV and set up on the church lawns. Families may also choose to "commute" each morning and evening from home. There is no charge for lodging at the church.

The cost for GrandCamp is \$30 per person and includes an official camp t-shirt, all meals and activities. There may be additional fees for special crafts or concessions. There is also a late fee of \$10 per person for registrations received after July 1.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center and the Commons at Buffalo Covenant Church. Activities are designed for children who are Kindergarten through 5th grade. Pre-schoolers are welcome, but will need supervision from grandparents during the group times. Middle school children are welcome, but may be called on to assist at times with younger children. Every participant must have a medical release form on file, along with the Family Registration Form. Register promptly, because enrollment is limited to 150 children, and there is a late fee for registrations received after July 1.



In the Community



MOPS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

DONATE:

Monday, May 8 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 9 | 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SHOP:

Wednesday, May 10 & Thursday, May 11

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Our local Buffalo MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) is hosting their annual garage sale and will be accepting donations. Please bring in any used or new items that you would like to donate from our "Items We Love" list below. Then come and shop to support this local group of moms!

Items We Love:

Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Personal Accessories, Media, Housewares, Books

Items We Can't Accept:

Weapons & Explosives, Hazardous Waste, Construction Materials, Flammable Products, Large Appliances, Automobile Parts, Food, Mattresses and Box Springs, Sofa

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The Good Book - Kyle Idleman & Deron Spoo
An 8-Part Bible study revealing the Bible's biggest ideas.

Unstuck - Francis Chan

The Unstuck Bible study has been designed to help guide you out of the ruts and pitfalls that so often ensnare us all. You will be inspired and equipped through powerful biblical teaching.

Shaken - Tim Tebow

Discovering your true identity in the midst of life's storms.