



Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption

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:: Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. Traditional
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Contemporary

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June 4 – *Samuel: The Story of Two Families* – 1 Samuel 1-7

The early part of the story of Samuel, Israel's last Judge, is really a penetrating look into two families. One family, that of Elkanah, the father of Samuel, is devoted in their worship of God. Elkanah seeks to honor his wives and his God. Although Elkanah had two wives, his love was bestowed upon Hannah. She was barren, but her faith was strong to believe that God would answer her prayers for a son. And, so, God did and blessed Elkanah and Hannah with a son named Samuel. Hannah and Elkanah dedicated that son to the Lord to serve Him.

The other family, that of Eli, the high priest, is one that is religious yet has no heart to serve God. Eli's two sons misuse their priestly roles to benefit themselves. And Eli abdicates his role as father and disciplinarian of his sons. This family will suffer untold tragedy. These two families remind us that our first responsibility as parents is to grow our families into the things of God.

June 11 – *The Rise and Fall of King Saul* – 1 Samuel 8-15

Israel wanted to be just like all the other nations around them – they wanted a king. They had grown weary of the constant cycle of sins-slavery-supplication-salvation during the period of the Judges. Perhaps a king would give them more stability. The man selected was Saul from a family within the tribe of Benjamin. From all outward appearances, Saul was regal. And he began his reign in a powerful way. Yet, Saul's heart was not that of a king. Saul really failed in two ways: he listened to the voices of those around him instead of to God, and his heart became filled with pride and jealousy. Saul made a monument to celebrate his achievements. He forgot that he was just a tool to be used in the hands of God.



June 18 – Worship in the Park – A Prayer That Challenges – 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

In the midst of the longest genealogy within the Bible, filled with hundreds of unpronounceable names, there is this remarkable prayer. We know it as the Prayer of Jabez. This is a prayer of a man whose only story we know is found within these two verses. But he was a man who was not content with what he had. He longed to be stretched, to be challenged by God. He desired to know the very presence of God upon his life so that, in turn, he might become a blessing to others.

This is not a prayer for the “faint-at-heart.” This is the type of prayer God desires to hear from His people. God will always respond when we ask for Him to enlarge our border. The world definitely needs more “Jabez Prayer Warriors” today.

June 25 – Our God is a Sending God

July 2 – David: An Unknown Shepherd Slays a Well-Known Giant– 1 Samuel 16-17

This morning we will be introduced to the story of David. David had seven brothers and two sisters who were older than he. Saul had failed as a king and was rejected by God. Saul simply did not have the heart of a king. But David did. This young boy – perhaps no older than 10-12 – is anointed king by Samuel. Yet, David’s life is not turned around. He continues doing that which he does well – shepherd sheep. David is a shepherd at heart. But God had plans to move David from the fields with the sheep to the throne room. It would be a long journey, filled with heartaches.

Along the way David would encounter opportunities to show his heart and his passion to

honor God in all things. The most famous of all the stories of David is his encounter with Goliath. This is a study of two men with opposing worldviews: Goliath is focused upon self, while David is focused upon God. David successfully faced the giant because he was confident of God’s presence and power. No matter what “giant” you are facing, you can experience the same victory that David did because God is able.

BCC Financial Update

BCC FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH APRIL 2017

General Fund Tithes and Offerings:

April Budget:	\$134,000
April Actual:	\$163,773
Budget YTD:	\$495,000
Offerings YTD:	\$556,037

Building Fund:

April Offerings:	\$25,191
Loan Balance:	\$1,471,047

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.

BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE,
A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION,
GOD'S SPECIAL POSSESSION,
THAT YOU MAY DECLARE
THE PRAISES OF HIM
WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS
INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT.

- 1 PETER 2:9



Worship
in the Park

JUNE FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDES

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

JUNE FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." - 1 Peter 2:9

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sunday, June 18

Continental Breakfast 10a.m. Sturges Park Shelter

Worship 10:30 a.m. Sturges Park Band Shell

Worship in the Park tickets are in the chair backs and at the Welcome Center for you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to hear the gospel through music and the Word! Our own worship team will lead the service with Pastor Max preaching, and there will be music playing during breakfast. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us for this annual event. * In case of rain, the entire event will take place in Buffalo Covenant Church at 9:00 and 10:30.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for all the support that you extended to Gayle and I during her 23-month battle with cancer which ended April 25 as she went home to be with the Lord.

Meals, words of encouragement, well wishes and your countless prayers were used by God to marvelously bless us during this difficult time. Most appreciated.

To God Be the Glory!

- Jim Landt



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.

TUESDAYS:

S.A.L.T.

Tuesday, June 20 | 1:30 PM | Youth Room

June 20 marks the beginning of the 'Good Old Summer Time.' Our SALT Family members invite you to join with them for a lazy summer afternoon of inspiration, fellowship, and a great piece of pie. Special guests are Larry and Bernelle Hanson, who will take us down 'Memory Lane.' There will be a time of sharing in the hymns and songs of the past. And, since it is our annual pie social, the afternoon will conclude with some fantastic pies and sharing around the tables. The program begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. So circle June 20 on your calendars as you will not want to miss this wonderful afternoon.

HOPEKEEPERS LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, June 27 | 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).

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY: THIS SUMMER!

Tuesdays, June 6 - Aug 1 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Would you like to invest a little time this summer getting an overview of the New Testament, and get connected to a few other women? Then join us for an eight-week Bible Study small group which will meet 7:00-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, June 6 through August 1 at BCC. Please register at the BCC Commons counter, or for more information please contact Marlys Wilson at: larlarwilson2@charter.net.

THURSDAYS:

WOMEN'S MISSION CONNECTION

Thursday, June 29 | 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Ann Devitt's Home

SUNDAYS:

DISCIPLESHIP EQUIP CLASS HOW DO YOU MAKE DISCIPLES?

Sundays, July 16-Sept | 9:15-10:45 a.m.

Jesus' final command to his followers was, "Go make disciples." BCC's mission is, "We glorify God by being disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ."

So, how are disciples made?

Join us for an eight-week disciple-making journey this summer. We will meet 9:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings, July 16 thru early September at BCC. For more information please contact Pastor Steve: stevewint@buffalocov.org or 763.647.0271.

THE ISRAEL PROPHECIES IN THE EZEKIEL SCROLL

Sundays | 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

July 16 – August 27

Instructor: Dr. Oliver R. Blosser

The Prophet Ezekiel during the Babylonian Exile foretold the future of the House of Israel that would take place at the end of days. These prophecies are being fulfilled in our lifetime. It is exciting to study these ancient prophecies and to see the wonderful hand of God at work in His world today. These prophecies deal with the promise of the restoration of the Nation of Israel, the reunion of the tribes of Israel, the remnant's return to the LORD and rebirth, and the Messiah's rescue of the remnant from their enemies, plus the building of the final Temple of the LORD.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Oliver Blosser's talks on the Israel Prophecies in the Ezekiel Scroll. Become knowledgeable on Bible prophecy.



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.



Wanted!
MEALS ON WHEELS COORDINATOR

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A Coordinator for the Meals on Wheels program at Buffalo Covenant Church. Our assigned months are April & October. Contact Reid Gilbert for more information (reid@buffalocov.org; 763-682-1470)



20'S & 30'S YARD GAME NIGHT

**Friday, July 14th | Patio and Church Grounds
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

A night of fun and fellowship is planned for singles and couples in their 20's and 30's! Join us for a great night of yard games, a bonfire, s'mores, and the opportunity to make connections with some new faces! Bring an appetizer or snack to share. Childcare will be provided for children. Please RSVP to Brooke Zumbusch (bzumbusch@isd876.org) or Lauren Johnson (lwurm08@gmail.com).



PROPEL WOMEN

Coming Fall 2017: An exciting, new ministry opportunity for women will be starting this fall at BCC with the launch of Propel Women. The intent of Propel is to celebrate and fulfill every woman's passion, purpose and potential. More information on Propel can be found at propelwomen.org or reach out to Rissa Schrick, Melissa Mulder or Molly Perry.

BELIEVER BAPTISM

Sunday, August 6 | Lake Pulaski | 2:00 p.m.

On Sunday, August 6, Buffalo Covenant Church will be having a baptismal service by immersion at Pulaski Lake. BCC believes that believer baptism is one of the two ordinances that Jesus left for his church to follow. An informational meeting for those being baptized will be held on July 19 at 7:00 p.m. It is very important that you attend this meeting if you desire to be baptized. Please contact Barb if you are interested in being baptized (763-682-1470; barb@buffalocov.org) so she can send you the necessary paperwork to fill out. If you have any questions, please contact Barb, or Pastor Max (max@buffalocov.org).

BCC KIDS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, June 12-16

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

(12:00 pick-up for preschoolers)



MUSIC CAMP

July 31-August 6

Singing, acting, dancing and sharing God's truth! Music Camp is the perfect opportunity for kids who have completed grades 1-5 to share their gifts and talents with the family of God as they prepare and present a complete one-hour musical to share on Sunday morning. **Auditions are Monday, June 19, 6-7:30 p.m. or Tuesday, June 20, 9-10:30 a.m.**

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 all summer camps are now available in the Commons!



SPORTS CAMP

August 14-17 | 10:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Sports Camp is for boys and girls who have completed 1st-5th grade. It is an exciting week of fantastic sports, new friends, faith, fun and foundational training from coaches and athletes. Campers choose one of four sports when they register: Cheerleading/Gymnastics, Baseball, Lacrosse, or Volleyball. Campers are responsible to bring their own lunch, and snacks will be provided in the afternoon. Come dressed in sports attire and ready for a work out!



GRAND CAMP

July 21-23

For Kids and their Grandparents

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, campfires and fun special guests. 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 \$30.00 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 in the Commons. 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 today!



DATES & REGISTRATION 2017

Register online at lbbc.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.*

NEXT CHILD DEDICATION

July 23 During Services

The Bible says that a baby is a blessing from God. When you decide to dedicate your son or daughter, you are acknowledging the awesome responsibility God has given you in raising your child. Child Dedication is a ceremony that expresses your desire as parents to raise your son or daughter in the ways of the Bible, and to ask God to use your son or daughter for his purposes. Child dedications are a part of our Sunday morning church worship. For more information, or to arrange to have your child included in the next dedication, contact the Church Office (office@buffalocov.org; 763-682-1470)



BCC YOUTH



SUMMER EVENTS

WHAT'S COMING UP

June 11: Middle School Mission Trip
Commissioning; Israel Trip Commissioning

June 18-23: Middle School Mission Trip in
Fridley/Minneapolis

June 20-July 1: Israel trip

June 25: First summer Chill Out.
Open to all students in 9th-12th grade
next school year

June 28: First summer Hang Time at Gilbert's.
Open to all students 6-8th grade next school
year.

***Summer schedule and welcome letter
for incoming 6th graders will be mailed
early June.***