



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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August 13 – *The Rise of David as the People's King – 2 Samuel 1-7; 1 Chronicles 11-17*

David has waited 20 long years before the throne became his. Saul and his sons have been killed in the most recent Philistine assault. Now the nation of Israel is divided into two camps: one camp still follows the family of Saul, in fact, it is the largest camp; one camp follows the leadership of David, the tribe of Judah. A civil war now occurs with much bloodshed and intrigue. Finally, the nation unites around David. David chooses the Jebusite city of Jerusalem as his capitol city. Then tragedy strikes as he brings the Ark of the Covenant into the city. Lesson to be learned: Although David's heart was right, his methodology was not. Oh to be confident that we are walking within God's pathways. Finally, although denied the permission to build a temple, God does something incredibly greater – He establishes the throne of David as a forever throne, a promise that finds its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

August 20 – *A Fateful Night with Powerful Consequences - 2 Samuel 11-12*

Next to the story of Goliath, this is the most well-known of the stories of King David. The story will mark the beginning of internal family problems that will plague David the rest of his life. The signs are present that David is walking a tight-rope and that a fall is inevitable. It begins with a midnight walk due to boredom. Eyes linger, a summons is issued, adultery is accomplished, and the consequences ensue. One sin leads to another which ultimately results in the death of Uriah. Finally, David is confronted by the prophet Nathan. Stern words are shared. The king's heart is repentant. Yet a son is lost. But, God always brings beauty out of ashes, for the death of David and Bathsheba's son and David's remarks upon his son's death, have brought great encouragement to many.



August 27 –A Family in Total Disarray – 2 Samuel 13-21

Disfunctionality within the family has almost reached epidemic proportions in America today. There are several reasons for its occurrence.

Most often, it is caused by the lack of a father's involvement within the home. Welcome to the home life within David's palace. David is an absentee father. And the result is a catastrophic mess. Too many wives, too many children, too much hatred and too little love. This is a recipe for disaster. Oh the lessons we can learn: anger is not a good substitute for discipline; silence is not a good substitute for discipline; separation is not a good substitute for discipline.

BCC Updates

BCC FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH JUNE 2017

General Fund Tithes and Offerings:

June Budget:	\$111,000
June Actual:	\$96,798
Budget YTD:	\$727,000
Offerings YTD:	\$772,424

Building Fund:

June Offerings:	\$22,900
Loan Balance:	\$1,328,716

Thank you for your generosity! If you would like offering envelopes, please indicate this on the contact card and place in the offering plate, or call the Church Office 763-682-1470.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

At our most recent Congregational Meeting on June 25th, the church body approved and welcomed into membership the following people:

James & Rebekah Archer, Tracy Beaufaux, John Grafstrom, Andy & Shelley Larson, Troy & Kara Larson, Richard & Patricia Meier, Diane Reiss, Jay Soderlind, Steven & Kari Wolbeck, Beau & Brook Zumbusch, and Kathleen Zaruba.

We are so grateful to God for you, and for your decision and commitment to join us in the great task of making disciples in the name of Jesus.

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

For the safety and security of Buffalo Covenant Church, staff and members, we have installed and activated a security system to monitor the church property and building. The system is composed of 32 cameras, both interior and exterior that will record activity 24 hours a day. Along with the video surveillance, the system contains motion detectors and door contactors. The security system will be active every evening to notify the police in the event of an unlawful entry. The building must be vacated by 9:45pm every evening, unless other arrangements are made. Please remember, if you possess a key with ENTRY capabilities, you will need to be trained to disarm the system in the event that you need to enter the building outside of office hours. Please see the church office or Dave Macalena with questions.



AUGUST 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! August Family Worship Guides are available in a bin under the designated frame in the Commons.

AUGUST FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will
make your paths straight. - Proverbs 3:5-6***



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CREATION CONFERENCE

Sunday & Monday, October 15 & 16

with Answers in Genesis and JAndy Ministries

Dr. Tommy Mitchell from Answers in Genesis will be with us for an exciting seminar - The Creator God!

Topics will include:

- Genesis and the Authority of Scripture
- Noah's Ark and the Flood - Fact or Fiction
- Were there Dinosaurs on the Ark?
- Jurassic Park: A Dinosaur Tale

Fantastic information for kids, teens, parents and everyone who cares about the truth of Scripture! More details will be coming soon.

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION : A HUGE THANK YOU!

to Liz Johnson and Mark Lee for driving all our campers to Lake Beauty Bible Camp this summer! Mark and Liz got all our boys and girls, luggage, pillows, and sleeping bags safely up and back to all camps.

Thank you Mark and Liz for volunteering to serve in this way and for taking care of our precious cargo!

COMPUTER CLINIC

Saturday, August 19 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Room 200

Members of our church that understand technology are making themselves available to the church congregation for computer servicing, upgrades, virus protection, and general advice. The service is free; the only potential cost would be for any software/hardware purchases you might need. No appointment needed.



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.



GROUP LINK

Sundays, September 10 & 17

"Got a small group?" If not, then GROUP LINK is the place to get connected. Sunday mornings September 10 & 17 you can go to the GROUP LINK table in the BCC Commons to get your questions answered and get connected to a small group.

GROUPS:

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.

WOMEN'S MISSION CONNECTION

Thursday, August 31 | 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Ann Devitt's Home

GRIEFSHARE

Tuesdays, beginning Sept 12 | Room 108 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The care you need, information you can trust.

No matter the length of time since your loss of a loved one or how you are feeling about your recovery, you will find the weekly meetings to be a warm, caring environment where your group will provide an "oasis" on your journey. Pick up an informational brochure in the Commons, or go online to: buffalocov.org/griefshare. Call the church office, or facilitators, Dick and Lois Barth 763-682-3742 for information or pre-registration. Refer a friend and offer to attend with them the first time or two. The 13 week cycle begins Sept 12, meeting on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., in Room 108.

HOPEKEEPERS LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, August 29 | 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).

PROPEL WOMEN - LAUNCH EVENT

Sat, September 30 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Youth Room

A new women's ministry opportunity will be starting this fall at BCC called Propel Women. Propel's mission is to help activate, connect, and equip every woman to fulfill their God-given passion, potential, and purpose. Come join us for a morning of sweet fellowship as we learn more about Propel Women at BCC. A light breakfast will be served.

ADULT WEEKDAY CLASSES:

MAJORING ON THE MINOR PROPHETS

Mondays, September 11 – November 27

7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Instructor: Dr. Oliver Blosser

How well do you know the Jewish/Hebrew Bible? This course will be an overview in chronological order of six of the Minor Prophets— Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea and Micah. ‘Minor’ does not reflect the importance of the scrolls, but simply their length as compared to the other prophets, such as Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. The mission of the Minor Prophets was to proclaim (to tell forth) God’s Word and to prophesy (to foretell), i.e., to reveal the flow of history before the events occurred. The message of the Minor Prophet was to encourage disobedient people to repent from sin, to return to the LORD and to remember the Covenant Promises and the future Messianic Redemption. Their basic message is that God will ultimately triumph and that God’s People will ultimately be vindicated. Key themes and the ways each scroll point to the Messiah will be examined. The other six Minor Prophets will be studied in the Spring Semester. Cost: Free Will Offering

VILLAGE SCHOOLS OF THE BIBLE

“COVER-TO-COVER”

Tuesdays, starting Aug. 29 | 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Instructor: David King

This is a 32-week class. Fall semester: 16 weeks in the Old Testament. Winter/spring semester: 16 weeks in the New Testament. Five major themes are discussed and reviewed during these 32 weeks:

1. God’s Unfolding plan of Redemption
2. The Centrality of Jesus Christ, or what we call the Scarlet Thread of Redemption.
3. The Unity of the Bible.
4. The Centrality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
5. The Practical Application of God’s Word for Daily Living.

The cost is \$129 per semester, scholarships are available. **To register go to:** villageschoolsofthebible.org

DEEP WATERS DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP FOR MEN – YEAR 1

Wednesdays, starting Sept 13 | 6:00-7:30 a.m.

The focus of the first year of Deep Waters is on a verse-by-verse study of the book of Nehemiah. This book reveals the story of one of the greatest leaders who has ever lived. A minimum of twelve students will be needed for the class. If you are interested please email Pastor Max at: max@buffalocov.org.

DEEP WATERS – THE MISSION

Tuesdays, starting Sept 12 | 6:00-7:30 a.m.

One of the qualities God put into men is to get things done. Men, we were made for a mission. Jesus completed his mission by doing a hand-off, and giving us our mission, “go make disciples.” Starting September 12, men will gather to learn how to fulfill our God-given mission. Contact Pastor Steve for more information: stevewint@buffalocov.org.



ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES:

DISCIPLESHIP EQUIP CLASS

HOW DO YOU MAKE DISCIPLES?

Sundays, thru early 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 thru early September at BCC. For more information please contact Pastor Steve: stevwint@buffalocov.org or 763-647-0271.

THE ISRAEL PROPHECIES IN THE EZEKIEL SCROLL

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

Through August 27

Instructor: Dr. Oliver 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.



MEN'S MISSION TRIP TO THE LAKOTA

PEOPLE

September 23-29

Jackson Helstad is a missionary/pastor to the Lakota people at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. A team of 6-12 BCC men will go to Pine Ridge September 23-29 to assist Jackson and his team. Our primary ministry will be going door-to-door and listening to the people, praying, and sharing the love of Christ. If you would like to learn more, contact Pastor Steve, stevwint@buffalocov.org, or 763-647-0271.

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 7 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Grace Church, Eden Prairie

A group from BCC will be attending the Understanding the Times Conference in Eden Prairie on Oct 7. If you would like to go, a sign up sheet will be available in the Commons starting Sept 3. No cost or registration needed. Speakers: Amir Tsarfati, Michele Bachmann, Pastor J.D. Farag, and Dr. Mark Hitchcock.



MINISTRY FAIR

COME TO THE MINISTRY FAIR!

**Sunday, August 20 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Commons**

A new ministry year is beginning in a few weeks, and there will be dozens of opportunities to serve and be served.

To learn the details, the BCC Ministry Fair will be Sunday, August 20, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, in the Commons. Ministry staff and volunteers will be available to talk with you about fall ministries for children, youth, adults and families. You can also discover how you can join the ministry team by volunteering in a ministry that is a great fit for your gifting and passion. Of course, treats will also be available!

Have fun, learn, meet some new friends and get engaged in God's work at BCC!



20'S & 30'S YARD GAME NIGHT

**Friday, August 18th | Patio & 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 (and those young at heart)! 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. Please RSVP to Kari Wolbeck (karibeth1987@gmail.com) or Rebekah Archer (rebekahjarcher@gmail.com).



BCC KIDS



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 three sports when they register: 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are beginning to plan and prepare for our Sunday School and Awana ministries which begin in September. Is God calling you to serve Him as a Sunday School teacher or helper, for pre-school or elementary kids. Maybe you are thinking about serving as an Awana leader! Come join the team, and share the fun of Kid's Ministry at BCC. Contact Pastor Mary for more information: mary@buffalocov.org.



KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE

Sunday, August 27 | 11:00 a.m. | KidSpace

As a child enters kindergarten, we gather to celebrate this milestone in the child's life. There are many changes on the horizon for these children, and we want to join with families in helping prepare the child for the challenges ahead. This is the age at which children usually join their families in Sunday worship services. In a fun and informal meeting, the children will be introduced to the importance of personal prayer, worship in church, and letting their light shine for Jesus! A continental breakfast will be served, and each child will make a "Quiet Bag" to use when attending worship. Children will also receive a gift, and a commemorative milestone. Children MUST be accompanied by a parent, and the entire family is invited! Child care is available for younger siblings.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Pastor Mary - mary@buffalocov.org or 763-682-1470. Reservations are requested by not required.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Sunday, September 3

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL KICK OFF

Sunday, September 10



DIG INTO READING

Summer can be a great time to boost your child's reading skills, AND a great time for your kids to read some fantastic Christian literature!

Our BCC Children's Library is filled with quality, faith building, character developing books, CD's and DVD's. We are having a fun reading program this summer, called, "Dig Into Reading!" We want your kids to dig into the library this summer!

For every book your child reads, he/she gets a sticker on the "Dig Into Reading" chart, AND, his/her name is entered for a prize drawing. There will be a prize drawing each week on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. for books that were read during that week. The drawings will begin on June 25th. There will be a GRAND PRIZE DRAWING when the program is completed on August 27th and everyone who participated through the summer will be included in that drawing. There will also be specific prizes for completing 5 books, 10 books, and 15 or more books.

You can register your kids in the Commons, and get ready to Dig Into Reading this summer!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

**Sundays, August 13 & 20 | 9:30 a.m.
Room 108**

Sunday School and Awana will be gearing up in September. As we prepare for ministry, we are offering a wonderful opportunity for a class designed for Children's Ministry Volunteers. Sam Haglund will be teaching. He has been trained with Child Evangelism Fellowship, and is also a part of our BCC Church Family. He will be sharing some of what he has learned with us in these two classes.

August 13: Final Authority - Why Evangelize Children? Final Authority is a discussion about being aware that God says children are lost and need to be saved. Kid's Ministry volunteers need to commit themselves to reaching lost children with the Gospel at every opportunity presented. You will be challenged to value the children as Christ does, desiring to lead them to the Lord.

August 20: 1 -2 -3, Jesus Loves Me. This class will focus on the simplicity of the message of salvation, showing how to clearly share the Gospel in a way a child can understand. Using the wordless book and other CEF tools, along with the Word of God, you will be able to use this teaching to reach children with critical truths of salvation. For more information, contact Pastor Mary.



BCC YOUTH



CHILL OUT:

LAST SUMMER CHILL OUT

Tonight, August 6 at Tomann's

Van leaves at 6:00. Returns at 9:30.

Dinner will be provided.

FALL KICK OFF CHILL OUT

Sunday, September 10 | 7-9:30 p.m.

Youth Room

HANG TIME:

LAST SUMMER HANG TIME

Wednesday, August 9 at Reiss's

Bus leaves at 6:00. Returns at 9:00.

Dinner will be provided.

FALL KICK OFF HANG TIME

Wednesday, September 13 | 6-8:00 p.m.

Youth Room

PATTIES ON THE PATIO

Sunday, August 6 | 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Come join us for time of fellowship and opportunity to support our Israel trip students as they serve burgers on the church patio. After 4 years of study, these students will be going to Israel in 2018 to now experience firsthand what they have been studying. This is a free-will offering event.

FALL YOUTH KICK OFF:

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF

Sunday, September 10 | 11:00 a.m.

Check in at Youth Room desk for directions to class.

TRACK CLASS KICK OFF

Sunday, September 10 | 6:00 p.m.

\$20 payment is due at the first class.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Begins Sunday, September 10 | 11:00 a.m.

Room 201

This is also the Parent Meeting time.

Bible Hand-out for 8th Grade Confirmation students is Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 Worship Service.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 10 | 5:30 p.m.

Room 108 | Class follows at 6:00 p.m.

As 9th grade confirmation requires more homework and preparation, all parents and students need to make their best effort to be at the meeting.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC

12:15 p.m. | Church grounds

Come join us for a great time to connect with others! Bring a dish to share (serving size 5+). Last names beginning with A-L bring a side dish, and M-Z bring a dessert. Pork Producers will be grilling pork chops & hot dogs (free will donation requested). Also baked beans and serviceware provided. Pop will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the Youth Israel Team.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 a.m.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

11:00 a.m.

YOUTH TRACK CLASS

6:00 p.m.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

6:00 p.m.

CHILL OUT

7-9:30 p.m.



In the Community

AGAPE COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, starting Sept. 14 | 9:15-11:15 a.m.
St. Johns Lutheran Church

An in-depth Bible Study for women who are cognitively disabled to study God's word together and to share God's love. If interested please contact Virginia Magee at 612-718-6723.

HELP A CHILD. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. CHANGE A LIFE.

YOU CAN BE A FOSTER PARENT.

Wright County has an urgent need to find foster families that nurture and respect foster children. Children enter foster care due to significant life factors often including abuse or neglect. This is an extremely difficult time for children. They are struggling and need extra support. The primary goal of foster care is to provide children with a temporary, stable and caring family setting until they are reunited with their family or until a permanency plan is established for them.

If you have a heart for children and have extra space in your home, we encourage you to pray about the possibility of becoming a foster parent.

The overall goal of foster care is to provide children with a temporary, stable, and caring family setting until they are reunited with their family or until a permanency plan is established for them.

If you would like more information about becoming a foster parent please contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484.



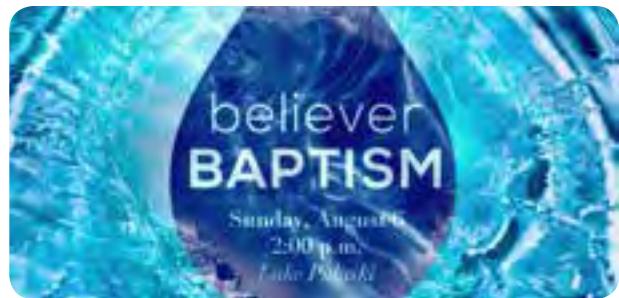
MEMORIAL SERVICES

BOB PETERSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, August 7 | 11:00 a.m. | BCC
Visitation 10:00 a.m.

JOEL CARLSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, August 13 | 2:00 p.m. | BCC
Visitation 1:00 p.m.



JOIN US FOR BELIEVER BAPTISMS TODAY!

Today, August 6 | 2:00 p.m.

Jan Olson's Home (1802 Hillside Lane)

BCC believes that believer baptism is one of the two ordinances that Jesus left for His Church to follow. You are invited to bear witness and support those who will be baptized in Lake Pulaski. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on.