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**:: Sunday Worship
Services**

8:00 a.m. Traditional
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
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Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption

Pastor Max Frazier

October 1 – *Solomon: A Legacy of Division* – 1 Kings 11-12; 2 Chronicles 10-12 (Communion Sunday)

How do you define success? What would it take in order for you to think yourself successful? The manner in which the world defines success is not how God defines success. Solomon, in the eyes of the world was a powerful success story. There was nothing Solomon either did not have or could not obtain. Yet, in the eyes of God, Solomon became a failure. What caused Solomon's fate to change so dramatically? What were the consequences of Solomon's fall? His disobedience set in motion a range of actions that divided the nation and caused one part of that division to walk away from God. Oh the consequences of a disobedient life. Where the world may see success, God may see failure.

October 8 – *Conquering the Fear of Waiting* - Exodus 14:13-14

One of life's most difficult challenges is to wait, especially when we are scared. Many years ago, the people of Israel were stuck between the Red Sea and the fast approaching Egyptian army. Moses told them God wanted them to be still and wait for God to deliver them. They obeyed and God delivered. Sometimes God asks us to wait, and fears often accompany the wait. How can we also trust, and wait, and see the powerful work of God unfold in our lives?

October 15 – *Creation Conference Sunday - Genesis and the Authority of Scripture* with Dr. Tommy Mitchell

October 22 – *Elijah – God's Man in the Devil's Darkest Hour* – 1 Kings 16-17

Elijah is one of the most interesting people within the Old Testament. We know nothing about his background. He just shows up on history's stage at a time when Israel is steeped in detestable idolatry before God. We begin this brief study with a review of how Israel reached the point where a godless King Ahab could influence

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so many away from God. That first verse of chapter 17 is filled with truths about Elijah that we need to know. Elijah knew that God was alive. He knew that God was King. And he knew that God's Word was true.

October 29 –Elijah – A Contest for the Ages 1 Kings 18

Of all the stories found within the pages of the Old Testament, this might be one of the most familiar. The scene upon Mount Carmel pitted the Living God of Israel against the false gods of Ahab and Jezebel. It pitted the faith of one man against the fanaticism of four hundred and fifty others. It was a "winner-take-all" contest. The theme will focus upon the confidence Elijah had as he walked in obedience to God's instructions. And the fire of God fell from heaven! And the people exclaimed, "The LORD, he is God!" There is nothing too difficult for God!

November 5 – Elijah – Passing the Torch to a New Generation – 1 Kings 19-2 Kings 2 (Faith@Home Sunday)

From a cave wishing for death to a chariot of fire entering into glory, the story of Elijah concludes with drama and flair. First, we enter into the cave of his despair and come to grips with the fact that God usually accomplishes His work in ordinary ways. And, part of that ordinary work is to prepare to pass the torch to the next generation. Elijah did this with Elisha. I did it with my children. You have done it with your children. Elisha's request of Elijah as they walked those final miles together is powerful. In essence Elisha is saying, "Elijah, I want to do more than you did." Is that not what we with the next generation would say as we pass the torch to them: "We want to do more than what you did?" Even Jesus told His disciples that they would do greater things than He had done.

BCC Updates

BCC FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 2017

General Fund Tithes and Offerings:

August Budget:	\$122,000
August Actual:	\$109,734
Budget YTD:	\$986,000
Offerings YTD:	\$1,028,162

Building Fund:

August Offerings:	\$21,518
Loan Balance:	\$1,274,658

Thank you for your generosity!



OCTOBER 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! October Family Worship Guides are available in a bin under the designated frame in the Commons.

OCTOBER FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God." - 1 Kings 18:39



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

BCC has purchased a new bus, and we are looking to expand our list of bus drivers. If this is an area you would consider serving in, please call the church office and we will walk you through the steps of what it would take to get licensed. We have a need for drivers who would be available during the daytime to make short trips occasionally.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

The church office is always looking for occasional help at the front desk to answer phones, greet people coming in, and to direct the public. If this is something you would be willing to do now and then, please contact Barb in the office for a few more details.

DELEGATES NEEDED – LAKE BEAUTY ANNUAL MEETING

The 55th Annual Meeting of Lake Beauty Bible Camp will be held Saturday, October 14th at 9:30am and ends with lunch on the grounds of LBBC. BCC is allowed to send four delegates to that meeting. If you would like to go as a delegate this year, contact Barb or Pastor Max by Monday, October 9th. We will take care of registration and get the necessary paperwork to you.



DO2 - FAMILY WORSHIP CHALLENGE

Buffalo Covenant Church is a family church, and family ministry is a priority. We want to encourage families to participate in Sunday school classes, or serve in a Sunday morning area, AND to attend worship together as a family. Many BCC families come to church on Sunday morning for one hour, and the children and students never experience family worship. At the same time, parents are not benefitting from the discipleship opportunities provided in adult Sunday school. DO2 is an invitation to invest two hours a week, one hour in worship with family and friends and one hour Sunday morning either serving or attending a class. We each need regular time focused on God in worship and we need time with each other. Sunday morning can become the best TWO HOURS of the week!

To remove any obstacles to the involvement of children attending worship with their families, we created **Bridge Worship For Kids!** From 10:30 to 10:50 on Sunday morning in KidSpace, the children in grades K-5 meet for a fun worship experience to bridge the time between services. This makes it easier for parents who attend Sunday school at 9:30 to “bridge” the time before the 11:00 Worship.

We want to encourage you to DO2! Sunday morning DO2 can be the most important time in your week.



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.

GROUPS:

PRAYER TEAM

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | Room 201 | 1:00 p.m.

GRIEFSHARE

Tuesdays | Room 108 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

HOPEKEEPERS LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, Oct. 24 | Room 200 | 6:30 p.m.

PROPEL WOMEN

*Thursdays, starting Oct. 12 | 6:30 p.m.
Youth Room*

NURTURING OUR WIDOWS (NOW)

Thursday, Oct. 5 | 1:30 p.m. | BCC
Join us as we hear Augusta's Story - life in Sweden and America by Linda Webster Norland.
Thursday, Nov. 2 | Leaving at 11:00 a.m.
We will be taking a trip to the Plymouth Playhouse to have lunch and see "The Looney Lutherans". We will be leaving at 11:00 a.m. from BCC.

WOMEN'S MISSION CONNECTION

*Thursday, Oct. 26 | 9:00 a.m.
Room 108*

ADULT WEEKDAY CLASSES:

MAJORING ON THE MINOR PROPHETS

Mondays, through Nov. 27 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Dr. Oliver Blosser

This course is an overview of six of the Minor Prophets— Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea and Micah. The mission of the Minor Prophets was to proclaim God's Word and to prophesy.

APOLOGETICS – GIVING AN ANSWER FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE

Tuesdays | 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Instructor: Pastor Max Frazier

This class will focus on some of the important questions of faith and how to answer them.

DEEP WATERS – THE MISSION

Tuesdays | 6:00-7:30 a.m.

Men, we were made for a mission. Jesus completed his mission by doing a hand-off, and giving us our mission, "go make disciples."

DEEP WATERS DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP FOR MEN – YEAR 1

Wednesdays | 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.

DISCIPLESHIP EQUIP (DSE): MAKING DISCIPLES EVERYDAY

Wednesdays | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Instructor: Pastor Steve Wintermantel

DSE is a 30-week disciple-making experience which will prepare you to enter into the life-changing ministry of making disciples everyday at home, in our church family, in your neighborhood, workplace or school.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES:

9:30 A.M. CLASSES

SERMON PLUNGE

Sundays | 9:30 a.m. | Room 201

This class will gather each week to dig a little deeper into questions and topics pertaining to the text of the morning sermon. Also, there will be an opportunity to get connected with a few others and pray for one another.

“GENERATIONS”

INTERGENERATIONAL CLASS

Sundays | 9:30 a.m. | Gym

If you have a desire to learn and grow closer to God, and do this with people of all ages, we invite you to join us! The Generations class invites all generations (children, parents, and yes, even grandparents!) to share in a time of fellowship, scripture reading, activities, and discussion with the purpose of growing our faith by learning, serving, and sharing with one another. Suggested ages 8-98!

CHRISTIANITY 101: STARTING POINT

Sundays, beginning Oct. 8-Nov. 26

9:30 a.m. | Room 202

Everything has a starting point—your life, your relationships, your education, your career. Sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point as well. For some of us our faith journeys began in childhood as a set of beliefs handed to us by a parent, teacher, or pastor. Maybe you developed a framework of faith based on personal experience, or may you had no faith at all. If you're new to faith, just checking it out, or coming back to church after some time away, Christianity 101: Starting Point is a great first step.

GALATIANS – FAITH AND FREEDOM

Sundays, beginning Oct. 15-Dec. 17

9:30 a.m. | Room 106

Taught by Dr. Oliver Blosser

Paul's theme in Galatians is justification by faith alone. Justification means to declare righteous through faith (Protestant viewpoint), not to make righteous through the sacraments (Catholic viewpoint). Galatians is known as the magna carta of Christian liberty. Salvation is a gift of God and not wrought through works.

11:00 A.M. CLASSES

DIGGING DEEPER

Sundays | 11:00 a.m. | Gym

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****To learn more about these groups or classes, please visit buffalocov.org**



MARRIAGE MILESTONE DATE NIGHT

Friday, October 6 | 7-9:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Married couples face thousands of choices, and the choices made determine what the marriage will become. Pastor Geoff Bohleen will lead a discussion of some of the most important choices in marriage and how they can help you build and enjoy a great marriage! We will have dessert, coffee and conversation on how you can make choices each day to make your marriage even more enjoyable!

S.A.L.T.

Tuesday, October 17 | 1:00 p.m. | Youth Room

October marks the 500th Anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses by Martin Luther on the Castle Church in Wittenberg, an act that is identified as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On Tuesday, October 17, our SALT Family will welcome back Ms. Pati Kachel who will be sharing with us the story of Katie von Bora, the wife of Martin Luther. Few people know of this remarkable woman who left a profound impression upon Luther and the world. We welcome our home-schooling families for this fascinating journey back into the 16th century. There will be those renown refreshments and fellowship around the tables following the program. Invite a friend to come and share as we remember the Reformation in a very special way.



20'S & 30'S PUMPKIN BASH

Friday, October 13th | 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 (and those young at heart)! Join us for a great night of yard games, a pumpkin carving contest, bonfire, 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).

REFRESH SUPPORT GROUP

Are you a mother of a special needs child? You are not alone. A new community is here at BCC called REFRESH. Join with other moms that understand how much you need restored hope, encouragement and renewed passion for God and the calling He has for you. This group will provide an opportunity to connect with other moms of special needs children of all ages looking to God's word for truth and wisdom that speaks to the demands you face everyday. For details call April Swartzter (612-578-7489).

SOUP & PRAYER

Sunday, October 8 | 12:45 p.m. | Room 201

Please join us for a simple meal of soup and bread and a time of prayer.



NEWCOMERS LUNCH

Sunday, October 22 | 12:15 p.m. | Gym

Are you new to Buffalo Covenant and would like to learn more about our church family? Would you like to learn a little more about BCC's mission, and what is Faith@Home? We invite you to join us for a free lunch! At this informal event you can meet with pastors, staff and members to learn more about classes, groups, events, serving opportunities, and ways to connect here at BCC. Free childcare is available for children through age 5 following the meal. Older children are welcome to stay with their families. To register, please see the sign-up in the Commons by October 15. For more information, contact Pastor Steve Stevewint@buffalocov.org.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKDAY

Saturday, October 7 | 9-11:30 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



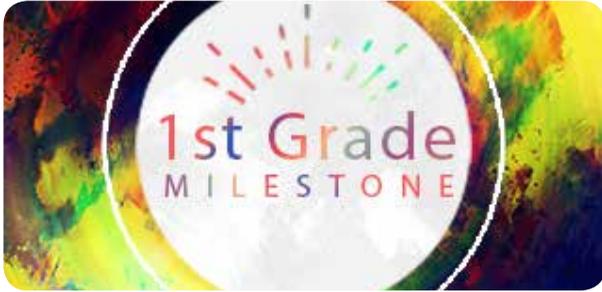
DISCOVER BCC MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, November 12 | 12:15 to 4:15 p. m.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Buffalo Covenant, or if you are simply interested in learning more about our church family, we invite you to join us for Discover BCC. At this class you will learn about our church's mission, values and history. We will review our core beliefs, and provide you an opportunity to ask questions. You will get a chance to meet others, tour the building, and learn of opportunities to get involved. All of this is intended to help you fulfill our mission: Glorify God by being disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ. Following your attendance at the class, you will have the opportunity to pursue becoming a member of BCC. To register, please sign up in the BCC Commons by October 29, or contact Pastor Steve: Stevewint@buffalocov.org. A free lunch will be provided.



BCC KIDS



FIRST GRADE MILESTONE - THE GOSPEL ***October 29, 11:00 in the KidSpace***

For all first graders and their parents.

Kids and parents will explore what we mean when we invite children to trust Christ for Salvation. What is the Gospel? What must I do to be saved? Parents will also have opportunity to discuss — How can I tell when my child is ready to trust Christ for Salvation? What do I say when my child asks about salvation? How can I help my child celebrate a decision to trust Christ. This Milestone is for all First Graders from both Sunday School hours, and their parents. Children must be accompanied by a parent to participate.



CHILD DEDICATION ***Sunday, November 12***

The Bible says that a child 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. A baby 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. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact the church office by November 1.

AWANA **AWANA SPORTS NIGHT** ***October 11***

Kids should come dressed to support their favorite sports team!

NO AWANA ***Wednesday, October 18***

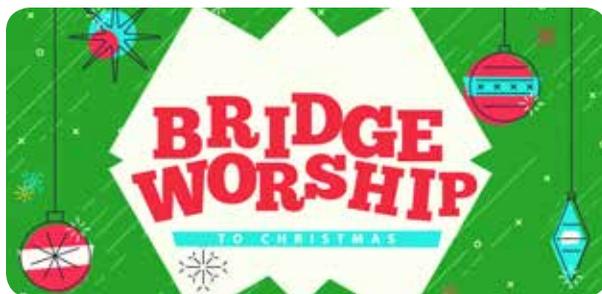


BRIDGE WORSHIP

Every Sunday morning | 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

Bridge Worship fulfills an important need for kids to learn worship songs, and share a worship experience together. It also creates an opportunity for parents to fellowship with other adults between their own worship and Adult Education times.

Children who attend Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30 will be taken to Bridge Worship at 10:30, and parents can pick up their children at the check-in counter. Children who attend 11:00 Sunday School are urged to check in early and attend Bridge prior to their Sunday School class.



BRIDGE TO CHRISTMAS

Christmas Is Coming...???? I know, it's too early to think about it, but...we only have 10 Sundays until our Christmas program! That adds up to 10 twenty-minute Bridge time practices, which is less than 5 hours to prepare our Christmas program!!!! So, beginning in October, during the Bridge time (10:30-10:50) we will begin practicing the music for the Christmas Program.

If you would like your child(ren) to be in the Christmas Program, please plan to have them attend that practice time faithfully each week. There will be practice CD's available in early October which will help you prepare at home. Special parts will be assigned by November 1. The Program is scheduled for December 10. So, talk it over with your family, and if your child is going to participate in the Christmas program, plan for your kids to be in the KidSpace at 10:30 every week for October and November!



BCC YOUTH

CHILL OUT

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Sundays | 7-9:30 p.m. | Youth Room

For youth in grades 9-12.

NO CHILL OUT

Sunday, October 15

We encourage you to check out the Creation Conference that evening!

HANG TIME

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Wednesdays | 6-8:30 p.m. | Youth Room

For youth in grades 6-8.

NO HANG TIME

Wednesday, October 18

TRACK CLASSES

NO YOUTH TRACK CLASSES

Sunday, October 15

We encourage you to check out the Creation Conference that evening!

Upcoming Youth Israel Team Fundraisers:

CUB FOODS BAGGING

**Saturday, October 7 | 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cub Foods Buffalo**

If you do your grocery shopping on the weekends, please come visit the Youth Israel team at Cub Foods in Buffalo as they bag groceries and share with the community about their upcoming trip to Israel.

ANTIQUITIES PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

November 3 & 4

A photographer will be here to take a unique children's portrait with vintage attire and props of your child/children! With the purchase of a \$10 coupon, you will receive a beautiful professional 10x13 sepia portrait of your child(ren). Please sign up for a time slot in the Commons starting Oct 8.

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

November 6 | 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Pizza Ranch Monticello

Come support our Youth Israel team as they serve you at Pizza Ranch Monticello! A percentage of the sales generated will go directly to our team. We will also receive all cash donations, including tips.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesdays | 5-6:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Wondering how to fit supper in between school and Wednesday night Hang Time or AWANA? Come to church to eat! For just \$5 per person, you can eat supper from 5-6 pm at church and be right there for either Hang Time or AWANA.

October Menu:

Oct 4 - Walking tacos, veggies & chocolate chip cookie bars

Oct 11 - Brats/hot dogs, chips, veggies & dessert

Oct 18 - No Dinner - MEA break

Oct 25 - BBQ chicken on bun, tossed salad, brownies



October is
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
Month!

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH - WHY CARE?

- Pastor appreciation is biblical
- Pastor appreciation will produce healthier leaders at your church
- Pastor appreciation will take you deeper spiritually & will change your church family

And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love! - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (The Message)

GREAT WAYS TO SHOW APPRECIATION:

- Encourage your pastor
- Personal, handwritten notes and cards of encouragement and gratitude
- Express appreciation for sermons, teaching, etc.
- Bring them a home cooked meal
- Send them out for dinner one night
- Pray for them!
- Be a faithful, committed church member
- Advocate for your pastor

Remember, practical expressions of appreciation carry a lot of weight. The more personal they are, the more they bless your pastor.

We are blessed to have six amazing pastors on staff right now. We would encourage you to pray regularly for each pastor, the spouse who supports them, and their family.

Geoff & Joni Bohleen - Executive Pastor

Max & Marlys Frazier – Lead Pastor

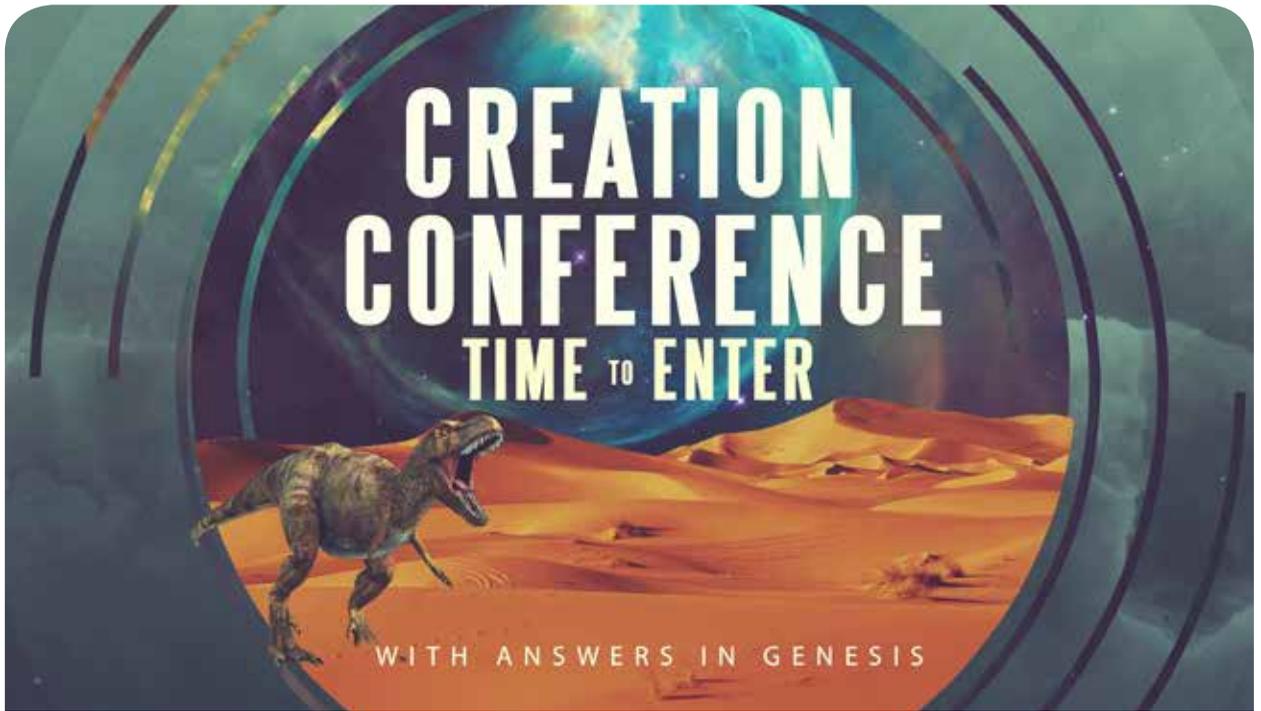
Mary & Oliver Blosser –
Children & Family Ministries

Val & Mark Pederson – Youth Ministries

Steve & Gina Wintermantel – Adult Discipleship

Reid & Terri Gilbert –
Missions & Congregational Care

Let's honor our pastors and overwhelm them with appreciation and love during the month of October!



Dr. Tommy Mitchell from Answers in Genesis will be here to help us understand the science that leads us to our Great God. He is a leading speaker on Creationism and the reliability of the Biblical accounts. The Creation Conference brings modern science and Biblical truth together in one powerful message.

Sunday, October 15

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Genesis and the Authority of Scripture

6:00 p.m. – Why Can't A Day Mean A Day?

7:30 p.m. – Noah's Ark And The Global Flood

Monday, Oct. 16

9:30 a.m. – Were There Dinosaurs on the Ark? (for Kids K-Grade 5)

11:00 a.m. – After Their Kind (for Youth Grades 6-12)

6:00 p.m. – Jurassic Prank: A Dinosaur Tale

7:30 p.m. – Worshipping the Creator God

The evening sessions in the Worship Center are for adults and children from 4th grade and up. Younger children are welcome, however, childcare will be available for infants and toddlers, and there will be a special program on Creationism available for kids age 3 through 3rd Grade.

We hope you join us for this exciting two-day conference!