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UPCOMING MESSAGES

:: Sunday Worship Services

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

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June 3 – Communion Sunday - Ezekiel: A Watchman on the Wall - Ezekiel 33-39

The prophet Ezekiel experienced some of the strangest moments any prophet ever had – moments that almost defy our imaginations. His book begins with a vision of some type of “heavenly wheels” filled with eyes. And accompanying those “heavenly wheels” were found amazing creatures which had four faces and four wings. God commissions Ezekiel to be a watchman on the wall – a person who announces that the judgment from God is impending and for people to be ready when it comes. Yet, God also uses Ezekiel to be the one who trumpets that the nation of Israel will be restored back to the lands promised them by God through His covenant with Abraham. We know this as “the vision of the valley of the dry bones.” We will close our study of Ezekiel by briefly looking at a battle known as “the Ezekiel 38 War.” God gave unusual boldness to Ezekiel as he shared God’s truths with people.

June 10 – Nahum, Zephaniah, and Habakkuk: Voices of Doom, Voices of Hope - Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk

These three little prophetic books are among the least recognized within the Minor Prophets, yet their message is relative to our world today. Nahum’s target audience is the nation of Assyria, specifically its capital of Ninevah. Nahum declares that God’s judgment will soon be poured out upon that nation. Yet, within its few verses, we observe the tension between God’s judgment and God’s grace. The prophet Zephaniah focuses upon the coming “day of the Lord.” It will be a day of incredible darkness and suffering. The judgment of God is always expressed in those strong terms. The consequences of sin are terrible. Yet, Zephaniah 3:17 contains a powerful message of hope and grace. Finally, Habakkuk is a record of the prophet’s struggle with God. That struggle is highlighted in chapter 1 with a series of angry outbursts to God asking for the reason for the suffering and pain in the world around him. God’s response is truly not satisfying, yet the prophet decides to wait and watch and trust for God’s answer. In the process, Habakkuk cultivates a strong faith. It is that strong faith that brings the book to its climax.

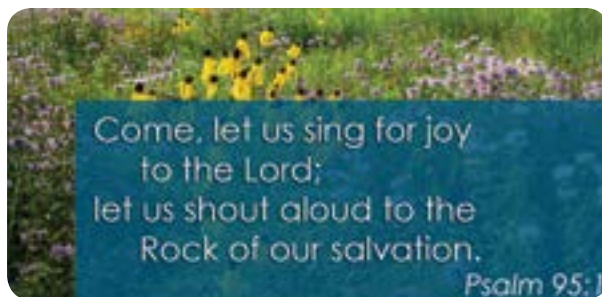


June 17 - *Worship in the Park* - What Are You Seeing: Obstacles or Opportunities? – Numbers 12-14

We hear such proverbs as “beauty is in the eye of the beholder” and “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.” It all depends upon the way we view a situation. What is an obstacle for some becomes a great opportunity for others. Israel, while in the wilderness, came to a crossroads. It would be a place where a decision would determine their immediate future. Kadesh would long be remembered as the place of decision. What would they see? Would they see the obstacles that were part of the Promised Land, or would they see the incredible opportunities to grow in their faith with God? What do we see: obstacles that prevent us from moving forward, or opportunities that will stretch our faith and our dependence upon God?

June 24– Daniel: God’s Witness to Kings – Daniel 2-6

The stories from the life of Daniel are familiar ones. But our focus will be upon the relationships Daniel cultivated with several kings: Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and Darius. With regard to the story of Nebuchadnezzar, we will trace how God worked to break this powerful man so that he could respond to God’s grace. In the case of Belshazzar, Daniel’s message is one of judgment – an almost immediate judgment. Even in his old age, Daniel remains strongly committed to his faith – even willing to be thrown into the lions’ den. Throughout his long life of service to government, Daniel remained steadfast in his faith – integrity was his watch word.



MAY/JUNE FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDES

The focus of our family worship guides is on worship itself, with the desire to teach adults, youth and children what the Bible teaches about worship. Take it home and worship with your family! May/June Family Worship Guides are available in a bin under the designated frame in the Commons.

MAY/JUNE FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

- Psalm 85:1

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

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

Join us for our Congregational Meeting in June where we will welcome new members, hold elections, hear reports from the land use task force, an update on the search committee, and a report from Pastor Max. An agenda is posted in the Commons.



Worship in the Park

June 17 • Sturges Park

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST • 10 AM

WORSHIP • 10:30 AM

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us for this fun event!



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 | 12:00 p.m. | Room 200

Members of this group meet weekly to pray 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, June 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Ann Devitt's Home

NOW (NURTURING OUR WIDOWS)

Tuesday, June 26 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

Nurturing Our Widows (NOW) Ministry is designed for those who have lost their husbands, whether it be 40 years or 2 months ago. Please join them as they gather for fellowship and treats.

S.A.L.T. (SENIOR ADULTS LIVING TRIUMPHANTLY)

Tuesday, June 19 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

On Tuesday afternoon, June 19, our SALT Family will meet for our June program. Pastor Max and Marlys will be sharing about their recent trip to the Holy Land. Pastor Max will also be updating us about the current political situations in the Middle East and their prophetic importance. June is also our annual "pie social," featuring some of the most delicious pies created within Wright County. You will not want to miss this afternoon of fellowship and inspiration as we journey to the Holy Land. Invite a friend to come with you.

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



NEXT CHILD DEDICATION

July 22 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)



BELIEVER BAPTISM

Sunday, August 5 | Lake Pulaski | 2:00 p.m.

On Sunday, August 5, Buffalo Covenant Church will be having a baptismal service by immersion at Lake Pulaski. 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 Wednesday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. It is very important that you attend this meeting if you desire to be baptized. Please contact Barb in the church office if you are interested in being baptized (763 682-1470 or barb@buffalocov.org) so she can send you the necessary paperwork to fill out. Or connect with her if you have any other questions.



BCC+YOUTH



MONTANA SUMMER CAMP

July 21-28

For those entering 9-12 grades. \$450.
Registration and \$100 non-refundable deposit
due June 24. Final payment due July 15.

HANG TIME SUMMER SCHEDULE

6:00-9:00 p.m. | Wednesdays

For those entering 6-8 grades

June 27 @ Gilbert Farm

July 11 @ BCC

July 18 @ Lingos

August 1 @ BCC: Parent Night

CHILL OUT SUMMER SCHEDULE

6:30-9:30 pm | Sundays

For those entering 9-12 grades

June 24 @ Ruhrs

July 1 @ BCC

July 15 @ Lingos

July 29 @ BCC: Parent Night

Youth Ministry Brochures were mailed out in May. If you have a student that will be in grades 6-12 next school year and did NOT receive a brochure in the mail, please contact the BCC office so we may add you to the mailing list. Brochures are also on the Welcome Desk and available online at: buffalocov.org/youth

BCC KIDS



VBS 2018 - Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus June 11-15

Bible lessons, games, crafts, snacks, music, and lots of fun! This year the theme is "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus". Kids will discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms.

VBS is for kids 4 years old through 4th grade completed. Kids must be 4 years old by June 1st. VBS registration packets are now available for you to pick-up in the Commons!

AWANA BOOK COMPLETERS CAMP OUT June 28-29

There will be an overnight camp out at the Lingo family ranch for all T&T kids who have completed a handbook this year. 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!



MUSIC CAMP August 13-17

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 18, 6-7:30 p.m. or Tuesday, June 19, 9-10:30 a.m.**



SPORTS CAMP July 23-26 | 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, Soccer, 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!



PATTIES ON THE PATIO

Sunday, June 3 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
BCC Patio

Come join us for a time of fellowship and opportunity to support our Israel trip students as they serve sausage patties and burgers on the church patio. There is a suggested donation of \$5/meal.



DATES & REGISTRATION 2018

It's time to register for summer camps at Lake Beauty Bible Camp (LBBC)! You can register online at lbbc.com. LBBC Camp brochures are also available in the Commons.

- **FRONTIER KIDS: July 3-5** (For campers who have completed 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade)
- **TRAILBLAZER: July 15-19** (For campers who have completed 3rd, 4th or 5th grade)
- **JUNIOR HIGH: July 8-13** (For campers who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade)
- **SENIOR HIGH: July 29- August 3** (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. Space is limited. To sign up your kid(s) to get a ride in the church van TO and/or FROM Lake Beauty, contact the church office (office@buffalocov.org; 763-682-1470). **The deadline is June 15th.**



CHOSEN stands for Community Helping Orphans
and Supporting Each other's Needs.

I am waiting....somewhere far, far away...on the other side of this world. I may not know who you are or what you look like, but somehow, deep in my heart, I know you will come and find me.

It's a long journey, and it takes a lot of time. I wish I could make it easier. But I know that the ones who come for me will not count the cost. They will only see the joy of finding me.

For now, I abide in the fields of the fatherless. Day by Day wondering, "Why was I born here and not somewhere else?" Asking, "Why couldn't my life have been different?" It is so lonely..

Even though I am surrounded by hundreds of other children, I know that something is missing. I know in my heart I need a place to call home.

My arms long to be wrapped in a father's embrace...I long to be saved by a mother's love. Gazing out the orphanage window, I offer a prayer of hope, "Oh, God, please help them come quickly."

Even as I lay in the darkness each night somehow I feel assured. That no matter how lost I appear, I am not alone. Holy hands guard my steps and sacred fingers wipe my tears...Touching my lonely heart. The One who

made me, the God who knew me before I was born, Hears me every time I call, He whispers his promises in my ear.

I listen with hope to His voice. But what I worry about most is that no one wants to look for me, The fields are vast, and there are so many scattered all over the earth. I wonder how one little child, so lost, can be found.

Yet He calms my heart and assures me that He will find you. That He will make sure you hear His voice clearly, He has promised me that He will make a way through the fields, That He will personally cut a path, and lead you right to my orphanage door.

My prayer is...when He speaks, please don't forget to listen, when He calls, don't be afraid to go... For I am waiting... somewhere far, far away.

- Author Unknown

As we celebrate and give thanks for our earthly fathers this month, let us also praise God that we are not Fatherless in a spiritual sense, as we have been adopted by Him for eternal life.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers - biological, adoptive, and interim father-figures who represent the love of our Heavenly Father.