



the connection

:: Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. Traditional
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
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UPCOMING MESSAGES

In July, Pastor Geoff will be focusing on Faith@Home, and on how we should be “Living the Word, at home and in the community”

July 8 – *Living the Word at Home: “Living the Life of a Servant”* **Mark 10:43-45, Philippians 2:1-11, Luke 10:25-37**

To “Live the Word” means to live like Jesus, and one of the central facets of Jesus’ life is that He is a servant. No one will ever serve as completely and powerfully as Jesus and yet we can each grow in developing the attitude and actions of a servant.

July 15 - *Living the Word at Home: “Living a Life of Worship”* **1 Corinthians 10:31, Psalm 100, Revelation 4**

Worship is meant to be a way of life. Whatever we are doing, we can offer it to God in gratitude for what He has given us and with a firm desire to bring honor and glory to Him. While commonly thought of as “something that is done at church,” worship is meant to also be regularly practiced in our homes, through our work and in our communities.

July 22 – *Living the Word in the Community: “Work: What Was God Thinking?!”* – Genesis 1 & 2, Proverbs 11:10, Genesis 12:1-3

Work is a central part of each of our lives, whether young or old, employed or not. God is a worker, Jesus did His Father’s work, the Holy Spirit is constantly at work in our lives. We are made to do meaningful, impactful work. We will even work in heaven. Work is good and necessary and it is important to understand God’s design for work as He originally created it.

July 29 – *Living the Word in the Community: “Work: What Went Wrong and How Can We Make It Right”* – Genesis 3, Ephesians 6:5-9, Deuteronomy 8:17-18, 1 Corinthians 15:58

One of first consequences of sin in this world is that our experience of work became twisted, distorted, and plagued by the effects of sin. Work has become one of life’s most challenging activities and yet it is still the setting in which God can do some of His best work in and through our lives. We will address the challenges of work and consider some principles to guide us as workers who want to honor God in all that we do, including our work!



LET'S MOVE THE MARBLES!

You may have recently noticed two jars in the commons area. They have marbles in them, and the obvious question is, "What's up with the marbles?"

Well, the marbles have to do with a mortgage.

Two years ago, in the summer of 2016, we completed the new addition to our facility and parking lot that greatly expanded our capacity for doing ministry. A good amount of money was given before the project even began and more was given during construction. This enabled us to take out a smaller mortgage than expected, worth \$1,700,000. We began paying down the mortgage immediately, and each month the principal and interest payment is taken from money that has been budgeted in our operations budget. That means that all offerings given to the building fund go directly to paying down the principle.

In the past two years we have paid off almost 50% of the mortgage. And, we want to aggressively pay off the remaining balance, with a goal of having it paid in full by the end of 2019.

So, what's up with the marbles? Each marble signifies \$1,000 and the marbles in the left jar represent the amount still left to pay off the mortgage. The marbles in the jar on the right represent what has already been paid and which will soon be available for other uses in ministry. We want to empty and left jar and fill up the jar on the right!!

If you have already given to help pay off the mortgage, thank you for your generosity!

If you have not yet participated please consider how you can begin to contribute.

Let's all pray and consider the part we can play in helping BCC move the marbles!

The logo for the Family Summer Guide features the word "FAMILY" in red, "SUMMER" in a colorful, stylized font with blue, orange, and red stripes, and "GUIDE" in red below it.

FAMILY SUMMER GUIDE

SUMMER FAMILY GUIDES

The Family Summer Guide has been developed to help and encourage families to keep disciple-making at home a priority during the summer, when those normal routines and schedules are disrupted. Parents and grandparents will find the suggested ideas and activities easy to implement as a way to impart biblical truth in those daily rhythms that are consistent. The resource also offers some suggestions for special family activities that can spark additional conversations about God's Word. The Summer Family Guides are available in a bin under the designated frame in the Commons.

rightnow MEDIA

DID YOU KNOW YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THOUSANDS OF FREE VIDEO BIBLE STUDIES?

Our church is always looking for ways to serve you as you live out your faith throughout the week. **We are inviting you to set up a FREE account to our RightNow Media library!** It is essentially the "Netflix" of video bible studies because you have access to thousands of great videos for kids, youth, men, women, married couples and more! There are over 10,000 videos from great teachers. You can view these videos from your phone, tablet, or computer. And while riding in the back seat on a long drive, families with children of all ages now have unlimited access to an enormous library of entertaining and educational Bible-based content!

We encourage you to check it out! For more information, or to sign up, please email the church office to receive your invitation email to give you FREE access to this library.





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

Thurs, July 26 | 9:00 a.m. | Ann Devitt's Home

NOW (NURTURING OUR WIDOWS)

Tuesday, July 24 | 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, July 17 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

On Tuesday afternoon, July 17, our SALT members will welcome Mr. Doug Ohman from Pioneer Photos. He will share an exciting program about Minnesota barns, bringing us back to an era of agricultural magnificence. Following the program, we will enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream social. Invite a friend to come and share in this informative afternoon.

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY CLASS

SIX FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

Sundays, July 15-Aug 19 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Instructor: Dr. Oliver Blosser

Are you a spiritual person? Are you a mature Christian? Establishing a sound spiritual foundation is important because it sets the groundwork for the believer's entire walk with the Lord. A proper spiritual foundation is vital for an effective, liberating, and victorious Christian life. Believers, who fail to establish a proper foundation, are doomed to spiritual immaturity or shipwreck of their faith (1 Timothy 1:19). In Hebrews, believers are addressed as needing to be taught this basic foundation for faith all over again when they should have been teachers by this point (Hebrews 5:11-12).

What are these "elementary teachings of Messiah", which takes the believer forward to spiritual maturity? It is the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith toward God, instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgement (Hebrews 6:1-2). These teachings will create a healthy Biblical foundation for spirituality. They are the six foundational principles of ancient Biblical Christianity, and we will spend six weeks exploring these foundational principles together.



20S & 30S YARD GAME NIGHT

Friday, July 13 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

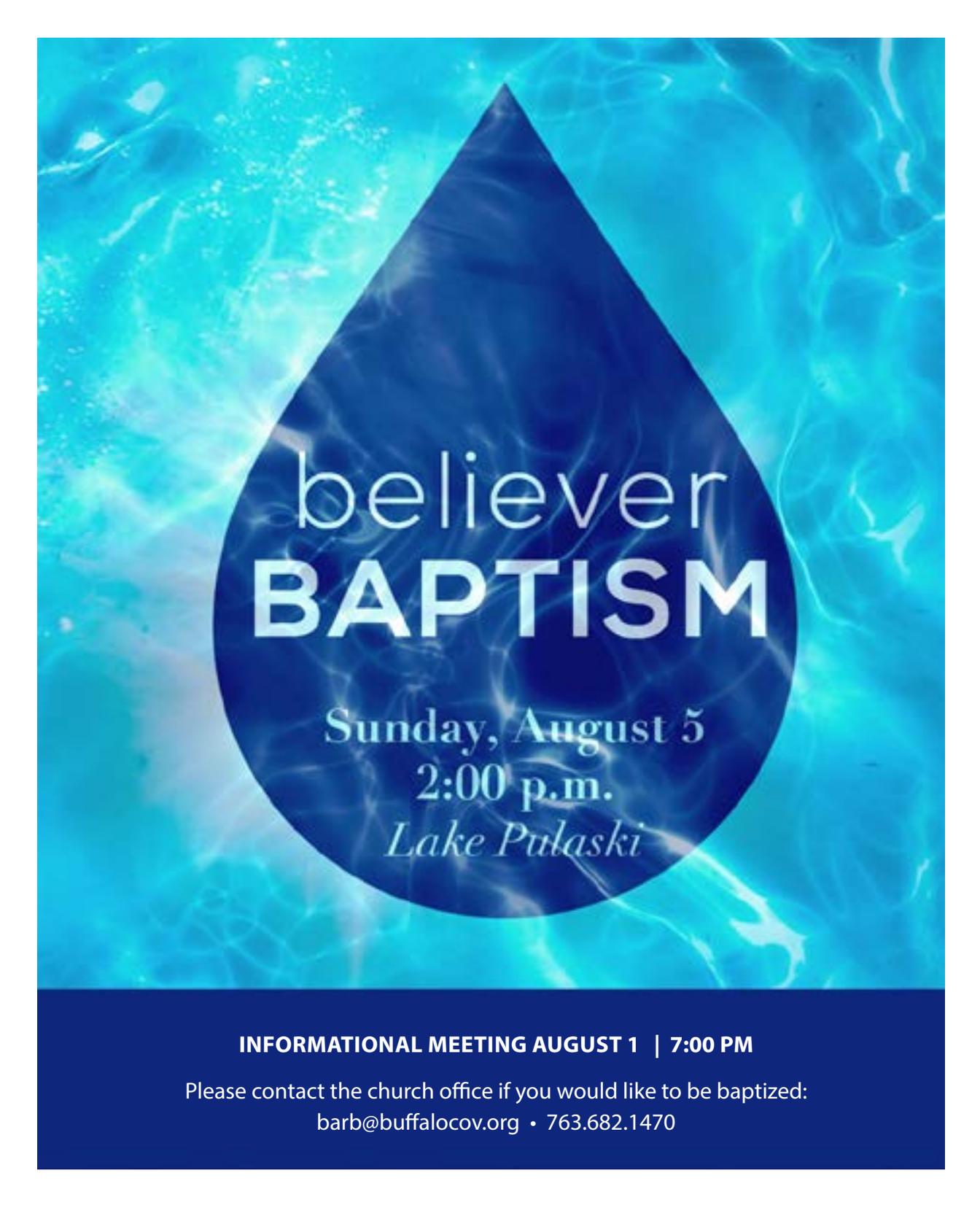
A night of fun and fellowship is planned for anyone in their 20's and 30's or those young at heart! Join us for a great night of yard games, a bonfire, s'mores, and the opportunity to make connections with some new faces! Childcare will be provided for children. Please RSVP to Brooke Zumbusch (brookezumbusch@gmail.com).



CHURCH FAMILY GAME DAY

Sunday, July 22 | 10:45 a.m. | Church Fields

Grab your friends and family and join us after the 9:30 a.m. service at the church field to play games together! The church playground and field will be open to play a game of kickball, sand volleyball, various yard games, or just play on the playground. This is a great opportunity for kids to play, for fellowship, connections and to meet new faces. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch, or snacks as needed. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there.



believer
BAPTISM

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

INFORMATIONAL MEETING AUGUST 1 | 7:00 PM

Please contact the church office if you would like to be baptized:

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BCC  **KIDS****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 TODAY, July 1 at 10:30 a.m. in KidSpace.**

**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!



BCC+YOUTH



MONTANA SUMMER CAMP

July 21-28

For those entering 9-12 grades. \$450.

Final payment due July 15.

HANG TIME SUMMER SCHEDULE

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

For those entering 6-8 grades

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

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



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

Last month's Chosen poem had this phrase, "But I know the one who comes for me will not count the cost." It is our nature to count the cost. Living within one's means is the responsible thing to do. Adoption cost can be staggering and add that to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of that child. We may conclude that the cost is too high.

Adoption is a high calling close to the heart of God. It is spiritual in nature. Our confidence should be like that of the Psalmist who wrote: "My help comes from the Lord who make Heaven and Earth." God is gracious, He will stand by the one who chooses to test the boundaries of trust in God through adoptions. We learn dependence on God as we travel this road. Taking a child into one's family is fulfilling the call of John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this that he lays down his life for his friends."

An adoptive father recently received these words from his son: "Thank you for teaching me a lot about God, the Bible and how to be a selfless person. You are a blessing to me. Thank you for being my Dad for the past 14 years of my life. Thank you for being there for me."

Priceless...no cost is too high for God. Trust Him!



In the Community

LOVE INC - THRIFT STORE

Are you combining households or ready to downsize? Love INC-Big Woods volunteers will come to your house and pick up furniture you no longer need at no cost to you. If you live in the Buffalo city limits, email us (thriftstore@loveincbigwoods.org) a picture and description of your item and we will let you know if we can use it. We are especially looking for wooden dressers, night stands, end tables and kitchen tables and chairs. (Sorry – we cannot accept mattresses, box springs, cribs, TV's, couches or sleeper sofas.) Love INC-Big Woods is a Christian non-profit that serves Buffalo, Hanover, Maple Lake and Annandale. Your donation will stay in your community and help your neighbors in need.

SAVE THE DATE!

ARLIE MANZ'S 80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
Sunday, August 12 | 2:00-5:00 pm | BCC



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Foundation Christian Academy is a classical K-5 Christian school that meets at Buffalo Covenant Church. We are seeking individuals who would be interested in volunteering as teacher's assistants in the school for the 2018/19 school year.

To find out more about this need, please contact jessicapack.fca@gmail.com

FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

A K-5 classical Christian school meeting at Buffalo Covenant Church. This is a great time of year to explore the option of a Christian Education for the 2018/19 School year. See what God is doing in the lives of boys and girls. Explore this excellent education option for your family!

Questions? Visit the website, or contact Jessica Pack at jessicapack.fca@gmail.com. Foundation Christian Academy exists to fully prepare children to be disciples of Jesus Christ who glorify God.
foundationacademymn.com