



## the connection

### UPCOMING MESSAGES

#### **August 5 – Communion Sunday - The Thread of Redemption: Esther – A Queen for the Moment – Esther 1-10**

The Book of Esther is unique in that it is the only book within the Bible that does not mention the name of God – not even once. Yet one cannot fail to see the hand of God at work from the very early verses. Esther is the story of how God used a young woman to spare the lives of an entire people from destruction. Esther is the story of how Satan sought to destroy the family of Abraham, thus destroying as well the promised line of redemption through the family of David. A holocaust of huge proportions was imagined by Haman. Yet God orchestrated the removal of a queen so that Esther could fill that role and be used as a tool to thwart Haman's wicked plans. Esther is the story of an old man who refused to bend his knee in worship to anyone except to the living God. From the story of Esther the Jewish Feast of Purim is created. God always keeps His promises.

#### **August 12 - The Thread of Redemption: Nehemiah – The Builder of the Walls – Nehemiah 1-13**

The Book of Nehemiah is one of the greatest books on leadership ever written. It is a book that our Deep Waters Classes study carefully. It is the story of a man whose heart aches because the walls of the city of Jerusalem have not been rebuilt – even after nearly a century since the exiles have returned home. This heartache becomes a strong vision. Through his incredible leadership, the walls of the city are rebuilt in just 52 days. Nehemiah encountered many problems, yet his favorite phrase was “the hand of God was upon him.” And so it was. We will focus most of our time upon chapters 8-10 which is one of the clearest descriptions of the keys to a revival that we have anywhere in the Bible. And it all begins with the Word of God.

#### **August 19 - Jonah's Druthers: A Whale of a Tale – 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

You won't want to miss this little twist to the story of Jonah that helps kids and adults alike look at this amazing, true story from God's Word in a totally fresh way. Our music camp kids have been working hard in a fun setting on a musical where you cannot miss the gospel truth that our God is the only one who saves. There will be NO 8:00 service this day.

#### **:: Sunday Worship Services**

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

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**August 26 – *The Thread of Redemption: Malachi – God’s Desire for the Very Best from Your Life – Malachi 1-4***

This little book closes the Old Testament. We know absolutely nothing about the writer except for his name which means “my messenger.” Some think this book was written by an angelic messenger from God, but that is highly unlikely. The message of this final Old Testament prophet focuses upon how easy it has been for post-exilic Judah to fall back into their irreverent ways with God. One of the strong themes of this book is “excellence.” God desires excellence in our worship, in our giving, and in our service before Him. This message will conclude the Old Testament portion of the “Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption” series.



**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

We are looking for help with our Sunday morning coffee ministry. Once a month it would involve getting the coffee brewed and the counter set up early on a Sunday to be ready to go for the whole morning. Once the coffee bar has been set up, it runs itself, so you are free for the morning to attend church and Sunday school. You’ll get excellent hands-on training by qualified people. Contact Jolene Huston (763 226-0058) or the church office today to volunteer in a ministry that is a great fit for your gifting and passion. Get engaged in God’s work at BCC!

# FALL MINISTRY KICK OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Mark your calendar! A new ministry year is starting with new Adult Classes, Children's Sunday School classes, and Youth classes.

## **ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES**

*9:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

## **ADULT EVENING CLASSES**

*Various times*

## **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 CLASSES**

*6:00 p.m.*

## **9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION**

*6:00 p.m.*

## **CHILL OUT**

*7-9:30 p.m.*



# 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, Aug 30 | 9:00 a.m. | Ann Devitt's Home***

### NOW (NURTURING OUR WIDOWS)

***Tuesday, Aug 28 | 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, Sept 11 | Lake Beauty Bible Camp***

Tuesday, September 11 is Senior Adult Day at Lake Beauty Bible Camp. It is a time filled with great music, excellent food, and sweet fellowship with friends. Our Church bus will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. that morning and returning later in the afternoon. The cost for the day is \$5. If you are interested in riding the bus to Lake Beauty, please contact Pastor Max. You can reach him via email at [max@buffalocov.org](mailto:max@buffalocov.org), or via phone – 763-682-1470 and leave a message on his voice mail. Deadline to sign up for the bus is September 1. Come and join us for a wonderful early fall day in the north woods.

### GRIEFSHARE

Back by popular demand! No, unfortunately. Back because there are many hurting people out there who are grieving the death of a loved one. Grief is a lifelong journey but each of us is at a different stage in our grief and have different needs for support and education. GriefShare will help you embrace God as your healer. During 13 weeks of videos, discussion, workbook journaling, etc. you will learn to trust God for answers and guidance as you recover and move forward. Call the church office (763) 682-1470, see the BCC website, or the GriefShare website: [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) for more information or to register. Brochures are available in the Commons. Consider giving a friend or relative an invitation and offer to attend the first session with them.

#### **Please note the new days and times:**

Day time—Sept. 12-Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Night time— Sept 10-Dec. 3, 6 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

## FALL ADULT EVENING CLASSES

### FROM MALACHI TO MATTHEW: WHERE DID THE PHARISEES COME FROM?

***Wednesday, September 5 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.***

As a person begins reading the New Testament, several facts emerge that are not discussed in the Old Testament. Who are the Pharisees and from where did they come? Who are the Sadducees? From where did the concept of water baptism originate? How and when did the Romans make their entrance onto the landscape of the lands of Galilee, Samaria, and Judea? This class will provide answers to these and other questions about the time between the testaments. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Commons Area.

### HISTORY OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

***Monday evenings, Sept 24 and Oct 1  
7:00-9:00 p.m.***

Almost daily one hears or reads of events coming from the Middle East. It truly is a deeply divided and troubled part of our world. But why is it this way? How did the modern State of Israel come into being? Join us for a study of events that have occurred within our lifetime that have changed the course of the world. We will be introduced to people such as Theodore Herzl, David Ben Gurion, Haj Amin Al-Husseini, Anwar Saddat, Menachem Begin, and a host of others. The story begins in 1896 with a vision of a Hungarian Jew who desired a home for the Jewish people of Europe. It is a story filled with many miracles from the hands of God. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Commons Area.

### CHURCH HISTORY: PENTECOST TO THE REFORMATION

***Tuesdays, September 11-November 13  
7:00-8:30 p.m.***

The story of the Church begins within the pages of the Book of Acts with a handful of followers of Jesus. By the close of the Book of Acts, the followers of Jesus now numbered close to a million – and the Church kept on growing. We shall follow the pathways of the Church – a pathway filled with joy and sorrow; a pathway where the Church goes from being persecuted to becoming the persecutor. We shall observe the inroads of paganism and the many attempts at reform to bring the Church back to its biblical foundations. Along the way we will meet a host of men and women who committed their very lives – often giving the ultimate sacrifice – to advancing the Church for Jesus Christ. Our journey for this first term will end on the steps of the Chapel at Wittenberg, Germany where a young German Monk will change the course of Church history forever. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Commons Area.

### BIBLE 501: APOLOGETICS – GIVING AN ANSWER FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE

***Sundays, September 9-November 18  
6:00-7:15 p.m.***

The Apostle Peter challenges us with these words: “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15). What is it you believe? Could you give an answer to someone who asked you, for example, why you believe in God, or how do you know the Bible truly is from God? Apologetics is the study of how to give a defense of your faith. It comes



through asking questions and then creating an answer to those questions. During this course we will carefully examine both the external and internal evidence to provide foundations for our “gentle and respectful” responses. Some homework will be assigned. Jay Rassat will be co-teaching this class. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Commons Area.

## **DEEP WATERS – YEAR TWO: THE PASTORAL EPISTLES AND BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP**

***Wednesdays, September 12-November 14  
6:00-7:15 a.m.***

What does biblical leadership truly look like? Does the Bible provide any kind of job description for leadership within the local church? What role does character play in developing leaders? You are invited to join a group of men who will be studying carefully the Pastoral Epistles of the Apostle Paul – 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. We will also be hearing the final “irrefutable laws of leadership” from John Maxwell. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Commons Area.

## **ADULT SUNDAY CLASS**

### **SIX FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY**

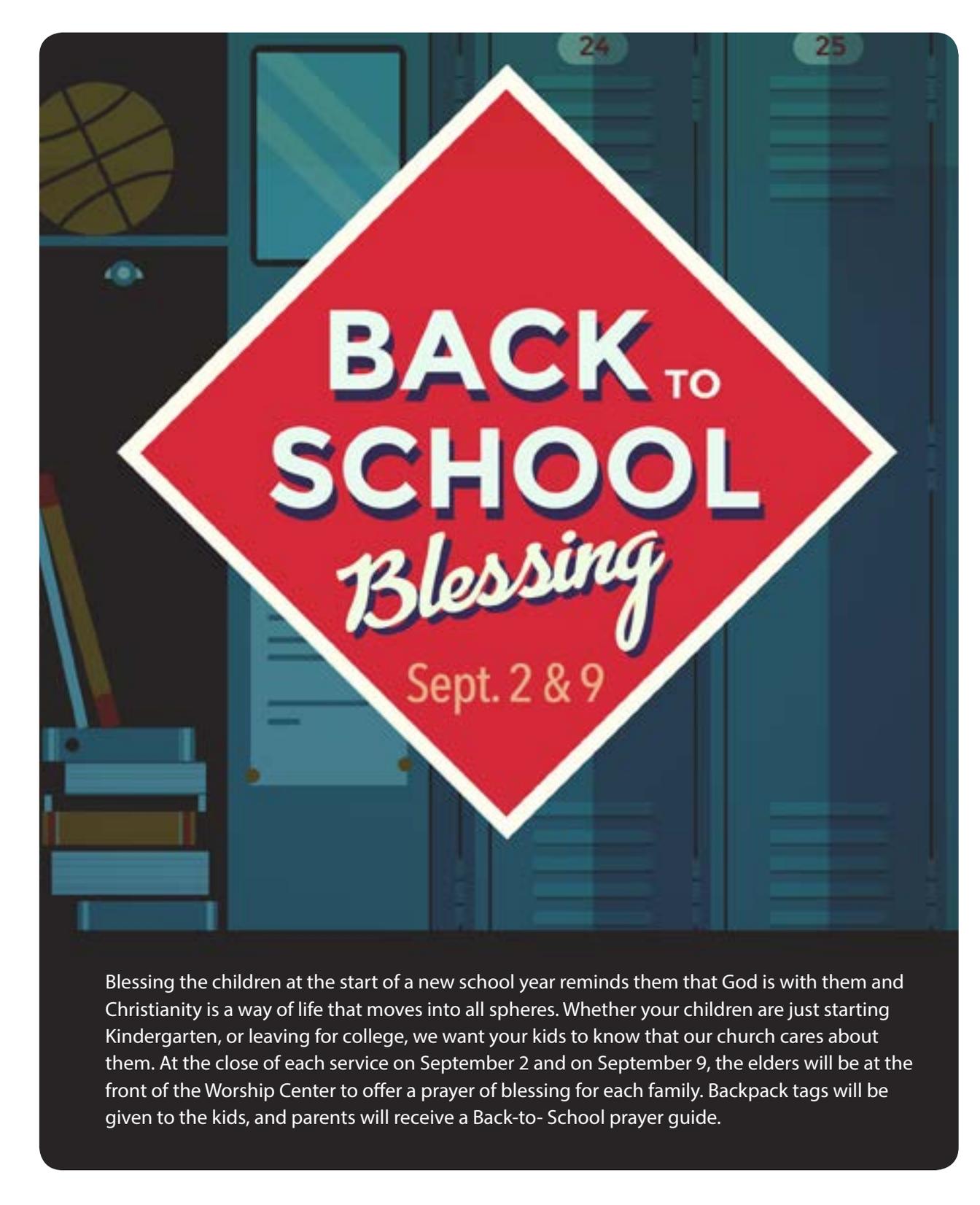
***Sundays, through Aug 19 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.***

***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.

**More classes coming this fall!**



**BACK** TO  
**SCHOOL**  
*Blessing*

Sept. 2 & 9

Blessing the children at the start of a new school year reminds them that God is with them and Christianity is a way of life that moves into all spheres. Whether your children are just starting Kindergarten, or leaving for college, we want your kids to know that our church cares about them. At the close of each service on September 2 and on September 9, the elders will be at the front of the Worship Center to offer a prayer of blessing for each family. Backpack tags will be given to the kids, and parents will receive a Back-to- School prayer guide.



# 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, August 19 at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**

***Sunday, September 2 & 9***

### **AWANA KICK OFF & REGISTRATION**

***Wednesday, September 5***

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL KICK OFF**

***Sunday, September 9***



## **KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE**

***Sunday, August 26 | 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](mailto:mary@buffalocov.org) or 763-682-1470. Reservations are requested but not required.

# BCC YOUTH

## FALL YOUTH KICK OFF

### CHILL OUT KICK OFF

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

***Youth Room***

For youth grades 9-12

### HANG TIME KICK OFF

***Wednesday, September 12 | 6-8:00 p.m.***

***Youth Room***

For youth grades 6-8

### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF

***Sunday, September 9 | 11:00 a.m.***

6th/7th Grade Girls: Room 108

6th/7th Grade Boys: Room 106

8th Grade Confirmation: Room 201

9-12th Grade: Room 200

### TRACK CLASS KICK OFF

***Sunday, September 9 | 6:00 p.m.***

Please check out :

***buffalocov.org/youth/track-classes*** for course descriptions. Please sign up for class in the Commons or by e-mailing ***julie@buffalocov.org***  
\$20 payment is due at the first class.

### 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

***Begins Sunday, September 9 | 11:00 a.m.***

***Room 201***

This is also the Parent Meeting time.

Bible Hand-out for 8th Grade Confirmation students is Sunday, September 16 at 9:30 Worship Service.

### 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

***Sunday, September 9 | 5:30 p.m.***

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

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

### SEE YOU AT THE POLE

***Wednesday, Sept 26 | 8:00 a.m. | BHS/BCMS***

Meet at your school's flagpole to pray.

### 5TH QUARTER

***Friday, September 28***

***Immediately following BHS Homecoming Game - Midnight***

For Middle School Only: Invite your friends for a night of fun, food and fellowship after the big game. You will need to get a ride from the game over to church.



## In the Community

### **CELEBRATE LIFE AT THE 6TH ANNUAL HARVEST OF HOPE GALA**

Options for Women/Cornerstone, a prolific pregnancy center located in St. Michael, will hold its 6th Annual Harvest of Hope Gala on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park. There will be a social hour and silent auction starting at 5:30 p.m., dinner and speaker 6:30-9:00 p.m., and music and dancing 9:00-11:00 p.m. Our keynote speaker this year is Ryan Bomberger, an Emmy® Award-winning creative professional, international public speaker, citizen journalist, “factivist,” and author of the powerful book, *Not Equal: Civil Rights Gone Wrong*. He is also the co-founder of [RadianceFoundation.org](http://RadianceFoundation.org), a life-affirming organization based on the belief that every human life has purpose. Come enjoy an evening celebrating life and the work of this vital ministry supporting women facing an unplanned pregnancy in the greater Wright County community!

For more information or to buy tickets, please visit [cornerstoneoptions.org](http://cornerstoneoptions.org) or call (612) 584-9449. To become a sponsor, call Chad at (612) 250-1544.

### **ARLIE MANZ’S 80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY** ***Sunday, August 12 | 2:00-5:00 p.m. | BCC***

Please join us on Saturday August 12th from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Youth Room/Patio, with a program at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate Arlie.

### **VISIT ANCIENT TURKEY AND GREECE WITH MARLYS & MARILYN**

***Tuesday, August 21 | 1:30-3:00 p.m***  
***Room 201***

Join Marilyn & Marlys on their tour of Paul’s journeys through Turkey and Greece. Visit the present day sites of the seven churches of Revelation.