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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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## UPCOMING MESSAGES

### September 2 – Preparing for the Arrival of the Thread of Redemption: *From Babylon to Roman Times – Daniel 7-12*

The period from the close of the book of Malachi to the beginning of the book of Matthew is often called “the 400 years of silence.” There was no prophetic voice during those years. There were no written admonitions from God. Yet, God certainly was not silent. He was at work within history. Daniel had been given a vision of those days and recorded it in the closing chapters of his book. Although there are three different visions they all pertain to the period when God was preparing the world for the reception of His Son.

### September 9 – Preparing for the Arrival of the Thread of Redemption: *What Does the Fullness of Time Mean? – Galatians 4:4*

This verse has always fascinated me. It was as if the Apostle Paul was declaring that there was something unique about the time in which Jesus Christ was born. If that is true, what was that uniqueness? This message will probe into the answer to that question and to Paul’s amazing statement. The time in which Jesus was born was unlike any other time in the history of the world to that point. It truly was “the fullness of time.”

### September 16 – The Thread of Redemption Arrives: *John the Baptist’s Story - John 1:6-8; Luke 1:5-25, 57-50*

The Gospel account begins with the story of the last Old Testament prophet. His name is John, whom we call “the Baptist.” John’s story begins with a miraculous birth narrative as both his parents, Zacharias and Elizabeth, were beyond the age of bearing children. The writer John simply says that “John was a man sent from God.” The Bible tells us little of John’s background until those weeks before Jesus comes to be baptized. John’s mission was to prepare the hearts of the people for the message Jesus would proclaim. John’s story is a true Faith@Home story.



**September 23 – The Thread of Redemption Arrives: *The Prologue* - John 1:1-14**

The purpose of a prologue is to accomplish three things: 1) to introduce us to the central character of the story; 2) to share a little background concerning the story to be told; and 3) to identify the purpose of the story. These verses that begin the Gospel of John do just that. They are simple verses, yet provide profound truth that would change the world. Who is this Word? What is His relationship to God and to creation? Why did the Word come to this earth? This text really is the heart and soul of the redemptive story.

**September 30 – The Thread of Redemption Arrives: *The Amazing Announcement* - Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25**

Few of us really pay attention to announcements. We even question their purpose. In the text before us, God delivers an incredible announcement to a young maiden in a small village known as Nazareth. She was to be the one through whom the Son of God would be born. Oh the questions both Joseph and Mary must have had. Oh the fears that they envisioned and even anticipated. Yet, both were willing to step out and accept what God had announced to them. What role models they become for all of us.



**SEPT/OCT 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! September/October Family Worship Guides are available in the Commons.

**NEW BCC MEMBERS**

At our most recent Congregational Meeting on June 10th, the church body approved and welcomed the following thirty-six people into membership! They all attended the Discover BCC Membership class and were interviewed by an Elder.

Anne Brouwer	Hank Dalbec	Tammy Dalbec
Jordan Danielson	Marlys Frederiksen	Nathan Hawkinson
Tracie Hawkinson	Thomas Ibs	Susan Ibs
Bill Jundt	Denise Jundt	Virginia Kaiser
David Kilgore	Michelle Kilgore	Shaphan Kirkpatrick
Molly Kirkpatrick	James Law	Teri Law
David Macalena	Michelle Macalena	Clint Nelson
Amanda Nelson	Jacob Nelson	Heidi Nelson
Walter O'Malley	Marsha Rhodes	Sydney Rhodes
Derek Rosso	Maria Rosso	Ryan Sands
Tonya Sands	Sharilyn Schmitt	Ronald Stoesz
Anne-Michal Stoesz	Daniel Vandergon	Peggy Vandergon

We are so grateful to God for all of them, and for their decision and commitment to join us in the great task of making disciples in the name of Jesus. Welcome to BCC!

**NEXT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

***September 30 | 4:00 p.m.***

# 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, Youth classes, and more!

## **ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES**

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

## **ADULT WEEKDAY CLASSES**

*Various times- see full schedule pg 6-7*

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

## **AWANA**

*Wednesdays, 6:00-7:50 p.m.*

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Sundays, 11:00 a.m.*

## **8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION**

*Sundays, 11:00 a.m.*

## **TRACK CLASSES\***

*\* Now open to Youth & ALL adults*

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m.*

## **9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION**

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m.*

## **CHILL OUT**

*Sundays, 7-9:30 p.m.*

## **HANG TIME**

*Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 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, Sept 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Ann Devitt's Home***

### NOW (NURTURING OUR WIDOWS)

***Tuesday, Sept 25 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room***

Nurturing Our Widows (NOW) is designed for those who have lost their husbands, whether it be 40 years or 2 months ago. Dave Berg will talk about JJ Hill. Join us for an interesting story and fellowship.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

***Mondays, Sept 10-Oct 8 | 1:00 p.m.***

***Room 201***

The Monday Women's Bible Study will start meeting Sept 10 for 5 weeks. The study of Daniel will use the book and video series, Thriving in Babylon by Larry Osborne. Please sign up in the Commons and pick up a book. Cost is \$9 - please pay at the first class. For more information, contact Marlys Wilson (763-682-4543).

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

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

On Tuesday, September 11, our SALT members will be attending the Senior Adult Day at Lake Beauty Bible Camp. This is a special day just for seniors – delicious food, great music and worship, and fantastic fellowship with old friends. The bus will be leaving Buffalo Covenant at 8:00 a.m. that morning and returning around 4:30 that afternoon. There is still room on the bus; if you would like to come, please contact the church office or email Pastor Max (max@buffalocov.org).

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

***Tuesday, Sept 18 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room***

Char McDonnell and her sister, Karen Point, will be the special guests at the September 18 regular meeting of our SALT family. They will be sharing musical memories with us. We will be meeting in the Youth Room at 1:30 p.m. that Tuesday afternoon. Invite a friend to come and join us as we begin another year of sharing in the good things God has provided – including those delicious treats and wonderful moments of fellowship.



## 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.



## PRODIGAL MINISTRY

***Thursdays, starting Sept 13 | 6:30 p.m.***

We will once again offer a Prodigal Ministry for parents and grandparents of adult prodigal children. We will begin on Thursday, September 13th and meet two times each month in September, October and November. More information please contact Reid & Terri Gilbert at 763-647-0182 or [reid@buffalocov.org](mailto:reid@buffalocov.org)



## FALL ADULT WEEKDAY CLASSES

### *Mondays*

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE THESSALONIANS CORRESPONDENCE**

***Mondays, September 17 – November 19***

***7:00-8:45 pm | Room 201***

*Instructor: Dr. Oliver Blosser*

*Cost: Free-will offering*

The apostle Paul established many churches. However, only six would receive a New Testament letter. Along with Corinth, Thessalonica would be blessed with two inspired letters. In the first correspondence, Paul speaks about the reputation of the church, outlines a review of the history of the church, provides the doctrinal teaching on the removal of the church by means of the Rapture, and concludes with the responsibility of believers in the church as they wait for the LORD's coming. In the second correspondence, Paul encourages them to wait for the LORD and their future glorification. Being persecuted for their faith, he informs them that they are not enduring the wrath of the LORD; for the tribulation is yet future. He exhorts them to do the will of the LORD by living a consecrated life. These two letters contain the major teachings of the Christian faith. Join us for this ten week Bible study.

#### **BUILD WEALTH AND LEAVE A LEGACY**

***Mondays, September 17 – October 22***

***6:30-8:00 pm | Youth Room***

*Facilitated by: Taylor Pack*

Do you ever wonder if you will be able to help your family financially in a way that will impact generations to come? The Legacy Journey is a biblically based course that teaches you how to truly live and leave a long-lasting legacy. Taught by Dave Ramsey, this 6-session course will teach you a biblical framework for building wealth, securing your family's future, giving generously and leaving a legacy for generations to come. Registration is free for those who have a Dave Ramsey Membership within the last year, \$59 if you have an older membership and \$109 if you have never taken a Financial Peace University class. Please sign up in the Commons to reserve your spot.

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

***Mondays, September 24 & October 1***

***7:00-9:00 pm | Room 108***

*Instructor: Pastor Max Frazier*

Bibbi Netanyahu vs. Mahmoud Abbas, the IDS vs. Hezbollah and Hamas, the Golan Heights and the West Bank. These terms describe the modern day conflicts in Israel. How did we get to this place? What is the origin of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Its roots go back deeply into history, to the latter half of the 1800s. Join us for these two Monday evenings as we seek to better understand this strategic conflict, from both an historical and biblical perspective.

## *Tuesdays*

### **CHURCH HISTORY: PENTECOST TO THE REFORMATION**

***Tuesdays, September 11 – November 13***

***7:00-8:30 PM | Room 201***

*Instructor: Pastor Max Frazier*

The birth of the Church is recorded in the books of Acts and we learn a lot about the early Church, its struggles and how it grew. But then the biblical account ends and the Church continues. The history of the Church is amazing, filled with great triumphs and failures. Learn how the Church defined its core beliefs, faced various threats, spread to different parts of the world and split into different groups. It's an amazing story...come join us!

## *Wednesdays*

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

***Wednesdays, September 12 – November 14***

***6:00-7:30 AM | Room 200***

*Instructor: Pastor Max Frazier*

Does God have any criteria for those who desire to be leaders within the local church? What is that criteria? Does the New Testament offer any insight into God's expectations for those in leadership positions within the local church? The Pastoral Epistles, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, give us guidance into leadership roles within the local church. We will spend time exploring words that describe such roles. We will also conclude with the final 11 "laws of leadership" with John Maxwell. This Wednesday morning class is open to all men who would like to further develop their leadership abilities and gifts.

### **MALACHI TO MATTHEW: BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS**

***One Night Only – Wednesday, September 5***

***6:30-9:30 PM | Room 201***

*Instructor: Pastor Max Frazier*

Between the pages of the Old and New Testament there is a 400 year time frame the Bible does not address. And yet major historical events happened during these centuries and it is helpful to understand the world history of the time as we seek to understand biblical history and the work of God. Join us for this interesting, information-packed class!



## FALL ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

**9:30 a.m.**

### TALKING THROUGH THE PETER TEXTS

**Sundays, September 9 - November 11**

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

*Instructor: Dr. Oliver Blosser*

Peter was one of the original twelve apostles and is known as “the apostle of hope.” Shortly before his death, he wrote two epistles to Jewish believers suffering persecution for their faith. In his first epistle, Peter offers the details of God’s sovereignty: the Father elected us, the Spirit sanctified us and the Son redeemed us. Then he gives the duties of saved saints, speaks of the discipline of suffering and the delights in serving the LORD. In his second epistle, Peter stresses the importance of growing in grace and in the full knowledge of our LORD Jesus, the Messiah. Peter speaks of many glorious doctrinal facts presented in the Word of God such as the transfiguration of the Son of God, the inspiration of the Word of God and annihilation of the present world of God. What an exciting study this will be. Plan to join us!

### INTRODUCTION TO FAITH@HOME

**One Day Only - Sunday, September 9**

**9:30 a.m. | KidSpace**

*Instructor: Pastor Mary Blosser*

You have heard about Faith@Home at Buffalo Covenant Church, but what does it actually mean? Join Pastor Mary for an introduction to the principles of Faith@Home. Learn the Biblical basis and the practical application for living your faith every day in the environment of home and fa.m.ily.

### HOW TO BE A FAITH@HOME FAMILY

**Sundays, September 16-30**

**9:30 a.m. | KidSpace**

*Instructor: Pastor Mary Blosser*

Are you ready to build faith into the everyday life of your fa.m.ily? This three-week class will dig deeper into the importance of Faith@Home, how to partner with the church in the discipleship of your fa.m.ily and how to live the Christ life as a fa.m.ily in every environment of life. Join with other BCC fa.m.ilies to discuss how to take the next steps in the spiritual growth of your fa.m.ily.

### BUILDING PREVAILING MARRIAGES

**Sundays, September 16-October 14**

**9:30 a.m. | Room 106**

*Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen*

At every wedding the bride and groom make profound promises to love each other forever. And then the inevitable challenges of life and love arrive and it gets tough. The challenges are normal, and couples can learn and invest in their relationship so they can overcome the challenges when they arrive. Join the conversation as we study how to build a marriage that honestly deals with life’s challenges and prevail!

## **LEGACY GRANDPARENTING**

***Sundays, September 9-November 18***

***9:30 a.m. | Room 108***

*Facilitated by: Dwayne and Lois Kettenacker, Jeff and Tammy Oliver and Grant and Diane Bowman*

Grandparenting is a great privilege and a unique opportunity. Learn what the Bible teaches about grandparenting and insights on how to pass faith from generation to generation. Using insightful and practical DVD teaching segments and group discussion this class will challenge and encourage you to make a lasting difference in the lives of your grandchildren.

## **CURRENT EVENTS AND PROPHECY**

***Sundays, October 7 & December 2***

***9:30 a.m. | Gym***

*Instructor: Dennis Lingo*

In Mark 13:37 Jesus said, "What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" But what exactly are we to watch for? Jesus and the prophets told us of events that would be happening in the future as the 2nd Advent drew near. Is it possible that this generation is witnessing many of these events that were foretold? Let's discuss these things using our Bibles and today's headlines as we "encourage each other with these words."  
(1 Thessalonians 4:18)

## **THE EVANGELISM TOOLBOX**

***Sundays, October 28-November 18***

***9:30 a.m. | Room 106***

*Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen*

One of the incredible privileges God gives us is the opportunity to introduce people to Jesus. It is one of the best gifts we can give anyone and yet we often pause before talking about Jesus because we are not sure what to do and are afraid to "fail". Join us as we study God's heart for all people and how we can personally and effectively be a witness for Jesus, so others will know the hope and joy we already have found through a faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

## **GOD'S VISION FOR HIS CHURCH**

***Sundays, December 2-December 16***

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

*Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen*

The Bible speaks of the Church as the "bride of Christ" and He loves it dearly. We are the Church and it is important to know what the Bible teaches about the Church and its purpose. The world desperately needs the Church to be healthy and strong because its impact is meant to be world-changing. Join us as we study and discuss this important part of our faith life.



## FALL ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

*11:00 a.m.*

### TALKING THROUGH THE PETER TEXTS

*Sundays, September 9 – November 11*

*11:00 a.m. | Room 202*

*Instructor: Dr. Oliver Blosser*

Peter was one of the original twelve apostles and is known as “the apostle of hope.” Shortly before his death, he wrote two epistles to Jewish believers suffering persecution for their faith. In his first epistle, Peter offers the details of God’s sovereignty: the Father elected us, the Spirit sanctified us and the Son redeemed us. Then he gives the duties of saved saints, speaks of the discipline of suffering and the delights in serving the LORD. In his second epistle, Peter stresses the importance of growing in grace and in the full knowledge of our LORD Jesus, the Messiah. Peter speaks of many glorious doctrinal facts presented in the Word of God such as the transfiguration of the Son of God, the inspiration of the Word of God and annihilation of the present world of God. What an exciting study this will be. Plan to join us!

### INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

*Sundays, September 16-October 7*

*11:00 a.m. | Youth Room*

*Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen*

The Bible is a huge book and at times can be intimidating and confusing. And yet, there is a clear storyline in the Bible and fundamental truths we can learn to guide us in our life of faith.

We will study the big story of the Bible, highlight key people used by God in the Bible’s story and identify core doctrines to Christianity that provide direction for our lives. If you have never had the chance to attend a class with this focus this class is for you!

### PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND MARRIAGE

*Sundays, October 21-December 16*

*11:00 a.m. | Youth Room*

*Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen*

Many parents find it difficult to talk with their children about dating and marriage, especially in age-appropriate ways. And yet, these conversations are necessary and often need to occur before we feel like we are ready! This class will help you prepare so you are ready. We will look at biblical truth and guidelines for relationships and marriage and talk about practical ways to make these important conversations helpful and memorable!

## Special One-Week Classes

### HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN THRIVE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Sunday, October 14**

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

*Facilitated by: Sue Lee*

Parents want the best for their children and education is an important facet of the lives of our children and youth. Parents want to effectively help their children thrive in school but at times they wonder how to do that. How can I best relate with my child's teacher? How can I best help with homework, activities, etc? The questions are many! Sue Lee has spent decades as a teacher and school board member in the Buffalo public schools, and she will facilitate a conversation to help parents feel confident in their role.

### HOW TO BEST SUPPORT YOUR TEEN IN CHALLENGING TIMES

**Sunday, November 11**

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

*Facilitated by: Nathan Schrick*

Today may be one of the most challenging times ever to be a teen in American culture. Technology, social media, messaging from so many perspectives, bullying, peer pressure, movies, music and other influences challenge every young person. As a parent, how can we understand and then best help our young people navigate the challenges and thrive? Nathan Schrick is a school counselor who works with these issues and challenges every day. Join Nathan as he shares his insight and leads a conversation on how we can effectively support our youth.



• *save the date* •

# MISSIONS CONFERENCE

*October 27 & 28, 2018*

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**BCC KIDS**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS**

***Sunday, September 9***

This fall, we continue our journey through the Bible with Pastor Max. He will continue to preach on the key, important stories of the Bible - in chronological order! And we will continue to match the Sunday School lessons to the sermon each week. Every age will have the opportunity to study that lesson together. So, beginning on September 9th - we are in the New Testament, so we will have Christmas in September! All children, pre-school through grade 5, will check in for Sunday School at the Children's check-in counter. Sunday School classes are offered for all ages at 9:30 and 11:00. The lessons for children are the same in both hours.



## **BRIDGE WORSHIP**

***Sundays, starting Sept 9 | 10:30-10:50 a.m.  
KidSpace***

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.



### **THIRD GRADE MILESTONE**

**Sunday, Sept 16 | 11:00 a.m. | KidSpace**

Buffalo Covenant Church gives a Bible to children entering the third grade each year, recognizing their ability to read and comprehend the Bible by this age. The Milestone Event is a fun seminar where children and their parents will learn about how we got the Bible, why it is important to read and study God's Word, and how to use the Bible effectively. ALL Third Grade Children from both Sunday School hours will receive their Bibles in a special presentation at the 11:00 worship service. All of the third grade children from both Sunday School hours and their parents will meet in the KidSpace at 10:45. The Bibles will be presented at the very beginning of the 11:00 service, so please be on time. Then, all of the 3rd grade children and their parents will come back to KidSpace for the Milestone Event. This will replace Sunday School for the third grade 11:00 class. Reservations are requested, but not required.



### **AWANA KICK OFF & REGISTRATION THE INCREDIBLE FAMILY COMPETITION!**

**Wednesday, Sept 5 | 6:00 p.m.**

Is YOUR family INCREDIBLE? Prove it! Work together to create a culinary masterpiece and then excel with fun games and contests that measure everything from agility to your shoe size! We are doing a potluck supper. We will provide hot dogs and a beverage. YOU will bring a dish to share, AND it will be scored: Good, Great or INCREDIBLE.

Family name A-H, bring a main dish

Family name I-O, bring a salad or side dish

Family name P-Z, bring a dessert

### **AWANA PARENTS ORIENTATION**

**Wednesday, Sept 9 | 11:00 a.m. | KidSpace**

All parents of Awana kids are asked to attend an orientation meeting. Even if your child has been in Awana for several years, we are asking that you join us for this informational meeting. We want to partner with families in the discipleship of children, and we need to be sure all of our parents understand the Awana program.

**This year...something NEW! It is very important for our families to attend the orientation this year.**

### **AWANA FIRST REGULAR CLUB NIGHT**

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



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

Sept. 2 & 9

Blessing our kids 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 kids 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+YOUTH



## 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 202
- 8th Grade Confirmation: Room 201  
(parent meeting at the top of the hour)
- 9-12th Grade: Room 200

## TRACK CLASS KICK OFF

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

\$20 payment is due at the first class.

- 201 meets in room 108
- 301 meets in Commons
- 401 meets in Room 201
- 501 meets in KidSpace

## 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 homework 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.



## **NEW ADULT MINISTRIES PASTOR FOUND WORKING NEXT DOOR!**

When Steve Wintermantel and his family made the decision to become full-time missionaries in South Sudan, we were excited to encourage and support their new focus of ministry. They are just beginning that new work and our prayers and support continue!

Steve's departure left a void on our pastoral staff, and as you know, a search team was created composed of members of the pastoral staff, Elders and the congregation. We contracted with a search firm SIMA Partners, to begin a search for potential candidates for the position of Adult Ministries Pastor. Over 160 contacts were made, and interviews with a few were conducted. One candidate was seriously considered and yet the fit was just not right. At this time, multiple pastors approached Pastor Geoff, asking if he would be interested in changing the focus of his ministry at BCC and consider becoming the Adult Ministries Pastor. Geoff had thought some about making this change, and has been serving as the interim Adult Ministries Pastor. He agreed to seriously consider the idea, and met with the search team, pastoral

staff and the Elders. Those multiple conversations affirmed the idea for everyone, and so, Pastor Geoff will be presented to the congregation at the September 30th Congregational Meeting for a vote of affirmation that he become the new Adult Ministries Pastor at BCC.

About this new opportunity Geoff says, "I have a passion for equipping and encouraging people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, and much experience in this area of ministry. I also want to help strengthen the ways in which we weave Faith@Home into our adult ministries. I trust that God will work through what I do for His glory so that individuals and families grow in their love for God and for others."

The big question created by this change is, "So who is going to do what Pastor Geoff was doing as the Executive Pastor?" The plan is that Pastor Max will assume oversight for the pastoral staff and for more leadership of our ministry. In addition, a new Executive Director of Operations position has been created to provide leadership for non-pastoral ministry staff and business operations. A search for a person to fill that important position is in process.



*When my journey began, it began on a plane.  
I was three years old and I felt insane.  
My heart was filled with black and it was difficult on my part,  
But to this day I still don't know - when did it start?  
Did it begin in the orphanage or did it begin in the street?  
Could it have started when people began to care about me?  
I felt mad, sad and scared for having room to be happy.  
I couldn't have dared.  
Because as soon as I let the happy in my black heart would win  
and it would happen all over again.*

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Adoption and foster care can be a wonderful and challenging journey for everyone involved - biological parents, adoptive/foster parents, adoptive/foster siblings - especially for the adopted/foster child themselves. CHOSEN - which stands for Community Helping Orphans and Supporting Each others Needs is Buffalo Covenant's ministry response to the opportunities that arise in and through adoption.

Watch for and pray about ways you can be involved in that ministry. Our group will have a table during the Missions Conference in October and will be joining efforts with a state-wide organization called Reel Hope. For more information on Reel Hope, visit their website at [thereelhopeproject.org](http://thereelhopeproject.org). If you are interested in connecting with those on the adoption journey or want to know more about CHOSEN, please contact [arlisswallenta@gmail.com](mailto:arlisswallenta@gmail.com)



## 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!

## THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone that came to help us celebrate Arlie's 80th Birthday. And a special thank you to Nancy, Joe, Jacob and Jon Lies and to Cheryl Manz for preparing and serving the meal. Thank you also to Mark Pederson for taking pictures, to the Victory Band for playing and to Darwin and Dave for their help. It was a fun day and lots of food!"

- Arlie and Joan Manz



Sunday, September 16 • 12:15 PM • Church Patio

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**FOOD ★ FELLOWSHIP ★ FUN**

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Pork chops • Hot dogs • Baked beans • Pop (for purchase)  
Bring a dish to share (5+) Last names A-O: dessert, P-Z: side dish  
- *Free will offering* -