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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS AT BUFFALO COVENANT

**Christmas?
Really?
YES! Christmas.**



And, the new CHILDREN'S CHOIR at BCC.

The Children's Christmas Program at BCC is scheduled for December 9. This year, any elementary kids (grades K-5) who want to participate will be part of our new Children's Choir! {Pre-school kids will all be involved in the Program if they want to participate.}

Note: The Children's Choir practice time will REPLACE Bridge Worship.

So, children need to sign up for the choir if they want to be in the Christmas Program. Their practices will begin on Sunday, Oct. 7, from 10:30 to 10:55. Any children who sign up for the Children's Choir and Christmas Program, will need to plan to be in KidSpace during that time every week. Of course, we know there are weeks when your family will have other commitments, but I want to stress the importance of these practices. We have only 9, 25 minute practices before the program, so every week is important!

Children's Choir members who have signed up and attend 9:30 Sunday School will be taken directly to KidSpace at 10:30, and you can pick them up at the counter at 10:55. Choir members who have signed up and attend 11:00 Sunday School will need to check in at the counter prior to 10:30, and they will be directed to their classroom after their practice. You will pick up your child as usual at the counter after the 11:00 Sunday School time.

If your child wants to be part of the Children's Choir and be in the Christmas Program, please e-mail to mary@buffalocov.org, and include the following information: Your Child's Name, grade in school and age.

Kids Calendar



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

- Oct. 17 No Awana Club - MEA weekend
- Oct. 21 First Grade Milestone 11:00 in KidSpace
- Oct. 27-28 Missions Conference Special activities planned for kids!
- Oct. 31 Harvest Party

Looking Ahead



- Nov. 4 Child Dedications
- Nov. 7 Sections Sectionals for T&T kids at Awana
- Nov. 11 Milestone for 3 and 4 year old children
- Nov. 14 Sections Sectionals for T&T kids at Awana
- Nov. 21 No Awana Club - Thanksgiving
- Dec. 8 Christmas Program Practice
- Dec. 9 Christmas Program
- Dec. 15-16 Living Nativity at BCC
- Dec. 19 No Awana Club
- Dec. 26 No Awana Club

What's Happening at AWANA?

Awana regular weekly schedule:

5:45 - Check in at children's check in area
6:00 - Club starts
7:20 - Cubbies Pick Up
7:20 - Family Worship Time for Everyone!

Awana in October

Oct 3, 10, 24: Regular Club Nights
Oct. 17 - No Club - MEA week
Oct. 31 - No Club - Harvest Party

The 2018/19 Awana Family Challenge

BUFFALO COVENANT CHURCH MISSION & PURPOSE

Our mission is to glorify God by being disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ. These disciples...
Know the Word through worship & study. Live the Word at home & in the community. Share the Word through service & mission.

At Awana, we want kids to Know, Live and Share God's Word!

Kids Know the Word - through the work they do in the Handbooks and the lessons they hear at church and at home. Kids LIVE the Word - when parents and leaders help kids apply what they have learned to life. **This year - we want to emphasize: Share the Word through service and mission.** This world is a challenging place, and we are constantly surrounded by people who need the Lord Jesus in their lives. Our children know and love people who do not know and love the Lord. God wants to use your children to reach the lost for Christ. The kids' AWANA handbooks have a "Bring a Friend" section. Our challenge this year is for each child to reach out to someone with the Good News of Jesus - through Awana!

Awana Family Challenge Steps

- 1.** Talk to your child about friends, and which ones are not involved in church or in a good faith life. This might be friends at school, on the soccer team, or in the neighborhood.
- 2.** Pray with your child, asking God to show your child which friend could be reached for Jesus this year. Ask your child to watch for opportunities and conversation that might indicate that the Lord is leading your child to reach out to a particular friend.
- 3.** Help your child practice ways to invite the friend to Awana. Don't do this: "Hey wanna come to this Awana's club thing at my church? No? Ok." Try something like this: "I go to a really fun club on Wednesday nights. We play games, have stories and prizes and I have a terrific grown-up leader who really likes to be with kids. I have lots of friends there, and every one is really friendly. It's at my church, so it's a good, safe place. I was thinking you might like it too, so I wondered if you would like to come with me sometime and try it out."
- 4.** Help your child find out a little more about who the child is, where the child lives, and who the parents are.
- 5.** When your child is ready, extend the invitation. You may even want to help your child prepare a printed invitation with information about Awana. Be sure to pray with your child about this! Be sure your child is prepared to get needed contact information - phone number, etc. - if you don't already have it.
- 6.** Now, you contact the parents, tell them a little about Awana, and get permission to bring the child to club. Include information like this: "Awana is a fun club program at our church. We have about 230 kids involved, and lots kids who are not from our church so your daughter will be very welcome. We would love to pick up your daughter if that would help. There is a registration cost, but our family will take care of that for you!"
- 7.** You pick up the child, you fill out registration information, you pay the fee, you welcome the child, you introduce the child to the leaders, you take the child home. You make the child feel welcome and included with your family.
- 8.** After club, contact the guest's parents and ask how it went. Ask if they have questions or if there is anything they didn't understand. Offer to continue to transport their child.
- 9.** Keep in touch with the family. Remind them of any information from Awana that they might need to know. And if it is appropriate, reach out and offer to pray for them.
- 10.** The next family night that comes up - Movie Night, Talent Night, etc., invite the parents to join you. As a matter of fact, invite them to come to Family Worship Time and sit with you. Be ready to answer questions AND PRAY! PRAY for the child and the child's family. Lead your child to continue to pray for the friend and the friend's family. Ask the Lord Jesus to help your family reach out to others and Share the Word!

What's Happening at SUNDAY SCHOOL?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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. We are now the New Testament and learning the Christmas story!

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BCC families are encouraged to DO2 - that is, plan to have the entire family study in one hour and worship in another hour! This fall, there are some great options for parents!

Adult Sunday School Classes

There are a variety of adult classes offered this fall! Check out these family-focused adult Sunday School options!

Building Prevailing Marriages

Sept. 16- Oct. 14, 9:30, taught by Pastor Geoff, Room 106

How To Help Your Child Thrive in Public School

Oct. 14, 9:30 & 11:00, taught by Sue Lee, in the Gym

Preparing Your Child For Healthy Relationships and Marriage

Oct. 21 - Dec. 16, 9:30 & 11:00, taught by Pastor Geoff, in the Youth Room

A variety of other options are also available. So, worship together in one hour, and then - DO2, and have the entire family attend Sunday School in another hour!

Milestones

Partnering with parents to celebrate your child's first steps of faith

Children must be accompanied by at least one parent. These events are opportunities for parents and children to connect and dialogue about important events in their spiritual growth. Children who are older than the recommended age are welcome to attend an event if they were unable to attend when it was offered for their own age group.

First Grade Milestone The Gospel

Sunday, October 21

11:00 in KidSpace

For all First Graders & 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.

For more information, contact Pastor Mary Blosser
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MONTHLY

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDES

Family Worship Guides are available every month that will give you fantastic ideas for a weekly family worship time that focuses on God's Word. Copies of the current Family Worship Guides are available in the Commons.



Wed., Oct. 31
6:00-7:45 p.m.

At Buffalo
Covenant Church

FAMILY HARVEST PARTY

Food,
Games,
Crafts,
Fun, &
Family
Escape
Rooms!

Don't miss the fun (and the treats) at the Harvest Party at BCC!

Fun for the whole family.

Watch for more details coming soon.

The Harvest Party will replace Awana.

No costumes needed - just come and have fun!

Families must attend together - children must be accompanied by a parent.

This year, the treats are at BCC!

CHILD DEDICATIONS

Direct your children onto the right path, and
when they are older, they will not leave it. Prov. 22:6

The next Child Dedication is
Sunday, November 4th.
To have your family included
in the Child Dedication,
please contact the
church office.

Children's Ministry

We're
Searching for
Volunteers

Buffalo Covenant
Church Children's
Ministry needs

140

VOLUNTEERS

every week!

*Will you join
the team?*

- ✓ Pre-school counter workers
- ✓ Pre-school help on Sunday morning
- ✓ Sunday School teachers and helpers
- ✓ Awana leaders and helpers

**Contact pastor Mary to join the team and make a
difference in the spiritual lives of the boys and
girls at Buffalo Covenant Church**

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One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4