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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

May 5 – Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation students have finished class work from Class 101–Old Testament Survey and Class 201–New Testament Survey & Doctrinal Studies. Confirmation is not just a course of study our students have completed. It is also one more step in the lifelong process of strengthening their faith so that they may increasingly live as effective disciples of Jesus Christ. Confirmation Sunday also serves as an encouragement to our church family to continue their own faith journey.

May 12 – Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Arrives – “Jesus, the Commissioner” | *Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus gave His disciples three commands that, when enacted upon consistently and faithfully, would enable them to minister effectively. The first command was “to love one another” (John 13:34-35). This would be a selfless and sacrificial love, a love shown through Jesus Himself. It would be a difficult command to follow, yet Jesus would provide an avenue in which the disciples could be trained to show that love. The second command was “to be unified” (John 17:20-23). Again, this would be a difficult one to follow. It would cause them to focus upon what their one main purpose would be. Jesus did not call them to unanimity, but to unity. The final command was “to go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:16-20). Just as they had followed Jesus, so now they were called to train others to follow Him as well.

May 19 – Senior Sunday

Our 2019 Graduating Seniors will be sharing their gifts in leading us in worship that morning. All three worship services will be the same.



May 26 – Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Arrives – “Jesus, the Ascended One” | Acts 1:1-11

This will be the final message in our study of the life of Jesus. There upon the Mount of Olives Jesus gave one final promise to His disciples – that of the empowerment through the Holy Spirit. They would be able to accomplish nothing without this power. He also gave them one final challenge – they would begin their ministry in Jerusalem, a city that had been hostile to Jesus. And, through two angelic witnesses, they were given a powerful hope to anticipate – Jesus would return again. What an amazing climax in our study of the life of Jesus.

LAND PURCHASE UPDATE

At the last annual meeting in February, the congregation overwhelmingly supported BCC’s pursuit of the 3.35 acre parcel of land adjacent to our north parking lot. This decision was in response to a report provided by the Land Use Task Force who outlined a future vision that showed the importance of utilizing that parcel for any future growth. Since that time, we have been in contact with the seller (National Covenant Properties), and as of mid-April, we have entered into a purchase agreement contingent upon the City of Buffalo allowing the parcel to be rezoned to allow for future development. We are presenting our application for rezoning at the May 13th Planning and Zoning meeting and await the City Council’s decision the following week on May 20th.

We are encouraged by the conversations that we have had with the City’s leadership and trust that God will continue to provide for BCC. We have seen God’s presence throughout this entire journey and have been overwhelmed by His amazing provision. As our leadership was learning about the importance of the 3.35 acre parcel, the Holy Spirit was at work in the hearts and minds of a donor who felt moved to provide for the entire purchase price of available land. We ask that you continue to pray for these proceedings and we look forward to celebrating the closing of this parcel after the rezoning is completed in May.



NAVIGATING THE WORLD OF LGBTQ WITH ROB RIENOW

Sunday, May 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Worship Center

We are called to lives full of grace and truth and to exhibit those characteristics of Jesus Christ to all those that we interact with. Rob Rienow has become a trusted speaker and influential leader in family ministry, and he will help our church family unpack biblical teaching and discuss our response to those who identify as LGBTQ.



ROB RIENOW FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION

Sunday, May 19 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

BCC will be hosting a panel discussion as a follow-up from the presentation with Rob Rienow two weeks earlier on May 5th. Please bring your unanswered questions and additional thoughts and ideas to this time of conversation and teaching. We will continue our discussion on pursuing lives full of Grace and Truth, especially as we interact with those who identify as LGBTQ. The panel discussion will take place at both the 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School hours.



BCC SPRING CLEAN UP-DAY

Saturday, May 18 | 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Please consider joining your BCC family at the Annual Spring clean-up day on May 18th from 8:00 a.m.–12.00 p.m. There will be work available for all ages and all ability levels. This is a great morning of fellowship as we care for the property that God has blessed us with. We encourage you to bring shovels, rakes, leaf blowers, wheelbarrows, chainsaws, trailers, etc. If you have questions, please contact Darwin Doose (darwin@buffalocov.org) or the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Sunday, June 9 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us for our Congregational Meeting in June. Some of the agenda items will be to welcome new members, hold elections and hear a land purchase update.



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

Attendees 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.

PROPEL WOMEN

Thursday, May 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Youth Room

HOPEKEEPERS LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, May 28 | Room 200 | 6:30 p.m.

GRIEFSHARE

Tuesdays, through May 14 | 6-8:00 p.m.

N.O.W. (NURTURING OUR WIDOWS)

Tuesday, May 28 | Youth Room | 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S MISSION CONNECTION

Thursday, May 30 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We meet the last Thursday of the month starting May 30, running through September. If you have any questions, contact Marlys Wilson at 763.447.8095.

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

Tuesday, May 21 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

We have two very special guests this month: Sgt. Brian Johnson, with the Wright County Sheriff's Office, and Jim Baer, a member here at BCC. They will be sharing information with us on how we can better protect ourselves from consumer fraud ranging from telephone solicitations to email scams. A person certainly needs to be aware of how to respond to these unwarranted solicitations. Invite your friends to come so that they can learn tips that may prevent them from losing precious dollars to a person committing fraud. May is also our 'salad luncheon' and there will be a wide variety of delicious salads to sample.

PEPPER

Friday, May 17 | 6:00 p.m. | Church Patio

PEPPER or "People Excited To Party & Plan Events Regularly" is a new social group for people in their 50's, 60's & 70's. (And anyone else who wants to hang out with us!) Our next activity is a potluck picnic on the church patio followed by lawn games. Feel free to bring a croquet set, lawn darts etc. Or just sit and connect with friends, new and old. *(In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Youth Room.)* PLEASE RSVP and send any questions or comments to Sandy Thomas: jonsandythomas@gmail.com.

SPRING ADULT WEEKDAY CLASSES

LIVING SACRED LIVES IN A SECULAR WORLD

Mondays, through May 6 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Room 201

Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

SPRING ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

9:30 a.m.

LIVE A LIFE OF FAITH-DRIVEN WORK

Sundays, April 14 - May 12 | 9:30 a.m.

Room 201

Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

Not meeting on May 5.

11:00 a.m.

THE MISSION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sundays, through May 5

11:00 a.m. | Gym

DVD series featuring Dr. Christopher J.H. Wright

Facilitated by Pastor Reid Gilbert

GOD'S VISION FOR HIS CHURCH

Sundays, April 14 - May 12

11:00 a.m. | Youth Room

Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

Not meeting on May 5.

*To learn more about these classes,
please visit buffalocov.org/adults*

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 5

ROB RIENOW EVENT

MAY 15

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER
FOR ISRAEL 2020 YOUTH TEAM

MAY 18

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

MAY 19

ROB RIENOW FOLLOW-UP
& PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR
ISRAEL 2020 YOUTH TEAM

JUNE 9

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AND ELECTION

JUNE 16

WORSHIP IN THE PARK



BCC KIDS

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 19

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

JUNE 10-14

VBS

JUNE 27-28

AWANA BOOK COMPLETERS CAMP OUT

JULY 21

SEEDS WORSHIP BAND

JULY 29–AUG 4

MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP

VBS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We want YOU to be part of the MOST FUN time in the Children's Ministry year! Parents of Preschoolers, we especially need you! Come help us lead kids on various stops around the globe as they learn about and strengthen their relationships with the Lord. Contact Janine Kruger to sign up!
janine-kruger@hotmail.com



VBS 2019–THE AMAZING RACE!

June 10-14 | 9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. | KidSpace

On your mark, get set, GO! "The Incredible Race" Vacation Bible School preparation is in full swing. The Incredible Race VBS is not just any race, it's filled with fun clues, interesting challenges, and a global scavenger hunt like you've never seen! VBS is for kids 4 years old through 4th grade completed. Kids must be 4 years old by June 21.

VBS REGISTRATION

Forms and registration information are available in the Commons. Registrations will be available and accepted starting May 5 at the Commons Counter or the Children's Check-in area. Suggested donation is \$18.00/child or \$40.00/family. Registration deadline is June 2. Registrations turned in after June 2 will be charged a \$5.00 late fee.

NEW THIS YEAR: Registration can also be done online with payment through PayPal. If you register online, please still pick up a Registration Packet for each child registered in the Church Commons.
myvbs.org/buffalocovenantchurch



MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP 2019

July 29–August 4

Music and Drama Camp is an opportunity for the children of BCC to work together on an exciting project and to explore how God may use them in worship ministry. For kids who have completed 1st through 5th grades. For more information, see the Kid Konnection newsletter or visit buffalocov.org/children/special-events

MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP REGISTRATION

Registrations will be accepted beginning May 1. Suggested registration donation: \$30.00/child or \$65.00/family. Registration forms are available at the Commons Counter and the Kids Check-in Counter.



SEEDS FAMILY WORSHIP

TRUST JESUS TOUR

Sunday, July 21

Coming live to BCC in July! Mark your calendars and watch for more details and information to come!

AWANA T&T BOOK COMPLETERS CAMP OUT AT THE LINGO RANCH!

Thursday-Friday, June 27-28

The kids will swim, play, do ranger rides, meet the horses and other animals, eat, and hopefully sleep! We will have some great times of fellowship around the camp fire and devotions around God's Word. Cost is \$10.00 per person to help cover the cost of food and supplies. Forms will be given to eligible kids at Awards Night!



BCC+YOUTH

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 5
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 12
TRACK CLASS RECOGNITION &
FINAL WEEK FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

MAY 19
SENIOR SUNDAY & ROB RIENOW
FOLLOW-UP EVENT

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

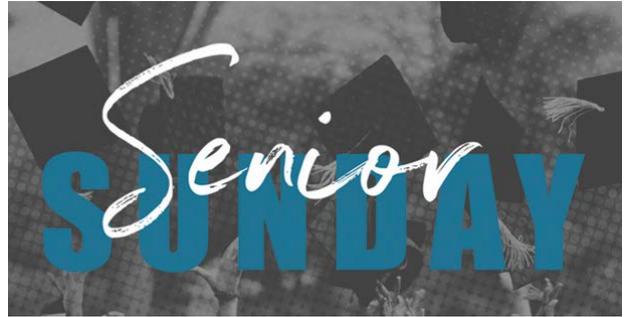
Sunday, May 5 | All Services

For students who have completed the Confirmation course of study. Please plan to attend all 3 services.

TRACK CLASS STUDENT RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 12 | All Services

For all students that have completed classes 301, 401, and 501 this year. Please plan to attend all 3 services. Information will be provided by your class teacher.



SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19 | All Services

Seniors, please plan to attend all 3 services. Please let Pastor Val know if you are a senior and you did not receive a letter with Senior Sunday information. val@buffalocov.org

GRADUATING SENIORS

If you would like to be included in the Senior Sunday bulletin on May 19, please email the following information by **MAY 8** to MJ Phelps at mj@buffalocov.org. You may also bring in an Open House Invite to the office if you wish to have one displayed in the Commons.

- Name and Parent Names
- Names of people who have been a spiritual influence in your life
- Plans for future/college
- Date of your open house
- Senior picture



LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP

DATES & REGISTRATION 2019

That time of year for thinking about summer camps at Lake Beauty Bible Camp (LBBC) has begun! Register online at lbbc.com. LBBC Camp brochures are available in the Commons.

- **FRONTIER KIDS: June 29-July 1**
(For campers who have completed 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade)
- **TRAILBLAZER: July 14-18**
(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 28-August 2**
(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 14th.*





In the Community



Our local Buffalo MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is hosting their annual garage sale and will be accepting donations. Please bring in any used or new items that you would like to donate from our “Items We Love” list below. Then come and shop to support this local group of moms!

DONATE:

Monday, May 13 | 6:00– 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 | 9:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Items We Love:

Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Personal Accessories, Media, Housewares, Books

Items We Can't Accept:

Weapons & Explosives, Hazardous Waste, Construction Materials, Flammable Products, Large Appliances, Automobile Parts, Food, Mattresses and Box Springs, Sofas

SHOP:

**Wednesday, May 15 & Thursday, May 16
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

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THANK YOU MEALS-ON-WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all our volunteers who served the community through Meals-On-Wheels in April!