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UPCOMING MESSAGES

AUGUST 4—Music and Drama Camp Sunday

AUGUST 11—Communion Sunday

Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed

“Saul’s Conversion”—Acts 9:1-31

This is the first of two events within the history of the Early Church that would change, not only the direction of the Church, but also of the world. It is the story of how God stepped in and changed a man totally and completely. We know this story as “Saul on the Road to Damascus.” But, this is not only a story of God meeting Saul, but of how God challenged another man, named Ananias, to take a step of faith in obedience as well. Both men were challenged to get out of their comfort zones. It is a challenge we need as well.

AUGUST 18

Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed

“Peter & Cornelius—The Gospel Goes to the Gentiles”—Acts 10:1-11:18

This is the second of the two events within the history of the Early Church that changed the direction of the Church and also of the world. The story begins with a Roman Centurion by the name of Cornelius who had a passion to know God. Cornelius was one of those men whom everyone wanted to champion their cause. He had a heart to serve. God stepped into Cornelius’ life through a most unlikely individual—a man named Peter. Would this devoted Jewish follower of Jesus Christ dare to enter into the world of a Gentile? Well, it took some persuasion on God’s part, but Peter does go to Caesarea and does proclaim the Gospel. And the results of his ministry were alarming and confirming. A new door was opened for the Gospel to go “to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional
8:00 a.m.

Contemporary
9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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AUGUST 25**Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed*****“A Powerful Prayer Meeting”–Acts 12:1-25***

God has never promised that the journey of the Church through its life would be an easy one, but He has promised that it would never be overcome by the forces arrayed against it. We see such evidence of that promise within this story. One of the Twelve is martyred; another is arrested and ready to stand trial with the intent that he, too, should suffer a martyr's death. But the Church gathered for prayer even if it was without a strong faith foundation. Yet God answered that faltering, faith-anemic prayer with His power and for His glory. Oh there is a lot we can learn as we peer into this first-century prayer meeting. We need to have our faith strengthened as it is tested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**PERSPECTIVES CLASS*****Starting August 29***

We are excited to bring this life changing class on God's Global Purpose to the Buffalo community! If you aren't ready to commit, but are curious to see what it is all about, please join us for the first two classes (August 29 & Sept 5) at no cost! For questions or more information, contact Reid at 763.647.0182 or Reid@buffalocov.org. Or visit perspectives.org.

**I.C.E.D. T.E.A.*****August 23 | 6:00 p.m. | BCC***

Come join our group ICED TEA (Introducing, Connecting, Engaging, Deepening, Together, Encourage All) for a fun evening of Kickball, Root Beer Floats and of course, Iced Tea as you make connections with some new faces. Hope to see you there!



BELIEVER BAPTISM

**Sunday, August 11 | 2:00 p.m. | Lake Pulaski
Jan Olson's Home | 1802 Hillside Lane**

You are invited to bear witness and support those who will be baptized at our Believer Baptism at Lake Pulaski. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on.

MINISTRY FAIR

August 18 & 25 | 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Commons

It takes many volunteers working together to create an environment where people can connect with others and experience the love of the Lord in real ways. Getting involved not only creates that environment, but it also provides a space to connect with other people and grow personally, relationally and spiritually. Come join us in the Commons to check out the different ministries Buffalo Covenant Church offers and the current opportunities available for serving in those ministries!

SOUP & PRAYER

August 25 | 12:15 p.m. | Room 201

Please join us for a light lunch of bread and soup. After the meal we will have a time of prayer for our church family, the upcoming fall ministries and a time of praise and thanksgiving.



RESCUE TOUR CONCERT

August 4 | 6:00 pm | Worship Center

Join us for Praise and Worship for the whole family with Dave Anderson and Roger Walck. Dave and Roger's music is a blend of contemporary, gospel, hymns, and lots of old-time Sunday School songs.

HARVEST OF HOPE GALA

September 28

5:30 p.m.–Social Hour, Games, Silent Auction

**6:30–9:30 p.m.–Dinner, Live Auction, Speaker
Marriott Northwest | Brooklyn Park, MN**

Celebrate life at the 7th Annual Harvest of Hope Gala. This event benefits Options for Women/Cornerstone, a pro-life pregnancy medical center located in St. Michael. Our keynote speaker this year is Ashley Bratcher, who starred as Abby Johnson in the recent film Unplanned. (The true story of Johnson's inspiring transformation from Planned Parenthood clinic director to pro-life activist.) Our emcee is Matt Birk, former Minnesota Viking. A very limited number of VIP Meet & Greet tickets are available to meet Ashley and Matt. For more information or to buy tickets, please visit Options for Women at cornerstoneoptions.org or call 612.584.9449. To become a sponsor, call Chad at 612.250.1544.



SUMMER SUNDAY CLASSES

9:15 & 10:30 a.m.

JONAH, THE PROPHET ON THE RUN

Sundays, July 21-August 18

Room 201

Instructor: Dr. Oliver Blosser

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

FALL MINISTRY KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

A new ministry year is starting on September 8 for Adult Classes, Children's Sunday School Classes and Youth Classes. Watch for further details and times as we approach September.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

ADULT WEEKDAY CLASSES

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

TRACK CLASSES

YOUTH GATHERINGS

There are many opportunities to connect with others, to grow spiritually and to be supported through participating in Classes, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, Support Groups or Social Gatherings.

GROUPS

N.O.W. (NURTURING OUR WIDOWS)

Tuesday, August 27 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

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.

P.E.P.P.E.R.

August 17 | 7:00 p.m.

Hermerding's (1309 Viking Drive)

Peppers = Ages 55-75, or anyone else who'd like to hang out with us! For our August Fun Night, we will be serving ice cream and making s'mores, so bring a lawn chair and relax with your friends! A donation basket will be available so we can keep offering these get-togethers. Please RSVP to Sandy Thomas: jonandsandythomas@gmail.com You are welcome even if you forget to RSVP, but then we'll make you scoop your own ice cream...See you there!

GRIEFSHARE

**Tuesdays | 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Room 202
September 10–December 3**

Join us to find healing, encouragement and support in a confidential setting where you can interact with others who are on the same journey. For more information contact the church office at 763-682-1470 or visit griefshare.org.

MEN'S FALL BREAKFAST

September 14 | 7:30 a.m. | Gym

Enjoy a great breakfast, see old friends, make new friends and be encouraged and challenged by a talk by Pastor Geoff Bohleen titled, "Be the Example." Invite a friend, bring your son or just come to be encouraged! To make sure we have plenty of food, please sign-up in the Commons.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

**Mondays, Sept 9–Dec 2
1:00–2:30 p.m. | Room 201**

"The Book of Hebrews"

Leader: Marlys Wilson

The book of Hebrews is a fascinating study and there is so much to learn and discuss! We will use a video series by Chad Ragsdale and the book "Be Confident", by Pastor Warren Wiersbe. Books will be available for \$10. Please register in the Commons.

GRACE/TRUTH 1.0

Sept 8–Nov 17 | Room 106

Grace/Truth 1.0 is a book written by Dr. Preston Sprinkle that addresses 5 important conversations related to human sexuality, the biblical teaching about sexuality, relationships and marriage, and how to interact with one another about these issues in a manner that is full of both grace and truth. Through Bible study, reading *Grace/Truth 1.0*, video clips that provide helpful perspective and class discussion, this class will help each person carefully think through how best to live with a strong love for others and a faithfulness to the Bible's teaching. Please register in the Commons for the class. Books will be available for \$10.

BLENDED AND BLESSED

Sept 8–Oct 27 | Room 200

Leaders: John and Annie Grafstrom

"Blending" two families into one new family is incredibly challenging, whatever the particular circumstances. It can also be incredibly rewarding! "Blended and Blessed" is a new ministry at BCC created to provide a place for couples navigating the challenges of creating blended families with encouragement, friendship, prayers and insight. We will meet to encourage each other and to learn. A variety of very helpful step-family resources will be utilized. Come join us for our first meeting as a group on Sunday, September 8, during the 3rd hour.

MESSIANIC MOUNTAINTOPS IN MOSES

Sept 8–Nov 17 | Gym

Teacher: Dr. Oliver Blosser

"For had you believed Moses, you would have believed Me; for he wrote of Me. But if you believe not his writings, how shall you believe My words?" (John 5:46-47) Jesus' words to the Jews are as clear as anything can be; Moses wrote about Jesus in Messianic prophecies. It is those Christ-centered prophecies that will be the focus of our study. Keep in mind that the Old Testament reveals to us what the Messiah is and His Messianic credentials. The New Testament reveals Who the Messiah is and how He fulfilled His Messianic mission of redemption. The New Testament writers are our guides and teachers for understanding the prophecies of the Hebrew Bible. Through the inspired writings of the Bible, the Word of God becomes self-interpreting, self-illuminating and self-testifying. That is why Jesus said, "Study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me." Join us to study Moses' testimony to the LORD Jesus through Christological and Messianic Prophecies.

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

WHAT IT IS, WHY IT MATTERS, HOW TO SHAPE THE WORLDVIEW OF THE NEXT GENERATION

Sept 8–Dec 8 | KidSpace

Teacher: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

Research shows that most people develop their basic view of the world and life by the age of 13. Logic tells us that this must happen as children observe parents and other significant influencers. What we do and say always teaches those who are watching! So, as people who want our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and young friends to develop a Christian view of the world and life, we need to be intentional about providing an example that leads children and youth toward Jesus and Biblical Truth. Dr. Josh Mulvihill has served as a pastor for 20 years and now is the Executive Director of Church and Family Ministry at Renewation. He authored “Biblical Worldview” to help parents and others do this most important work of helping children and youth develop a Christ-centered view of life. Join us as we meet to consider Biblical truth, Josh’s insight in the book and practical and effective ways we can spiritually lead our children and youth toward Jesus and His way of life. Please register in the Commons for the class. Books will be available for \$10.

BCC BOOK CLUB

Sept 8–Nov 17 | Room 201

Leader: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

Mere Christianity is one of the most important books written in the past 100 years. C.S. Lewis originally created the material for this book as a series of radio addresses to the people of England in the 1940’s. The impact was strong, the material was edited into a book, and its influence has been profound. If you like to read great books and talk about their important ideas, please join us. In order to help the group discuss more easily, we will work from the same edition of the book. Books will be available for \$10. Please register in the Commons to be a part of the conversation.

BIBLE 501: APOLOGETICS

GIVING AN ANSWER FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE

Sundays, Starts Sept 8 | Meets for 11 weeks

6:00–7:15 p.m. | KidSpace

Teachers: Pastor Max, Dave Gust, Roger Ruhr

In First Peter 3:15, Peter admonishes us with these words: “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” This class will focus on some of the important questions of faith, such as: Do we have the right books in the Bible? Are the books within the Bible reliable? Is there a God? How can we know there is a God? Which is the right God to believe in? Where did we come from? Can Scripture and Science be reconciled? Was there a real historical Jesus? Did Jesus rise from the dead? Why is there evil in the world? Homework will be assigned. If you are interested, please email Pastor Max at max@buffalocov.org.

DEEP WATERS DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP FOR MEN

THE TRUTH PROJECT

Wednesdays, Sept 11–Dec 4

6:00–7:15 a.m. | Room 201

Teacher: Pastor Max Frazier

This video study of Worldview and Apologetics was produced by Focus on the Family and features Dr. Del Tackett as the guest presenter. We will be studying such topics as: What is truth? Who is man? Who is God? What does the Bible say about life and its origins? Is there a biblical understanding of government? Some homework will be assigned in order to be prepared for class discussion following the video lessons. If you are interested please email Pastor Max at max@buffalocov.org or sign up in the Commons.

JOGGING THROUGH JEREMIAH

Mondays, Sept 9–Nov 25

7:00–8:45 p.m. | Room 201

Teacher: Dr. Oliver Blosser

Jeremiah is a heartbroken prophet with a heartbreaking message for Judah and Jerusalem. He spent forty years challenging the LORD’s people to repent of their sins. Surrender to God’s will was the only way to escape the calamity of the Babylonian exile. The object lesson at the potter’s house demonstrates that a ruined vessel can be repaired while still wet. But, once dried, a marred vessel is fit only for the garbage heap. Judgment cannot be halted, but promises of restoration under a New Covenant for a believing remnant are sprinkled throughout the scroll. The prophecy contains great application for today. Join us for this exciting examination of Hebrew prophecy from the pen of the prophet Jeremiah.

A HISTORY OF THE BIBLICAL WORLD

Tuesdays, Sept 10–Oct 15

7:00–8:30 p.m. | Room 201

Teacher: Pastor Max Frazier

God has accomplished His purposes through the acts of history. The Bible is the record of God’s workings with His people Israel, yet God has used a variety of nations to influence and impact Israel. This study will begin with an examination of the influence of the Egyptians in Israel’s past. (Did you know that Moses’ adoptive mother was one of the first feminists?) The study will conclude with a focus upon Rome. (Did you know that many of the Roman Caesars were plagued with mental illness?) Other groups that will be studied include the Syrians, the Assyrians, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Babylonians, the Phoenicians, the Persians and the Greeks. If you are interested please email pastor Max at max@buffalocov.org or sign up in the Commons.



SMALL GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Thursday, August 29, 6:30 - 7:15 pm, Room 108

Most of our groups have taken a break during the summer and will be starting up again as fall begins. Our meeting will be a great time to get updates on some good resources, talk about the purpose of small groups at BCC, share ideas with each other that can help your groups flourish, and get answers to your questions. Mark it on your calendar....we will see you there!!

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO FIND AN ANSWER TO THE “WHAT DO WE DO WITH OUR KIDS DURING GROUP” QUESTION?

Starting in September, a number of rooms will be available during the 3rd service hour for small groups to meet. The obvious benefit is that during that time, nursery and Sunday School will be available for children ages Birth–Grade 5. If you are interested in trying this arrangement for your small group, please contact Pastor Geoff Bohleen (geoff@buffalocov.org) to reserve a room.

A FANTASTIC RESOURCE IDEA FOR NEW AND GROWING CHRISTIANS!!

Growing in Christ is a 13-session study developed by The Navigators that focuses on Assurance and Christian Living. This very popular study has lessons on assurance of salvation, answered prayer, victory over sin, forgiveness, guidance, putting Jesus first in your life, relying on Jesus' strength, the importance of the Bible, being generous, the church, good works and being a witness for Jesus. You can learn more and purchase copies of the study at navigators.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 25

KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE—WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 4

AWANA LEADERS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 11

AWANA REGISTRATION AND KICKOFF

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Buffalo Covenant Church Children's Ministry needs 140 volunteers every week! Will you consider joining the team and making a difference in the lives of the kids at BCC? Contact Pastor Mary to volunteer or get more information. mary@buffalocov.org

CURRENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- Pre-School Counter Workers
- Pre-School Teachers
- Pre-School Helpers—Sunday mornings
- Elementary Sunday School Teachers
- Elementary Sunday School Helpers
- Awana Leaders and Helpers



KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE {WORSHIP}

Sunday, August 25 | 11:00 a.m. | KidSpace For Kindergarten Children & their parents

As a child enters kindergarten, we celebrate this milestone in the child's life. Kindergarten Sunday School and Awana will be explained. This is also the age at which children usually join their families in Sunday worship services, so we will talk about Sunday morning worship in this fun and informal meeting. Each child will make a "Quiet Bag" to use when attending worship, and they will also receive a commemorative milestone. A continental breakfast will be served. Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent, and the entire family is invited! Child care is available for younger siblings.

LOVE INC-BIG WOODS UPDATE

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) is a local Christian non-profit that uses church members to fulfill needs in the community. Many people from Buffalo Covenant already volunteer with us, either providing transportation, serving on our Board, moving furniture, or working at our Maple Lake thrift store.

LAST YEAR:

- We were able to provide \$8,248 in auto repair for our clients
- Over \$1,000 in gas cards were given to struggling families in our area
- \$10,500 worth of furniture was delivered to families in need
- 182 children were served, primarily from single parent households

If you want to be a part of the Love INC team, give us a call. You're never too old to volunteer!
763-682-2550 | loveincbigwoods.org



LOVE INC-BIG WOODS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

July 21–August 11

It's school supply time again! Love INC-Big Woods is partnering with the Salvation Army to provide essential items for children in need in Wright county. There will be a donation box in the Commons from July 21-August 11. Thank you for uniting with us in this important ministry!

