



THE CONNECTION

UPCOMING MESSAGES

SEPTEMBER 1

Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed

"A Church with a Mission Heart" – Acts 11:19-30; Acts 13:1-3

How does a person measure the vitality of a local church? We can look at the focus upon its families. We can examine the Bible content of the classes it offers. But an often-forgotten measurement is missions. What is a church doing in order to fulfill the Great Commission? This morning we will be focusing upon one of the strongest churches in the First Century, the Church at Antioch of Syria. This was a witnessing church. It was a teaching church. It was a giving church. It was a worshiping church. And it was a sending church. It was a church willing to send its very best into the world to share Christ. At the close of this message we will be setting apart and praying for those who are teachers and administrators in both the public schools and home schools arena.

SEPTEMBER 8

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"The First Missionary Journey" – Acts 13:4-Acts 14:28

This was the first attempt of the Early Church to go "into the uttermost parts of the world." It was a journey that would take Barnabas and Saul, who would soon be known as Paul, into the heart of the region of Galatia. Although there were Jewish communities here, the people remained primarily pagan in their worship. In these two chapters of Acts we get a perspective of the message that was shared and the results of that proclamation. We shall close by asking ourselves, what truly makes a church successful?

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional
8:00 a.m.

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

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SEPTEMBER 15

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“Galatians – Legalism vs. Grace” – Galatians 1-6

This letter, written by the Apostle Paul, is considered to be one of his earliest. It was written to those churches that he and Barnabas had established during their first missionary journey. The reports that Paul was receiving were not very encouraging to him. In fact, he discovered that they had turned away from the Gospel that brought freedom to another gospel that brought enslavement. Throughout this letter, Paul helps the readers to understand the relationship between faith and law and what it means to be free in Christ.

SEPTEMBER 22

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“An Important Decision” – Acts 15:1-35

As a consequence of that first missionary journey a difficult question now confronts that Early Church. What should be done with these Gentiles who are coming to faith in Christ Jesus? You have to remember that this is primarily a Jewish Church. They all had a similar foundation. But what about these formerly pagans who were becoming part of the Church? Should they be required to be circumcised? Should they be required to keep all the rules? The debate that occurred in this chapter, of which we are only given the highlights, is an important one with some keys for us on how to solve problems that arise. Because of these principles, the Early Church was spared a division that would have hampered its growth.

SEPTEMBER 29—FAITH@HOME SUNDAY

“What Is Your Most Important Legacy?” – Psalm 78:1-8

Have you ever thought of how you want to be remembered when you are gone? When someone mentions your name, what is the one thing that you most want them to remember about you? What will be your legacy? The psalmist Asaph wrestled with this thought as he wrote this, the second longest of the Psalms. And what was the foundation of Asaph’s legacy? It was the stories recorded in the Scriptures. He reminds his readers that telling those stories will lead people to God. It will help them to experience a change in their thinking about the events of life. And it will help his readers to follow God with an obedient will. We all are creating a legacy that will outlive each one of us. What will your legacy be?



SOUP & PRAYER

September 15 | 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 and a time of praise and thanksgiving.

MURIEL LINDQUIST 80TH BIRTHDAY!

September 29 | 2:00–4:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Muriel (Bergstrom) Lindquist is turning 80! If you know her and would love to help us celebrate, please join her daughters and family for some cake, ice cream, coffee and punch! You can come and go, or come and stay as you'd like. Hugs, well wishes and cards are appropriate.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Begins Sept 18 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Join us Wednesday nights, starting on Sept 18! Check our calendar online for a specific day's menu.

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.



CHURCH PICNIC

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

FAITH@HOME SUNDAY—FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

September 29 | 10:00 a.m. | South Lawn

Don't miss this special Faith@Home Sunday, where we will focus on the importance of communicating the truth of God from one generation to the next. We will have ONE outdoor service at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Church Picnic. The Generations Choir will be singing during the service and Pastor Max will be preaching on *What is Your Most Important Legacy?* Wright County Pork Producers will be grilling pork chops, with side dishes provided. Bring a homemade dessert and a lawn chair to sit on. (In case of rain, we will have two morning services inside at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.)

FALL MINISTRY KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Our new ministry year kicks off September 8th! Program start dates are listed below. Find links to all the details at buffalocov.org/kickoff. Please contact the Church Office for more information or to sign up for classes. 763.682.1470 | office@buffalocov.org

Children's Sunday School—September 8

Youth Sunday School—September 8

Adult Sunday School—September 8

Adult Weekday Classes—September 8

Men's Bible Study—September 21

Women's Bible Study—September 9

Propel Women—September 26

Financial Peace University—September 17

Senior High Chill Out—September 8

Junior High Hang Time—September 18

Youth Track Classes—September 8

AWANA—September 18

Perspectives Class—August 29

Wednesday Night Suppers—September 18

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.

S.A.L.T.

Senior Adult Day at Lake Beauty Bible Camp

Tuesday, September 10

Bus leaves Buffalo Covenant Church at 8:00 a.m.

Returns at 4:40 p.m.

We invite you to come and join us for a great time of fellowship with others, some inspirational music, and a delicious meal. If you have not been to Lake Beauty Bible Camp before, this is a great time to get acquainted with this wonderful place.

Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, September 3. (There is no registration fee for the day.) If you have not yet signed up to ride the bus, please contact either Pastor Max or Judy Grochow. (There is a \$5 per person fee to cover the cost of using the bus.)

September Gathering

September 17 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

Pastor Reid Gilbert, and others from the short term missions teams, will be sharing stories from the trips to Leon, Mexico and Meadow Bridge, West Virginia this past summer. I am sure we will be richly blessed as we hear what God did. There will also be time for some singing of the great hymns and gospel songs of our faith. And, of course, there will be those incredible refreshments. Invite a friend to come and share with you in this special afternoon as we hear what God is doing through Buffalo Covenant Church.

N.O.W. (NURTURING OUR WIDOWS)

September 24 | 1:30 p.m. | Orchard

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.

September 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Peppers = Ages 55-75, or anyone else who'd like to hang out with us! Join us for a scavenger hunt and root beer floats! Please RSVP to Sandy Thomas: jonsandythomas@gmail.com.

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.

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.

GENERATIONS CHOIR

Generations Choir is back! We will be singing on Sunday, September 29. Please let Pastor Mary know if you are interested in joining the choir for this event, or sign up in the Commons. Visit buffalocov.org/generations for more details and the practice schedule.

BUFFALO COVENANT CHOIR

Thursdays | 6:45 p.m. | Room 106

We have several areas of music ministry available for participation in traditional worship and special events. Please consider how God could use your talent as a choir member, vocal/instrumental soloist, vocal/instrumental ensemble, handbell choir and more. Special event dates and more information is available at buffalocov.org/choir.

PROPEL WOMEN

7:00–9:00 p.m. | KidSpace

Twice a month. Thursdays & Fridays

Sept 26, Oct 10 & 24, Nov 8 & 21, Dec 5, Jan 9 & 23,

Feb 6 & 20, March 13 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 8 & 22

Propel Women's mission is to help activate, connect, and equip every woman to fulfill their God-given passion, potential, and purpose. Join us as we walk through the book of Philippians, & the Propel Curriculum Series: Growth. Feel free to email us (PropelBuffaloMN@gmail.com) or get in touch via the Propel Facebook page: *Propel Women – Buffalo, Mn Chapter*

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNIOR HIGH

September 8

Sunday School Kick Off, 9:30 a.m.

September 18

Hang Time Kick Off, 6-8 p.m.

September 20

5th Quarter Party

September 25

See You at the Pole

September 29

No Sunday school

October 6

Teen Childcare Training, 11:00 a.m.

Sign-ups will be coming soon.

SENIOR HIGH

September 8

Kick Off for Chill Out and Track Classes, 7-9 pm.

September 25

See You at the Pole

September 29

No Sunday school

October 6—

Teen Childcare Training, 11:00 a.m.

Sign-ups will be coming soon.



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Sept 25 | BHS & BCMS

See You at the Pole™ is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. See You at the Pole™ is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event.



5TH QUARTER

September 20 | Youth Room

Immediately following Football Game—Midnight

After 4 quarters of football, join us for a night of fun, food and fellowship until midnight. You will need to provide your own transportation from the game to BCC. Cost is \$5.

HANG TIME (GRADES 6-8)

**Meets Wednesday Evenings | Kickoff is Sept 18
6:00–8:00 p.m. | Youth Room**

Hang Time is a ministry to students in grades 6-8 stressing commitment to Jesus Christ and serving others. Middle schoolers meet for a time of fellowship, worship, teaching, small group discussion, snacks and activities, as well as special events throughout the year.

CHILL OUT (GRADES 9-12)

**Meets Sunday Evenings | Kickoff is Sept 8
7:00–9:30 p.m. | Youth Room**

Chill Out is a ministry to help students in grades 9-12 transition to adulthood while honoring God. High schoolers meet weekly for a time of fellowship, worship, teaching, small group discussion, snacks and activities, as well as special events throughout the year.

TRACK CLASSES

**Meets Sunday Evenings | 6:00 p.m.
Kickoff is Sept 8**

Track Classes are a great opportunity for students to dig deeper into the Word and explore the truths of God's promises. The youth staff has created a five-year program of study that will equip our young people to have a successful walk with the Lord. Studies include: Old Testament (1st year), New Testament (2nd year), Christian Worldview (3rd year), Bible Customs & Geography (4th year), and Apologetics (5th year). Classes run through the school year, September through April/May. Contact Pastor Val for more information. Find class descriptions here: buffalocov.org/trackclasses



RETHINK APOLOGETICS STUDENT CONFERENCE

November 8–9 | Grace Church, Eden Prairie, MN

The reTHINK Apologetics Student Conference gives students a chance to join with thousands of other junior high, high school and college students to hear and learn from world-class Christian apologists. Sign up before Sept 14 for early bird pricing. Learn more: rethinkapologetics.com/mn

ACCESS GROUP

Begins Sept 14 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | BCC

ACCESS is a new group for those in 6th–12th grade with special needs. Contact Tonya Sands.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 8

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 11

AWANA LEADERS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15

THIRD GRADE MILESTONE

SEPTEMBER 18

AWANA KICKOFF

SEPTEMBER 22

AWANA PARENT ORIENTATION

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Buffalo Covenant Church Children's Ministry needs 141 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 763.682.1470

CURRENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- Pre-School Teachers—Sunday mornings
- Pre-School Helpers—Sunday mornings
- Elementary Sunday School Teachers
- Elementary Sunday School Helpers
- Guardians—Pre-school and Elementary
- Awana Leaders and Helpers

THIRD GRADE MILESTONE {THE BIBLE}

Sunday, September 15 | 11:00 a.m.

For Third Grade children and their parents. We will be giving each child a Bible, recognizing their ability to read and comprehend the Bible by this age. 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.

AWANA

Begins Sept 18 | 6:00-7:40 p.m. | Worship Center

There is no special Awana Kick-off night this year. Kindergarten children and third graders will get new books! There will also be new books available for kids who completed their book last year. Registration cost is \$25 per child. Parents are also responsible for the purchase of the uniform. Used uniforms are often available. If the cost of registration or uniforms is a financial burden for your family, please contact Pastor Mary. We want AWANA to be available to all children. To sign your child up, please contact the Church Office.

AWANA PARENT ORIENTATION

Sunday, September 22 | 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. There are also some changes to our schedule this year and we want you to know what's going on!



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.

FOOD SHELF REPRESENTATIVE OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for someone to be the BCC rep to serve on the Buffalo Food Shelf Board. Please contact Lloyd Melvie (320.894.1084) for details of what this would involve.

LOVE INC-BIG WOODS

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. 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