



THE CONNECTION

UPCOMING MESSAGES

OCTOBER 13

Dr. Oliver Blosser will be sharing the morning message.
Aaronic Blessing—Numbers 6

OCTOBER 20

A Message on the State of Our World and the End Times
*“Are We There Yet?—Part 1”—Matthew 24:7-8; Revelation 6:5-6;
Revelation 13:16-17; Ezekiel 38:1-6; Ezekiel 37:11-14*

For the next two weeks, we will take a break from our journey through Acts and the New Testament. Many have inquired as to the significance of what is happening in our world as seen through the lens of Scripture. In this first part of the series, our focus will be upon such things as weather and climate—Is God saying something to us? Upon economics—Is a global economy designed by God? Upon Russia and her allies—Has the Bear come out of hibernation according to God’s plans? And upon the nation of Israel—Does God still have a plan for this ancient people He has chosen? God has called us to be aware of the signs of the times. It is not a time for retreating but for advancing.

OCTOBER 27

A Message on the State of Our World and the End Times
*“Are We There Yet?—Part 2”—Romans 1:18-23; Psalm 2:4-5;
Revelation 6:12-17; Daniel 12:4*

In the second part of this series, our focus will be upon the realities that occur when a people or nation makes the decision to deny absolute truth, to turn away from a knowledge of truth found in Jesus Christ. The consequences are chaos and distortion. And what are the actions of God when such chaos and distortions occur? God goes from laughing to causing His terror to fall upon us. We will also examine the accelerating rate of increased knowledge to see how that fits the end time scenario. And what should be our response? We must become saturated with biblical truth and then have our lives become a reflection of that truth. We are to make a difference in our world.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional
8:00 a.m.

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

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JANINE KRUGER

Stepping through the doors of BCC almost 14 years ago, Janine Kruger and her husband Jeremiah immediately knew they had found their church home. From the dedication to God's Word, to the fellowship of this church family, this is where they wanted to raise their children. Loving any type of ministry, Janine quickly jumped into MOPS leadership and the nursery, which served as an avenue into several other areas of volunteer and staff work. She brings with her a degree in Youth and Family Ministry and great experience working alongside Pastor Mary in a variety of roles such as VBS Coordinator, Pre-school Director, Awana Commander and Sunday School Director. Janine is currently a homeschool mom to their 3 children (Jonah, Aphia, and Isaiah) while also leading the local homeschooling co-op. She loves traveling, watching football, kayaking at Family Camp, cooking, dreaming of a big pool in her backyard, and is semi-obsessed with coffee and dark chocolate.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 6 | 4:00 p.m. | Worship Center

Join us for our October Congregational meeting where we will hear reports from the Land Use Task Force, get an update from worship ministries regarding the contemporary services, and we will vote to call a new Children's Pastor to Buffalo Covenant Church. Childcare will be available and a full agenda is posted in the Commons.



SOUP & PRAYER

October 13 | 12:15–1:30 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.

DISCOVER BCC CLASS

October 27 | 12:15 p.m. | Room 201

If you are interested in learning more about our church family, or explore what it means to be a member of Buffalo Covenant Church, we invite you to join us for our Discover BCC class on October 27th. You'll get a chance to meet some of the staff, tour the building, and learn about our church's mission, values and history. Lunch will be provided that day and you can sign up in the Commons or contact Pastor Geoff.



THE DEDICATION OF YOUR CHILDREN

November 17

The Bible says that a child is a blessing from God. When you decide to dedicate your son or daughter, you are acknowledging the awesome responsibility God has given you in raising your child. A dedication ceremony expresses your desire as parents to raise your son or daughter in the ways of the Bible and to ask God to use your son or daughter for His purposes. You submit your will for your child to His will. The next opportunity for dedications is on Sunday, November 17th. If you are interested in having your child or children dedicated, contact the church office 763-682-1470.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

October 9, 23, 30 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Trying to fit in dinner between school and Awana or Hang Time? Join us at the church for dinner from 5:00-6:00 p.m. \$5.00 per person. Menus will be posted on the calendar and on Facebook as they become available.

Note: Meal menus are subject to change as needed.

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Popcorn and PUMPKINS

PUMPKIN CARVING & FAMILY FUN
PUMPKINS PROVIDED!

OCTOBER 16
6:00 PM | CHURCH PATIO

BCC  **ADULT**

buffalocov.org/adults

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.

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.

N.O.W. (NURTURING OUR WIDOWS) **October 22**

It's movie day! Movie and time to be determined.

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.

S.A.L.T.

October 15 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

On Tuesday afternoon, October 15, our Senior Adults, known as SALT, will meet in the Youth Room at 1:30 p.m. for their monthly program. The guest speaker this month is David Berg who will be sharing the story of Jonathan Carver, one of the early explorers of Minnesota. There will also be a time of singing, and, of course, those delicious treats. Invite a neighbor or friend to come and share in this informative afternoon.

MISSION CONNECTION

October 31 | 9:30 a.m. | Room 108

HOPE KEEPERS

October 29 | 6:30 p.m. | Room 200

Is physical chronic illness a reality in your life? Join us the last Tuesday of every month at Buffalo Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for an opportunity to learn, share your story, and feel supported by others that come from a place of understanding. We provide education through topical discussions, and we offer support and encouragement through prayer through small group interaction and prayer.

PROPEL

October 10 & 24 | 7:00 p.m. | KidSpace

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*

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.

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.

Greg Koukl

FALL CONFERENCE



Greg Koukl Fall Conference

November 3

8:00 a.m.–8:15 p.m.

We are honored to welcome Greg Koukl to BCC for our Fall Conference, where he will speak at all three services and also lead afternoon and evening workshops. Greg is the founder and President of Stand to Reason, a Christian organization focused on training Christians how to think clearly and intellectually so they can give a confident and courageous defense for their faith. Greg has spoken on more than 70 college and university campuses in the U.S. and abroad. He has hosted his own call-in radio show for 27 years, advocating “Christianity Worth Thinking About”. Learn more about Greg and Stand To Reason at str.org.

NOTE: Stand to Reason is also presenting the reTHINK Apologetics Youth Conference in Eden Prairie on November 8 and 9. Please contact Pastor Val if you are interested or have any questions regarding this conference. More information can be found on our Youth Special Events page and at rethinkapologetics.com/mn/

Sunday Conference Schedule:

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Services:

Greg will be speaking on “Credo: The Story of Reality”

12:45–2:00 p.m.

“Ambassadors for Christ: The Essential Skills”
(Worship Center)

2:00–2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15–3:45 p.m.

“Colombo – A Three-Step Game Plan for Maneuvering With Confidence and Grace in Any Conversation” (Worship Center)

7:00– 8:15 p.m.

Middle and High school youth and their parents. “Truth is Not Ice Cream; Faith is Not Wishing” (Youth Room)

NOTE: There will be no Chill Out, but Youth Band and Track Classes will still meet.

Find full descriptions online:
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
buffalocov.org/sundayschool

WEEKDAY CLASSES
buffalocov.org/classes

GRACE/TRUTH 1.0
Sundays, Sept 8–Nov 17 | Room 106

BLENDED AND BLESSED
Sundays, Sept 8–Oct 27 | Room 200
Leaders: John and Annie Grafstrom

**MESSIANIC MOUNTAINTOPS
IN MOSES**
Sundays, Sept 8–Nov 17 | Gym
Teacher: Dr. Oliver Blosser

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW
*WHAT IT IS, WHY IT MATTERS, HOW TO SHAPE
THE WORLDVIEW OF THE NEXT GENERATION*
Sundays, Sept 8–Dec 8 | Room 108
Teacher: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

BCC BOOK CLUB
Sundays, Sept 8–Nov 17 | Room 201
Leader: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

**ONLINE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF
JAMES: LIVE THE LIFE!**
Online Beginning September 8
*Discussion Sessions: 11:00 a.m. | October 6, 27
& November 17 | Room 108*
Leader: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

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

**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

JOGGING THROUGH JEREMIAH
Mondays, Sept 9–Nov 25
7:00–8:45 p.m. | Room 201
Teacher: Dr. Oliver Blosser

A HISTORY OF THE BIBLICAL WORLD
Tuesdays, Sept 10–Oct 15
7:00–8:30 p.m. | Room 201
Teacher: Pastor Max Frazier

FALL BREAK

October 16

No Hang Time this week because of MEA Fall Break.

HANG TIME (GRADES 6-8)

Meets Wednesday Evenings

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

7:00–9:30 p.m. | Youth Room

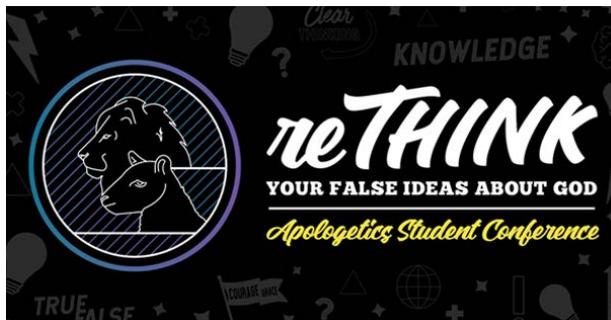
Chill Out is a ministry to help students in grades 9-12 transition to adulthood while honoring God. High schoolers meet weekly for a time of fellowship, worship, teaching, small group discussion, snacks and activities, as well as special events throughout the year.

ACCESS GROUP

Meets Saturday Evenings

6:00-8:00 p.m. | Room 108

ACCESS is a new group for those in 6th–12th grade with special needs. Contact Tonya Sands at 763.381.7822 or tonyasands20@yahoo.com.



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

TRACK CLASSES

Meets Sunday Evenings | 6:00 p.m.

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

FALL BREAK

October 16

No Awana this week because of MEA Fall Break.

AWANA GRAND PRIX

October 23

Similar to a Pinewood Derby, car kits containing the wood, wheels, axels and instructions will be available for T&T students to pick up during Awana club nights. (COST: \$5.00 per kit) Cars can be made elaborate or simple. Just remember that more than once, a plain block of wood with wheels has been super competitive, so just enjoy the creative process. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend, watch and cheer on their kids. Please contact Pastor Mary with any questions.

T&T STUDENTS

Prepare and race wooden car kits.
Cost: \$5.00 per kit, available at club

SPARKS

Bring your favorite matchbox sized car to race.

SCHEDULE

- Weigh-in: 5:45-6:00 p.m.
- Handbook Time: 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Races begin at 6:30 p.m.



FIRST GRADE MILESTONE {THE GOSPEL}

October 13 | 11:00 a.m. | KidSpace

For all first graders and their parents. We will explore what it means 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? Children must be accompanied by a parent to participate.



October is
**PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH**

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH—WHY IT’S SO IMPORTANT

Pastor appreciation is biblical, will produce healthier leaders at your church, will take you deeper spiritually, and will transform your church family.

“And now friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!” - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

HONOR—What does God mean when He calls us to honor our spiritual leaders? Very simply put, it means to show respect for them.

APPRECIATE—To truly appreciate someone is to express thanks and give them the proper value they deserve. We encourage you to radically love on our pastors during the month of October.

LOVE—Pastors live in a world of conditional love. If they preach the way people want them to, then people show them love. If they act as key leaders want them to act, they receive love. If they reach out and serve as others want them to, they are shown love. But pastors are real people, the same as you and me. They need unconditional love as much as every other person. God calls us to love our leaders whether they “perform” according to our expectations or not. God’s love is not dependent on perfect behavior, but rather is grounded in grace and forgiveness.

GREAT IDEAS TO HONOR, APPRECIATE AND LOVE

Practical expressions of appreciation carry a lot of weight. The more personal they are, the more they can be a blessing to your pastor. Some ideas:

- Encourage your pastor, come alongside them
- Personal, handwritten notes and cards of encouragement and gratitude
- Express appreciation for sermons, teaching, etc.
- Bring them a home cooked meal
- Send them out for dinner one night
- Walk faithfully with your pastor
- Don't participate in church gossip
- Be a faithful, committed church member
- Hold others accountable when they criticize
- Advocate for your pastor
- Together with friends or your Small Group, think of a way to bless your pastor
- Pray for them!



Mary & Oliver Blosser
Children & Family Ministries Pastor



Val & Mark Pederson
Youth Ministry Pastor



Geoff & Joni Bohleen
Adult Discipleship Pastor



Reid & Terri Gilbert
Congregational Care/Missions Pastor



Max & Marlys Frazier
Lead Pastor

**Let's honor our pastors and overwhelm them with appreciation
and love during the month of October!**

ADVENTUROUS CHRISTIANS FUNDRAISING BANQUET

October 26 | 5:00 p.m. | Cost—\$10.00

Salem Covenant Church | New Brighton, MN

The mission of Adventurous Christians is to provide a Christian environment where people encounter and experience the power of God in the wilderness. Please join us for an evening of celebrating what God is doing at Adventurous Christians. Your gifts will support our on-going ministry to people of all ages with the desire to seek God in the wilderness. Enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Cossetta's, raffle prizes, a bake sale, a silent auction, a drawing for one of Josh Rude's custom made Glørud paddles, testimonies, worship, and slideshow.

RSVP BY OCTOBER 20

Online: covenantpines.org/fundraising-banquet

Phone: 218.388.2286

Email: ac@adventurouschristians.org

LOVE INC—BIG WOODS FUNDRAISING GALA

October 13 | Cost—\$30.00/ticket

Silent Auction—4:30 p.m.

Program & Dinner—6:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church | Buffalo, MN

Celebrate 10 years of Love in the Name of Christ with us at our tenth annual fundraising gala! Come enjoy a silent auction, program and dinner catered by Russell's On the Lake. Tickets are available at area churches or at the door. For questions or more information, call 763.682.2550. To learn more about Love INC—Big Woods, visit loveincbigwoods.org

TIMBER BAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday night meals

We are in need of volunteers to bring in meals for our Tuesday night senior high group. This is a great opportunity to help our kids in a hands-on way and to get a fuller understanding of what our groups are like. Please contact Paul Vorderbruggen if you are interested in helping out in this way.
vorderbruggens@timberbay.org

MEALS ON WHEELS

October Route Drivers

Thanks to everyone already signed up! We still have an urgent need for drivers, so please consider joining us this October. To sign up, follow the instructions below, pick up an instruction card from the Welcome Center table or contact Terri Gilbert. (terri@buffalocov.org, 612-282-4305)

1. Go to buffalocov.org/mealsonwheels
2. Check the box on the orange "Sign up" button by the day(s) you want, then click the dark green "Submit and Sign up" button at the bottom of the page.
3. Enter the information needed, including any comments and click the dark green "Sign Up Now" button on the bottom.

Note: You can request a route (1,2,3,or 4) in the "Comment" box. It is not guaranteed that you will get that route when you arrive to deliver, but an effort will be made to honor your request.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE | OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

JOY TO THE WORLD—ONE SHOEBOX AT A TIME!

It's almost time to pack shoeboxes! Join us in this unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child using a simple shoebox! In case you don't know, Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief and evangelism ministry led by Franklin Graham. This Christmas, needy children overseas will receive the shoebox gifts, hand delivered, along with Christian literature in their own language. What an opportunity to reach children with a clear presentation of the Gospel! This program provides an opportunity for individuals of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project that reaches out to suffering children while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift.

Prepare a shoebox (Or plastic shoebox-sized container with lid). Fill it with personal care items, school supplies, and small toys. Include a cash gift to help with delivery costs and return it to BCC by November 10.

- **Brochures with details and ideas are available at the Welcome Center.**
- **Boxes will be made available in mid October.**
- **Boxes are due back at BCC by Sunday, November 10.**

Visit buffalocov.org/occ for details and any updates.

Learn more at samaritanspurse.org, including a list of packing ideas and restricted items.