



# THE CONNECTION

## UPCOMING MESSAGES

### NOVEMBER 10

#### Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed *"The Gospel Enters into Europe" – Acts 16:1-40*

Feeling led to return and visit those churches established on their first missionary journey, yet torn as to who should accompany them, Barnabas and Paul go different ways. Paul takes Silas with him as he begins to retrace those steps of that first trip. In Lystra he encounters a young man who is ready to follow Paul. This young man's name is Timothy. As the second missionary trip continues, God begins to redirect their footsteps. While in Troas, Paul has a vision that will literally change not only the direction of the Gospel but of the world. Paul and Silas enter into what is known today as Europe. And, at Philippi, God works in a strange way to begin a great church. One of the great lessons from Paul's experience while in Philippi is that we should never let our circumstances prevent us from sharing our faith with others. Our circumstances are tools God can use.

### NOVEMBER 17

#### Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed *"Philippians: Rejoicing in the Lord" – Philippians 1-4*

This is one of the most joy-filled books within the New Testament. In fact, the words "joy" and "rejoice" occur 13 times. Paul celebrates their dedication to the work of God. He reminds them that God will bring that work to completion at the day of Christ Jesus. Wow! What an encouragement to know that what God begins through His children, He will bring to a completion. What you are doing right now is important. He also praises them for their selfless focus. They want to become more like Jesus Christ. They, like Paul, have cast aside that which was previously important to them. Their goal was to press onward to the prize which awaited them in Christ Jesus. Finally, he praises them for their generous spirit. This was a congregation that knew how to give over and above for the work of God. What a role model this congregation is for us today!

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional  
8:00 a.m.

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

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## NOVEMBER 24

### Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed

#### *"The Journey Deeper into Greece with the Gospel" – Acts 17:1-34*

From Philippi, Paul and Silas traveled to Thessalonica where they had mixed results from sharing the Gospel. Some people are eager to hear, while others are just as eager to condemn. The fears of rejection can be overwhelming, yet God desires trust and not fear. Next was the city of Berea where they found students eager to study the Word. They wanted to claim ownership for biblical truth. No wonder they were more "noble" than others. Finally, Paul traveled to Athens, one of the leading educational centers of that day. Here Paul engages the philosophers with dialogue about "an unknown god." Paul shares with them just who that "unknown god" truly is. Again, we have some who are eager to hear more, while others want nothing to do with the Truth. God does not ask us to seek for results, but to merely sow the seeds.

# THANK YOU!

## MEALS ON WHEELS

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who served the community through Meals-On-Wheels in October! It is because of your faithful service the Community Center has been able to expand the delivery of meals from 3 routes to 4 routes!

## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Thank you to everyone who gave cards, kind words and generous gifts to our pastors during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your encouragement is valued and appreciated very much. God bless you!

~ Max & Marlys Frazier, Geoff & Joni Bohlee, Reid & Terri Gilbert,  
Val & Mark Pederson, Mary & Oliver Blosser

***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.***

## **PROPEL**

**November 8 & 21 | 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](mailto:PropelBuffaloMN@gmail.com)) or get in touch via the Propel Facebook page: *Propel Women – Buffalo, Mn Chapter*

## **N.O.W.**

**November 12**

***Pizza Ranch – Meet at BCC at 1:00 p.m.***

We will be meeting early in November due to Thanksgiving. Join us for a late lunch at Pizza Ranch! We will be meeting at Buffalo Covenant at 1:00 p.m.

***N.O.W. is "Nurturing Our Widows".***

*Meets the last Tuesday of every month for social events, emotional support, encouragement and fellowship for those who have lost their husbands.*

## **P.E.P.P.E.R.**

**November 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Room**

Please join us at BCC for a Potluck Dessert Social. Bring a dessert and we'll have the coffee on!

***P.E.P.P.E.R. is "People Excited to Party & Plan Events Regularly".***  
*For those in their 50's, 60's and 70's. Meets periodically for times of fellowship, special events and outings.*

## **DAYS FOR GIRLS**

**November 16 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | KidSpace**

Please join us for our Days for Girls Workshop, where we assemble kits that provide feminine hygiene products for girls in the mission fields. We need volunteers to assemble snaps, thread draw string, iron flannel, cut material and sew. Our goal is to put 40 kits together. For more information, see [daysforgirls.org](http://daysforgirls.org).

## **SOUP & PRAYER**

**November 17 | 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.

## **S.A.L.T.**

**November 19 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room**

Have you ever wondered about the history of Buffalo Covenant Church? Have you ever heard some of the stories that are foundational to our being part of this community? For our next SALT gathering, our very own Pastor Reid Gilbert and a group of long-time members here at Buffalo Covenant Church will relate some of those stories. This will be an afternoon that will cause us to celebrate with thanksgiving the work that God has done through BCC over the years. Invite a friend to come and join you as we step back into time to worship and to remember. And, of course, there will be those delicious treats as well.

***S.A.L.T. is "Senior Adults Living Triumphantly".***

*For you and your spouse age 59 or over. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. for a time of worship, fellowship and special events.*

## GRIEFSHARE

**Special Seminar—Surviving the Holidays**  
**November 19 | 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Youth Room**

The holidays can become very difficult for those who have lost loved ones, especially if they passed away close to the holidays. Invite your friends and join us for an evening to commemorate our loved ones and gain insights on ways to cope with and plan for better holiday experiences. There is a \$5.00 fee for materials that can be paid at the event (*Scholarships are available.*) Please register at [griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays) or call Lisa at 763.245.3462.

*GriefShare is group support for those walking through a grief journey. Meets Tuesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m.*

## MISSION CONNECTION

**November 21 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Room 108**

## HOPE KEEPERS

**November 26 | 6:30 p.m. | Room 200**

If physical chronic illness is a reality in your life, join us 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 small group interaction and prayer. We meet the last Tuesday of every month from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services**

Find a full list of Sunday School classes at [buffalocov.org/sundayschool](http://buffalocov.org/sundayschool).

## WEEKDAY CLASSES

Find a full list of weekday classes at [buffalocov.org/classes](http://buffalocov.org/classes).

## MONDAY PRAYER MEETINGS

**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.

## WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

**Mondays, Through 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.

## MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays, Sept 21–Nov 23**  
**7:00–8:00 a.m. | Room 200**

**“The Book of James: Live the Life!”**  
**Leader: Pastor Geoff Bohleen**

Every man is an example, and every man has an important impact on those who watch them live—at home, in their neighborhood, at work and at play. Join us as we study the book of James, which is filled with God’s wisdom for how to live as an example that others will be blessed to follow. Join the discussion as we consider how to Live the Life!



# SMALL GROUP

## **ASK YOUR SMALL GROUP TO HELP YOU GROW!**

Many of you are in a small group or are considering joining one. One of the ways a small group can impact your life is to join with you and help you reach personal spiritual goals you have set for yourself. Spiritual growth is often a by-product of intentionality. Here are 5 ways your small group can help you intentionally grow spiritually:

**FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:** What would you like to be like spiritually in 5 years? Think and pray and then share with your group what you are thinking. Discuss with them ways in which to grow toward your goal and ask for their prayers and support.

**DESCRIBE ME:** How do you want this group to describe you? What do you want them to say about you, and how can they help you become that person?

**THE EPITAPH:** Each of us will one day have something written as an epitaph to our life. What do you want that message to be? How can your group encourage you to become that person?

**TEAM EFFORT:** What is one thing this group can do to help you grow spiritually in a specific area of your faith and life in the next six months? Discuss, pray and encourage each other!

**THE BARRIER:** What is holding you back in your spiritual growth? What are you willing to do to remove this barrier, and how can the group help you do this?

*Faith and life are meant to be “team” experiences. Engage with your group and see what God does, for His glory and for your joy!*

## ACCESS GROUP

**November 9 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Room 108**

ACCESS is a group for those in 6th–12th grade with special needs. Contact Tonya Sands at 763.381.7822 or [tonyasands20@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyasands20@yahoo.com).

## GREG KOUKL

**November 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Worship Center**

Join us for Greg Koukl's evening session, "Truth is Not Ice Cream; Faith is Not Wishing".



## RETHINK APOLOGETICS STUDENT CONFERENCE

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

The reTHINK Apologetics Student Conference gives students a chance to hear and learn from world-class Christian apologists. [rethinkapologetics.com/mn](http://rethinkapologetics.com/mn)



## HANG TIME SCHEDULE

**Hang Time Christmas Party | December 11**

**Holiday Break | Nov. 27, Dec. 18–Jan. 1**



## TURKEY BOWL

**November 27 | 9:00-12:00 p.m. | South Lawn**

The stakes are high on the gridiron as the High Schoolers face BCC youth alumni in a game of flag football. Come dressed for outside and enjoy the warmth of a bonfire as you cheer on your favorite team. Hot cocoa and pizza will be served after the game. BCC alum Ben Ruhr will be speaking.



## CHILL OUT SCHEDULE

**Chill Out Christmas Party | December 8**

**Holiday Break | Dec. 1, Dec. 15–Dec. 29**



# SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

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*January 17–20, 2020 | Grand Marais, MN*

Experience the power of God as we explore His creation, study His Word, fellowship together and unplug from a noisy world at the Adventurous Christians camp in Grand Marais, MN. More information on Adventurous Christians (AC) can be found here: [covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians](http://covenantpines.org/adventurouschristians).

**Activities:** Broomball, snowshoeing, moonlight hikes, quinzee overnight hut, sauna, polar swim, bread making, board games and cards, and rock climbing.

### **Times/Dates:**

**Bus Leaves:** Meet at and leave BCC at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17. We will stop for dinner on the way and arrive at AC by midnight.

**Bus Returns:** Leave AC for BCC on Monday, January 20 at 12:00 p.m. and arrive at BCC sometime between 7:00–8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$210.00

*A \$75.00 non-refundable deposit will hold your spot.*

### **Sign-Ups (Space is limited):**

**Seniors:** Sign-up begins OCTOBER 27

**Juniors:** Sign-up begins NOVEMBER 3

**Sophomores:** Sign-up begins NOVEMBER 10

**Freshman:** Sign-up begins NOVEMBER 17

**Friends:** Sign-up begins NOVEMBER 24.

*(If spots are available, non-BCC friends may sign up.)*

### **Skiing Option:**

Skiing at Lutsen is also an option, but spots are limited! Those signed up for skiing will leave BCC at 4:00 a.m. on Friday, January 17 and spend the day at Lutsen before meeting up with the group at AC. Ski rental rates will be announced as soon as they are available.

### **Packing List:**

- Sleeping Bag & Pillow
- Slippers or Shoes for Lodge
- Outdoor clothing: Boots, hat, gloves, snowpants...
- Camera
- Swimsuit and Towel for Sauna (one-piece suits)
- Flip flops for the Polar Plunge
- Flashlight
- Cash for meals on the way there and back



## AWANA DATES

*Nov 6 | T&T Sectionals*

*Nov 13 | T&T Sectionals*

*Nov 20 | Talent Night*

*Dec 11 | Theme Night: Dress like Christmas  
Christmas Store Night*

*Nov 27, Dec 18–Jan 1 | Holiday Breaks*



## AWANA TALENT NIGHT

*November 20*

Fun for the whole family! Awana kids share their talents—Singing, comedy, instrumentals, gymnastics or whatever!! New this year, an Arts & Crafts exhibit in the Commons! Everyone is welcome for this special night at Awana. Kids should be planning and preparing now for the talent they plan to share. Registration forms were sent home this last week and are also available at the kid's check in counter.



## PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*December 8 | 9:30 & 11:00 Services*

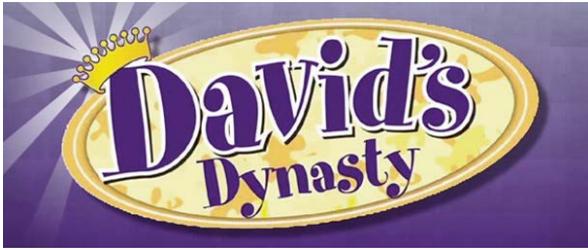
Our three, four and five year old kids' Christmas program will focus on the sheep and the shepherds on that hillside near Bethlehem. They will also share the good news that Jesus is OUR good shepherd! Practice for the program will be during their regular Sunday School hours and during Awana on Wednesday nights. There will be no extra practice times.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**PRE-SCHOOL MINISTRY—SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Please pray about this need and consider volunteering. You would be a blessing to our congregation in a very important way. **We need: 2 people at 9:30 with 4 & 5 year olds—alternate weeks; 1 person at 11:00 at the counter.**



## KIDS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM

**December 8 | 9:30 & 11:00 Services**

Our elementary aged kids (K–5th) will be performing a fun version of the Christmas story from the viewpoint of the shepherds.

### **NEW PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Since most of the kids participating attend the early Sunday School, we have adjusted the practice time to use more of the 9:30 hour.

*9:30 a.m. Sunday School*—Remains the same. Kids will go directly to practice from class. Pick up kids at the counter starting at 10:55.

*11:00 a.m. Sunday School*—Please arrive and check your kids in by 10:10 for practice. They will go to class after practice. Please arrive by 9:30 on Nov 24 and Dec 1.

### **UPDATED SCHEDULE**

November 3 | 10:10–10:55  
November 10 | 10:10–10:55  
November 17 | 10:10–10:55  
November 24 | 9:30–10:55

December 1 | 9:30–10:55  
December 4 | 6:05–7:05 | During Awana  
December 7 | Dress Rehearsal | 9:30–11:00 a.m.  
December 8 | CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | 9:30 & 11:00



**SHOEBOXES DUE  
NOVEMBER 10**



**[BUFFALOCOV.ORG/OCC](http://BUFFALOCOV.ORG/OCC)  
[SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG)**

# CHRISTMAS SNEAK PEAK



## CHRISTMAS LOVE PROJECT

*November 24 | Morning Services*

Every year, Buffalo Covenant Church partners with a missionary team to help raise money for a project needed to help their ministry. On Sunday, November 24, we will be announcing our 2019 Christmas Love Project. Stay tuned!



## ISRAEL TEAM 2020 FUNDRAISER: CHRISTMAS COOKIE BOUTIQUE

*December 8 | Morning Services | Commons*

Israel Team 2020 will be selling an assortment of delicious, homemade holiday cookies during the morning services. Make sure you get there early, before they all disappear!

A large graphic for upcoming Christmas events. The background is a dark blue night sky with small white stars. On the left, there are several gold-colored snowflake ornaments of various sizes and designs, some hanging from a string. On the right, the text "Upcoming CHRISTMAS EVENTS" is written in a gold, cursive font for "Upcoming" and a white, all-caps, sans-serif font for "CHRISTMAS EVENTS". Below this, there is a list of four events, each preceded by a small gold snowflake icon.

## Upcoming CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
*December 8 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.*
- CHRISTMAS CHOIR FESTIVAL**  
*December 15 | 4:00 p.m.*
- LIVING NATIVITY**  
*December 21 & 22 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.*
- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**  
*December 24 | 1:30, 3:00, & 4:30 p.m.*