



# THE CONNECTION

## UPCOMING MESSAGES

### JANUARY 5—FAITH@HOME SUNDAY

#### What Do You See Around You? – A Commissioning Service *Numbers 13*

The focus for our Faith@Home Sundays in 2020 will be on “sharing the Word through service and mission.” This is the third of our core values. What does it mean to touch those around us with the message of Jesus? Jesus said that “you will be my witnesses.” That is not a suggestion. That is not just an option. That is a command. So, as we look at our neighborhoods, at our workplaces, at our athletic teams, at our classrooms, even at our families, how do we view those people? The text from Numbers 13 teaches us that we can either see obstacles or opportunities. What are some of those obstacles that keep us from developing relationships with those around us? How can we look past those obstacles and see the amazing opportunities that God has given to us? The service will close with an act of commissioning of our congregation and a challenge to ask God to place upon our hearts one person or one family with whom we could cultivate a relationship and then share the story of our faith journey.

### JANUARY 12

#### Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed *“Thessalonians: Christ is Coming Soon” – 1 and 2 Thessalonians*

These are early letters from the Apostle Paul. The Church, birthed at Thessalonica through pain and difficulty, blossomed to become a strong church. Their testimony of faith had extended far beyond the city limits and had impacted the entire Macedonian Province. Paul quickly shares with us three reasons for the amazing success of this church body. First, they had a work produced by faith. Faith is not some sort of blind leap. Faith looks at the impossible and says, “God can.” Second, they had a labor prompted by love. Labor implies something accomplished through great difficulty. Their ministry often came at great hardship, but it was always prompted by love. Third, they had an endurance inspired by hope. That hope was the soon return of Jesus Christ.

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional  
8:00 a.m.

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

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## JANUARY 19

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

#### *"First Corinthians: Healing a Fractured Church" – 1 Corinthians 1-16*

Paul would remain in Corinth for 18 months. This was a diverse congregation. Paul wants us to understand that diversity, so he shares with us the background of many within that congregation: not many wise, not many with privilege. And, shortly after Paul left, problems began to arise. We read early on that the congregation actually was divided. Furthermore it turned a blind-eye to known sin. They even used outside mediators to resolve internal problems. This Church was a mess! But Paul states three principles that would help them to achieve unity. First, they would achieve unity in the expression of their spiritual gifts. Second, they would achieve unity by remembering to love one another. Third, they would achieve unity by remembering the power available to them because of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And this resurrection power would also be an encouragement for their future. Because He lives, yes, we can face tomorrow. Because He lives, yes, we have a living hope.

## JANUARY 26

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

#### *"Second Corinthians: The Cost of Serving Christ" – 2 Corinthians 1-13*

We often joke about people not reading the "fine print" when they assume a job or take on a responsibility. In this amazing letter, Paul shares the "fine print" when it comes to serving the Lord Jesus. Did Paul pay a price for serving Jesus? Absolutely. He records a few of those moments in chapter 11. Yet, Jesus told His disciples that they should expect difficulties and problems because of their relationship with Him. Yet, Paul also found the secret to keep going. First, he found his comfort to be in Christ. Jesus is always there with us, no matter how difficult the journey. Second, he found his hope to be in Christ. Third, he discovered his responsibility for Christ. Paul was an ambassador; he was Christ's representative here on earth. Fourth, he knew that his strength came from Christ. God's grace was more than sufficient for Paul's weaknesses. And that grace is still more than sufficient for each one of us.

## 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.

## GRIEFSHARE

***Begins January 28***

***Tuesdays | 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Room 202***

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](http://griefshare.org).

## PROPEL

***Jan 9 & 23 | 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*.

## S.A.L.T. GATHERING

***January 21 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room***

What in the world is going on?! Is there any purpose to these happenings? Our SALT Family will search for answers. Dennis Lingo and Pastor Max will share headlines, both from the newspapers and from the Word of God. The Middle East, the economy, the European Union, Russia, Iran, and the political intrigue that is Washington will be discussed. There will be time for your questions as well, and of course, the delicious refreshments!

## ANNUAL MEETING

***Sunday, January 26 | 4:00 p.m. | Worship Center***

Join us for our Annual Meeting where we will welcome new members, approve the 2020 budget, hear reports from various ministries and more. *Childcare will be available.*

## MISSION CONNECTION

***January 30 | 9:30 a.m. | Room 108***

## UPCOMING CHILD DEDICATION

***February 16***

Child Dedication 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. Child Dedications are a part of our Sunday morning church worship. If you would like to have your child included in the next dedication on February 16th, contact the church office. 763.682.1470

## TOBY MAC IN CONCERT

***March 7 | 7:00 p.m. | Target Center***

Group tickets for the Toby Mac concert will be available for purchase at the reception desk. There will be optional group transportation at no additional cost. There are 50 seats available on the BCC Bus, so please reserve your spot asap. *Children under the age of 18, must be accompanied by an adult.*

**See more details at [buffalocov.org/tobymac](http://buffalocov.org/tobymac).**

### GROUP TICKET PRICES:

\$45.00 for Lower level ticket (Section 106)  
\$25.00 for Upper level ticket (Section 207)

### BUS SCHEDULE:

Bus loading at 4:30, leaves at 4:45 p.m.

# NO REGRETS

# MEN'S CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 1, 2020



GARY  
HAUGEN



CARLOS  
WHITTAKER



ALBERT  
TATE



SKYE  
JETHANI



JEFF  
MANION



BRADY  
BOYD

**February 1, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

## **Simulcast Hosting At Buffalo Covenant Church**

Save the date! BCC will once again host this powerful conference for men, and young men (ages 12+). The No Regrets Men's Conference is an annual event designed to create an environment for men to be challenged in their relationship with Jesus at home, in the workplace, and in their ministry. Online registration is open now at [buffalocov.org/men](https://buffalocov.org/men). There is no registration fee (free-will offering taken), and lunch is included. Registration is required. Invite your son, friend, dad or neighbor to join us! Visit [noregretsconference.org](https://noregretsconference.org) for more information.

**[buffalocov.org/men](https://buffalocov.org/men)**

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

[buffalocov.org/sundayschool](http://buffalocov.org/sundayschool)

## FAITH@HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

**January 5 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Gym** | Join your BCC pastors as they collectively share their vision for this upcoming year. We will be utilizing the BLESS model to strengthen our church family to intentionally evangelize to all those we interact with. For more information about the BLESS model, please visit: [covchurch.org/bless](http://covchurch.org/bless)

## SPIRITUAL DEPRESSION

**Begins Jan. 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Gym | Facilitator: Bill Everett** | Jesus came to bring us a life of abundance, but even so, we continue to be anxious about the world around us and fearful of the future. Lawyer and teacher Bill Everett will guide the class through a study of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones' famous 1965 book by the same name. We will explore the causes of spiritual anxiety and depression, its effects and, most importantly, the cures that can be found in God's word.

## BLENDED AND BLESSED

**Begins Jan. 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Room 106 | Facilitators: 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" was 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.

# BCC KIDS

[buffalocov.org/children](http://buffalocov.org/children)

## AWANA DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

**Wednesday, January 29**

It's movie night time again for Sparks and T&T kids! We provide a great movie and popcorn and the kids bring their cardboard box cars to sit in for the movie. There will also be a short handbook time.

We realize that significant assistance from parents is expected. There is no judging of the cars, so make it a fun family project! The Cubbies will also enjoy a movie, but do not bring their own cars. The CAN bring a stuffed toy to snuggle during the movie though! Parents are welcome to join the fun. Please remember to take your car home at the end of the evening! So start building your car/bus/camper/jeep/airplane/spaceship/tank/??.....

## NEW-BIRTHDAY PARTY

**January 26 | 12:15 p.m. | Gym**

This is a special Milestone Event for any children who prayed to trust Christ as their Savior during 2019. The pastors and elders will join families in celebrating their child's New Birth into the family of God. There will be a lesson, activities, a kid-friendly lunch, birthday cake, and presents!

Please let Pastor Mary know if your child prayed to trust Christ during 2019 so he/she can be included in our New-Birthday Party!

## NOTE:

### *January 19*

No High School Sunday School, Chill Out or Upper Level Track Classes. There WILL be Sunday School for 6-8 graders and 8th grade confirmation.

### *February 2*

No Chill Out or Track Classes

## ACCESS GROUP

*January 11 | 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).

## HANG TIME TUBING

*Wednesday, January 29*

Middle Schoolers—join us for Tubing at Powder Ridge! Cost is \$15. Signup by Wednesday, Jan. 22. Also bring money for snacks. Bus will leave BCC at 5:00 p.m. and return at 9:00 p.m.

## ADVENTUROUS CHRISTIANS SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT

*January 17–20, 2020 | Grand Marais, MN  
([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.

### **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