

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

We are so blessed to have a great pastoral staff and we encourage individuals and families to recognize and thank them for their vital service and roles. Visit buffalocov.org/appreciate for some great ideas to show them how much they mean to us. There is a box available in the lobby for cards to be written and given to the pastors.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, October 29, 4-7:30 pm // BCC

4 pm: Missionary Fair / **6 pm:** Special Speakers: Steve Wintermantel & Damtew Kifelew

SUNDAY, October 30, Morning Services-2:30 pm // BCC

9 & 11 am: Special Speaker: Grayling Trees / **10:10 am:** Missionary Fair

12 pm: Lunch Provided / **1 pm:** Missionary Updates & Special Speaker: Rob Johnson

We are ALL called to know God and to make Him known. Where do you fit in? Join us for our annual Missions Conference where you'll have the opportunity to engage with more than 15 of our supported missionaries and explore your role in sharing the good news of salvation. This year's theme is "Till All Hear" and our missionaries will share updates and experiences from their work abroad and here at home. We'll have activities for ages 3 on up - come taste ethnic food, participate in worship, and meet the missionaries you help to support.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

October 30, 2:30 pm // Room 201

BCC will be traveling to Leon, Mexico for a short-term mission trip on Jan. 14-21, 2023. We will spend our week in Leon and the Highlands of Jalisco visiting and praying over villages where there are no known born-again believers or evangelical churches. The trip is open to adults and teens who are accompanied by a parent.

PEPPER EVENT

November 11, 5:30-7:30 pm // Brothers Caffe in Buffalo

The PEPPERS are back for a Dinner and Game Night! Pay at the door \$15/person. This covers a delicious buffet dinner and a fun evening of fellowship. This is a social event for those in their 50s, 60s and 70s, and anyone else who wants to associate with this fun age group! Please register by calling the church office or online at buffalocov.org/adults/senior-adults. Deadline to register is October 26.

COMING THIS WEEK

N.O.W. – Tuesday, October 25, 1 pm, Room 202

Mission Connection – Thursday, October 27, 9:30 am, Room 201

FRUITFUL AND FAITHFUL LIVING

BUFFALO COVENANT

10/23/22

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS GOODNESS

Pastor Mark Stromberg

Galatians 5:13-25

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

"Goodness"- an uncommon word in our day and age and even in Scripture. It occurs just 21 times in the Greek Old Testament and only 4 times in the New Testament.

Romans 3:12- "There is no one who does good, not even one."

Jeremiah 17:9 - "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

"Hypocrisy"- the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform.

GOODNESS DEFINED

Matthew 19:16-22 "The Rich Young Ruler"

Goodness means to be Generous

Luke 4:1-4 "The Widow's Offering"

Goodness means to be Genuine

It is not simply, "What you see is what you get." Rather, it is "What you see is what there really is!" It is being 'true-faced' not 'two-faced.'

GOODNESS DEMONSTRATED

In Jesus - Acts 10:37-38

In Barnabas - Acts 4:32-37, Acts 9:26-27, Acts 11:19-26, Acts 15:36-41

GOODNESS DEVELOPED

Born into the wrong family!

John 3:1-10 - "You must be born again."

"The Exchanged Life"

God our Father and Christ our brother

"I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another." Romans 15:14

welcome

TO BUFFALO COVENANT

NEW TO BCC?

Here at Buffalo Covenant, you can learn, grow and connect in an authentic and biblically-based community. If you want to know more about us, or have questions on how to get connected, please stop in at the Welcome Center.

PRAYER

For prayer requests, contact the Church Office or fill out the prayer section on the Get Connected card and return to the Welcome Center.

CHILD CARE

Child care is provided for infants through age five (pre-k) during both 9 am and 11 am services.

COFFEE & PASTRIES

Grab a free coffee. Purchase a \$1 pastry from the BCC youth fundraiser in the Commons.

GIVE

Offering boxes are in the back of the Worship Center or you can give at buffalocov.org/give.

sunday, october 23

WORSHIP WITH US

TODAY

Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness (Gal. 5:13-26)

CHILDCARE

Available at 9 am and 11 am service (ages 0-5)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes available for all ages from 10:10-10:50 am

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Held in the BCC gym at 10:10 am
TODAY - "True North - Staying the Course" with Jonathan Parker
October 30 - Missionary Fair
Nov 6, 13, 20 - "Prayer Series" with Don Muilenburg, Gary Averbeck and Joel McQueen

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS

MISSIONS CONFERENCE
October 30 - Guest speaker: Grayling Trees

FRUITFUL & FAITHFUL LIVING

November 6 - Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness (Gal. 5:13-26)



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