

## 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](http://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.

### TRUE NORTH - STAYING THE COURSE

**TODAY, Oct. 16 & 23, 10:10 am // Gym // With Jonathan Parker**

Just as a standard magnetic compass drifts away from True North, it is very easy to veer off course in our own lives. We have the example of the Christians of Crete of what not to do. As they began to drift away from the truth, intermingling traditional Cretan beliefs from Greek Mythology into their Christian faith, Paul uses tough language in the book of Titus to bring about a course correction. Join us for a three-part series as Jonathan Parker unpacks Paul's challenge to be sound in faith.

### POPCORN & PUMPKINS

**October 19, 6 pm // Patio**

Bring your family and join us for pumpkin carving and popcorn. Connect with other families, make some new friends, share some laughter, and relax! Pumpkins are provided. This is a free event and fun for the entire family!

**NOTE:** due to Fall Break, there will be no AWANA or Hang Time this evening.

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

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

**4 pm:** Ministry 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:** Ministry 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.

### COMING THIS WEEK

**Produce Distribution** – Monday, October 10, 4 pm, Parking Lot

**Women's Retreat** – Friday, October 14-16, Lake Beauty

# FRUITFUL AND FAITHFUL LIVING

BUFFALO COVENANT

10/9/22

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS PATIENCE

Pastor Mark Stromberg

### Galatians 5:13-25

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> 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.

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

**PATIENCE: The demand is always greater than its apparent availability!**

## THE REASON FOR PATIENCE

God is patient...  
Psalm 103: 8-10  
Romans 5:6  
2 Peter 3:9  
1 Timothy 1:16

## THE REALMS OF PATIENCE

We need to be patient in life's provocations...

1 Samuel 13

*"If you want to find out what individuals really believe-what their worldview really is-you don't ask them. You watch them. You especially observe them under pressure."*

We need to be patient with people...

Hebrews 12  
Colossians 3  
1 Corinthians 13

## THE ROOTS OF PATIENCE

Crisis...suffering...testing...trouble...trials...tribulation...  
James 1:2-4  
Romans 5:1-5  
James 5:10-11

*"Patience is the queen of all virtues...the foundation of all right action. It is peace in the tempest."* John Chrysostom

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."* Colossians 3:12

# 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](http://buffalocov.org/give).

## sunday, october 9

## WORSHIP WITH US

### TODAY

Fruit of the Spirit: Patience (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, Oct 16 & 23 - "True North - Staying the Course" Three-part series with Jonathan Parker

### UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS

#### FRUITFUL & FAITHFUL LIVING

October 16 - Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness (Gal. 5:13-26)  
October 23 - Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness (Gal. 5:13-26)

#### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

October 30 - Guest speaker: Grayling Trees



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