

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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### MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: ENGAGING THE CULTURE FOR CHRIST

**TODAY–April 16, 10:10 am // Gym // With Bill Everett**

Come learn how to keep your testimony strong in the face of social changes, media influences, and political messaging that can distort our understanding of the Gospel. Lawyer and teacher Bill Everett leads this quest to understand the “culture war” and to find Christ’s answers on how to engage others. This class will take a stimulating look at topics such as history, politics, ethics, theology and evangelism.

### DAREN STREBLOW - COMEDY NIGHT

**March 3 // Dinner at 5:30 pm, Show at 7 pm // BCC**

Grab your sense of humor and come dine and laugh! This is a clean show, designed for teens and older. The River Inn will be serving their famous half-rack of ribs and gluten free options will be available. All seats are general admission and doors will open at 6:15 pm. Pricing: \$10 Show, \$25 Dinner/Show. Tickets can be purchased with check or cash at the church office and in the Commons on Sunday mornings.

### EASTER PLANTS

**TODAY–March 19 // Commons**

Our annual Easter plants order is opening today. Place an order of many different types of flowering Easter plants in honor or memory of your loved ones. You may order them at the counter in the Commons, or drop off your order during the week at the church office. Flowers will adorn the Worship Center stage on Easter Sunday morning. Deadline to order is Monday, March 19.

### FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN

**February 27–April 9 // Commons**

Help us help those less fortunate in our community! For the next month, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations to benefit the Buffalo Food Shelf. Donations can be brought to the Commons.

### PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Second Monday of every month // BCC Parking Lot**

Volunteers are needed to help with Produce Distribution at BCC. Come join our team handing out boxes of produce and praying for members of our community. Contact the church office at 763-682-1470 for more information.

### COMING THIS WEEK

**Daren Streblov - Comedy Night:** Friday, March 3, 5:30 dinner & 7 pm show, BCC  
**Men’s Breakfast:** Saturday, March 4, 8 am, Gym



## NOT ASHAMED

Pastor Joel McQueen

### 2 Timothy

*2 Timothy is Paul’s final and most personal letter. He is in Roman prison for the second time, but this time he knows he is going to die. He is writing to his protégé, his closest friend, his “beloved son” in the faith, Timothy. He wants Timothy to come to see him as soon as possible, but to do so is very dangerous. Timothy is going to need encouragement, courage, and to be UNASHAMED of Paul and the Gospel.*

### WHY SHOULD WE BE UNASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL – EVEN WHEN IT MAY COST US?

#### GOD HAS PREPARED AND EMPOWERED US (vv. 3-7)

Timothy had a grandmother and mother who poured into him, and Timothy had a sincere faith.

“If I see further than others, it is because I stand on the shoulders of giants.” –Isaac Newton

Who is pouring into you? Who are you pouring faith into?

God has gifted us and given us the spirit of power, love, and self-control.

Do you know your spiritual gift?

The boldness to represent the Gospel doesn’t come from you – so lean into prayer!

#### THE GOSPEL IS ALL ABOUT GOD’S COSTLY GRACE (vv. 9-12)

The Gospel isn’t about you; it’s about what God has done in Jesus!

*“Cheap grace is grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession...cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.” -Bonhoeffer*

When people reject the Gospel, they are rejecting Jesus – not you.

*“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.” John 15:18-19*

### EXAMPLES OF FEARLESS, COSTLY FAITH (VV.13-18)

The (+) Example of Paul (v.13-14)

Discipleship isn't just “do what I say.” Discipleship is “live how I live” – with Jesus at the center of everything!

1 Corinthians 11:1 *“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”*

The (-) Example of the Asians, Phygelus, and Hermogenes (v.15)

The (+) Example of Onesiphorus (vv. 16-18)

Don't be ashamed of the Gospel because God has prepared you, empowered you, saved you, and called you to fearless faith.

### BIG IDEA: TAKE YOUR STAND, BECAUSE YOU ARE IN GOD'S HANDS!

**Challenge Question:** What does the Gospel cost you? And if the answer to that question is “nothing,” then are you unashamedly and boldly living for Jesus?

#### Some Application Ideas:

Give something up for LENT and spend that time in prayer.

Pray for our missionaries, pray for the persecuted church.

Pray about who is in your life you could share the Gospel with. Write their name on a sticky note and put it on your bathroom mirror.

Is there something you would be unwilling to lose for being Christian? Write it down and pray it through.

# 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, february 26*

## WORSHIP WITH US

**TODAY** The Good Fight (2 Timothy): Chapter 1: Not Ashamed

**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 - April 16 - Engaging the Culture for Christ with Bill Everett

**UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS** **THE GOOD FIGHT (2 Timothy) with Pastor Joel McQueen**  
March 5 - Chapter 2: Remember  
March 12 - Chapter 3: Persecuted  
March 19 - Chapter 4:1-8: Ready



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