

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

Friday, April 28, 7 pm // Worship Center

Without props, costumes, or sets, dependent totally on the rich and beautiful language of the King James Bible, the story of Jesus is reborn in the hearts and minds of the audience. Suitable for audience of all ages. Tom Stolz presents The Gospel According to St. Mark as a message of love and hope to the world. This free event is sponsored by Timber Bay. A free will offering will be taken to help support their mission.

KENYA MISSION TRIP RECAP

Sunday, April 30, 10:10 am // Gym

Come hear how God is working in Africa! The Love for Kenya team will share an update of their recent trip - you'll get a chance to hear first-hand accounts of highlights, experiences and the impact of the Gospel on both the team and those to whom they ministered during their time overseas.

ENCOUNTER PRAYER NIGHT

Sunday, April 30, 5 pm // Worship Center

Here at BCC, we seek to be a church of prayer – individually and praying as one. When we get together to unite our prayers, we also anticipate powerful results through God's provision. As we join to seek Him through prayer and praise, we hold fast to Jesus' promise: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

CHILL OUT END-OF-THE-YEAR PARTY

Sunday, April 30, 6-8 pm // River City Extreme in Monticello, MN

Senior High students - come celebrate with us with bowling and pizza at River City Extreme. You can either ride the BCC bus from church or drive yourself. Please be at church by 5:45 pm if you want to ride the bus. Cost is \$20 per person and will include bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. We'll be back at BCC by 8:15 pm.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 4, 6-7 pm // Bandshell in Sturges Park, Buffalo

Americans across the country will gather on the National Day of Prayer to offer diligent, faith-filled prayers for our neighbors and our nation. Please join as we seek to pray fervently together in Buffalo at the Bandshell in Sturges Park. This year's theme is Fervent based on James 5:13-16 - we will have scripture and prayer led by numerous local community leaders and clergy members.

COMING THIS WEEK

Membership Series: Begins Monday, April 24, 6:30-8 pm, Room 108

Hang Time End-of-the-Year Party: Wednesday, April 26, 6-8 pm, Youth Room

Propel - Women's Ministry: Thursday, April 27, 7-9 pm, Kidspace

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Romans 5:1-5

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

"Suffering is the heritage of the bad, of the penitent, and of the Son of God. Each one ends in the cross. The bad thief is crucified, the penitent thief is crucified, and the Son of God is crucified. By these signs we know the widespread heritage of suffering." Oswald Chambers

TROUBLE CAN BE USED AS AN EDUCATOR

The great hymns of the faith

Nicene Council in the 4th century A.D. of the 318 delegates attending, fewer than 12 had not lost an eye, a hand, or did not limp on a leg lamed by torture for their Christian faith.

"Mature and Complete" (James 1:2-4)

TROUBLE CAN BE USED AS A CORRECTOR

The Book of Job

Paul's blindness on the road to Damascus (Acts 9)

TROUBLE CAN BE USED AS A SOFTENER

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses..."

Hebrews 4:15a

"There have been times when I have prayed, 'O Lord, let me be like a potato.'" Billie Wilcox

"The God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble..." 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

TROUBLE CAN BE USED AS A REVEALER

Who has God used to reveal things to you?

One does **not** rise to the occasion, but rather, sinks to the level of his/her own spiritual maturity.

"There is nothing in the world that would so effectively help one to survive even the worst conditions, as the knowledge that there is a meaning in one's life. He who has a 'why' to live for can bear almost any 'how.'" Victor Frankl

The 'why' of life? Christ! (Philippians 1:21)

The 'how' of life? With patient expectation! (Romans 8:18-25)

The extreme greatness of the Christian faith lies in the fact that it does not always seek or expect a supernatural remedy for suffering, but a supernatural use for it.

"Why do the righteous suffer? Why not? They're the only ones who can take it."
C.S. Lewis

welcome TO BUFFALO COVENANT

NEW TO BCC?

Here at Buffalo Covenant, you can learn, grow and connect in an authentic and biblically-based community. We want to get to know you! Scan the QR code to get connected, or stop by the Welcome Center to meet our friendly volunteers.



PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, you can submit it online via the QR code, or enter it on the connection card in the chair back. Drop the connection card off at the Welcome Center for our prayer team. You can also email requests to office@buffalocov.org.

COFFEE & PASTRIES

Start your morning with a free coffee in the Commons. You can also purchase a \$1 pastry from the BCC youth fundraiser.

GIVE

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

sunday, april 23 WORSHIP WITH US

TODAY Triumphantly Troubled (Romans 5:1-11)

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

HELD IN THE GYM AT 10:10 AM

TODAY - Special Congregational Meeting

April 30 - Kenya Mission Trip Recap

May 7 - Steadfast Garden Ministry

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS

April 30 - Our Only Hope (Romans 15:1-13)

May 7 - Confirmation Sunday with Pastor Joel McQueen



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