

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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### BAPTISM SUNDAY

*Sunday, July 30, 10 am // BCC South Lawn*

Join us for this powerful service as we hear testimonies and celebrate with those being baptized as believers in Christ. In case of rain, the Worship Service will move indoors to two services at 9 and 11 am.

### MISSIONARY UPDATE WITH THE REITENOURS

*Sunday, July 23, 10:10 am // Gym*

Join us to hear an update from our missionaries Nick and Stephanie Reitenour. The Reitenours work with TeachBeyond and will both be teaching at Hillcrest International School in Papua, Indonesia this August! Come and learn how you can help to support them on the mission field.

### THE WEIGHT OF GLORY

*Sundays, July 23 & 30, August 6 & 13, 10:10 am // Youth Room*

C.S. Lewis is one of Christendom's most beloved authors and theologians. Explore nine addresses Lewis gave during World War II which brought hope and courage in a time of great doubt. The first of these addresses, "The Weight of Glory," is considered by many to be his greatest sermon, and his insights on pacifism and forgiveness are pithy and poignant. Come join other would-be theologians as we try to think Lewis' thoughts after him. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center and the cost of the book is \$10.

### GOLF SCRAMBLE

*Friday, July 28, 3:30 pm // Whispering Pines Golf Course*

Join us for the 3rd Annual BCC Summer Scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Annandale, MN on July 28 for an 18 hole, 4-person scramble. Register as a team or sign up as a single, double or triple and join a team. Check-in at 3:00 pm, Tee off at 4:00 pm. Register online at [buffalocov.org/golf](http://buffalocov.org/golf) and pay registration fee at the BCC Church Office. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place. \$35/Golfer, 18 Holes & Golf Cart.

### STEADFAST HARVEST & WORK DAY

*Saturday, July 29, 10 am // BCC Garden*

Bring your work gloves for a family Harvest and Work Day at the BCC garden! Produce from the Steadfast ministry goes toward Nourishing Hope, the Buffalo Food Shelf, and home deliveries with the gospel message with hand-written notes of encouragement to our neighbors who are struggling.

### COMING THIS WEEK

**Soup & Prayer:** TODAY, 12 pm, Room 201

**PEPPER: Picnic & Pontoon Rides:** TODAY, 4:30 pm, Griffing Park on Lake Pulaski

**Access Carnival:** Monday, July 17, 6 pm, Patio

**SALT Craft & Pie Social:** Tuesday, July 18, 1:30 pm, Youth Room

# TRANSFORMED

with Mark Stromberg

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## PHILIP: A FAITHFUL LIFE

### Acts 8:1-13

*1 And Saul approved of their killing him (Stephen).*

*On that day, a great persecution broke out against the Church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. 2 Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3 But Saul began to destroy the Church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.*

*4 Those who had been scattered preached the Word wherever they went. 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city.*

*9 Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, 10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." 11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. 12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.*

### Acts 8:1-13

*26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."*

*30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.*

*32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:*

*"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.*

*33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth."*

*34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.*

*36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.*

Three seasons of Philip's faithfulness:

#### THE 'DAWN' OF PHILIP'S FAITHFUL MINISTRY

- The appointment of deacons (Acts 6:1-7)

#### THE 'NOONDAY' OF PHILIP'S FAITHFUL MINISTRY

- In Samaria (Acts 8:1-13)
- The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)

#### THE 'TWILIGHT' OF PHILIP'S FAITHFUL MINISTRY

- With his family (Acts 21:7-9)

#### PHILIP THE EVANGELIST...

- A faithful life..
- The first foreign missionary for the gospel...
- Conveying good news to others...but also to his own!

# 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.



#### COFFEE

Start your morning with a free coffee in the Commons.

#### 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](mailto:office@buffalocov.org).

#### GIVE

Offering boxes are in the back of the Worship Center or you can give at [buffalocov.org/give](http://buffalocov.org/give).

## sunday, july 16 WORSHIP WITH US

**TODAY** Philip: A Faithful Life

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

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### HELD IN THE GYM AT 10:10 AM

TODAY - The State of the ECC with Mark Stromberg  
July 23 - Missionary Update with Reitenours  
July 30 - No Sunday School (Baptism Service)

#### UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS

#### TRANSFORMED WITH PASTOR MARK STROMBERG

July 23 - John Mark: A Redeemed Life  
July 30 - Paul: A Visionary Life

#### MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP PRESENTATION

August 6 - Life School Musical



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