

## 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.

### WEST VIRGINIA MISSION DONATION DRIVE

*Sunday, July 23-30, Commons*

You can journey along with us to help the residents of Pineville, WV by supplying items of need. Donate new or gently-used coats (especially for kids), fill a backpack with school supplies, fill a bag with hygiene essentials, give to support service projects, and pray for the BCC Appalachia team going to West Virginia in August. The collection site will be in the Commons from July 16-30.

### 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.

### WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT

*Thursday, August 17, 6 pm // South Lawn & Patio*

Join the women of BCC for some friendly competition and outdoor fun! We'll have all sort of lawn games for you to play and be as competitive or non-competitive as you want. Bring a snack to share and we'll provide some cold beverages. In case of rain, we'll move to the Youth Room for ping pong, pool and foosball.

### COMING THIS WEEK

**Chill Out:** TONIGHT, 6:30-9 pm, Pietig Lake Home

**Hang Time:** Wednesday, July 26, 6:30-8:30 pm, South Lawn/Patio

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## JOHN MARK: A REDEEMED LIFE

### ACTS 13:1-5,13

*1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. 4 The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John (Mark) was with them as their helper.*

*13 From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.*

### ACTS 15:35-40

*35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the Word of the Lord. 36 Sometime later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." 37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. 39 They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord.*

### II TIMOTHY 4:9-11

*9 Do your best to come to me quickly, 10 for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.*

An antidote for discouragement is to read other people's biographies...

John Mark...one who had a redeemed life and was given a second chance!

- With Barnabas and Paul on the first missionary journey (Acts 13:1-5, 13)
- With Barnabas after going separate ways with Paul (Acts 15:35-40)
- Paul's request for Timothy to bring John Mark with him (2 Timothy 4:9-11)

"The road is too rough, dear Lord," I cried. "There are stones that hurt me so."

And He said, "Dear child, I understand, I ran it long ago."

"But there is a cool green path," I said. "Let me run there for a time."

"No, child," He gently answered me. "The green road does not climb."

"But I wish that there were friends with me, who would make my way their own."

"Ah, yes," He said. "Gethsemane was hard to bear alone."

And so I ran the stony path content at last to know,  
that where my Master had not run I would not have to go.

And strangely then, I found new friends. The burden grew less sore.  
As I remembered, long ago, He ran that way before.

Jesus invites us to continue with Him on the road to redemption!

# 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 23

### WORSHIP WITH US

**TODAY** John Mark: A Redeemed 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 - Missionary Update with Reitenours  
July 30 - No Sunday School (Baptism Service)  
August 6 - Montana Recap With Youth Leaders

#### UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS

**TRANSFORMED WITH PASTOR MARK STROMBERG**  
July 30 - Paul: Victorious Life

**MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP PRESENTATION**  
August 6 - Life School Musical



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