

## 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.

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

*Sunday, October 8, 12:15 pm // Room 201*

This meeting is for anyone thinking about joining us on our trip to Mexico from January 20-27, 2024. We will share about where we'll be and what ministries we'll be doing while in Mexico. This mission trip is a great opportunity for adults and families with middle school aged kids and up.

### DISCOVER BCC

*Monday, October 9, 6-9 pm // Room 201*

Join our Discover BCC class to learn more about our church family or to explore what it means to be a member of Buffalo Covenant Church. You will have a chance to learn about our church's mission, values and history.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

*October 13-15 // Lake Beauty Bible Camp*

We all have tough stuff in our lives - health issues, broken relationships, even loneliness. It's not always easy to see God's purpose and sometimes it's hard to believe that ANY good can come from struggles. Join us for an encouraging weekend away with stories of hope that will show you how God doesn't waste a single thing, even the hard things. Our speakers will be Judy Bergstrom, Char McDonell, Lindsay Rice and Logan Rhodes. Cost is \$130 for the weekend. Sign up online at [buffalocov.org/women](http://buffalocov.org/women).

### POPCORN & PUMPKINS

*Wednesday, October 18, 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.

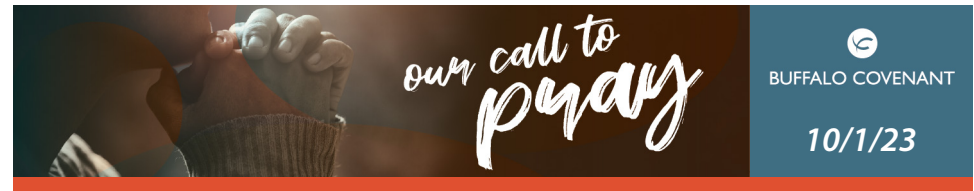
### COMING THIS WEEK

**Newcomer Lunch:** TODAY, October 1, 12:15 pm, Patio/Youth Room

**Congregational Meeting:** TODAY, October 1, 3 pm prayer, 4 pm meeting, Worship Center

**Grace Marriage - Session 1:** Saturday, October 7, 8 am, Youth Room

**Father/Daughter Dance:** Saturday, October 7, 6:30 pm, Gym



## THE TEACHER OF PRAYER

Pastor Mark Stromberg

### Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:5-15

*'Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.'*

First comes the **WILL** to pray and then comes the **WAY** to pray...  
The first concerns the '**HEART**' of prayer and the second concerns the '**ART**' of prayer.

### THE WILL TO PRAY – HOW CAN IT BE ENCOURAGED?

By Attraction

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, '*Lord, teach us to pray...*' (Luke 11:1)

Jesus did not *drive* the disciples to prayer...he *drew* them. He did not *lash* them...he *lured* them.

By Affliction

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey Your Word. (Psalm 119:67)

It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn Your decrees. (Psalm 119:71)

## THE WAY TO PRAY – WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE?

Our Approach – a Family Connection

Our Father... (Matthew 6:9)

Because you are his sons (and daughters), God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." (Galatians 4:6)

Our Aim – the Glory of God

Hallowed be Your Name, 10 Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10)

Our Attitude – Acknowledged Dependence

Give us today our daily bread. (Matthew 6:11)

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike!

Our Atmosphere – Humility

And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:12-13)

Forgiven souls are humble. They cannot forget that they owe all they have and hope for to free grace, and this keeps them lowly. They are brands plucked from the fire...debtors who could not pay for themselves...captives who must have remained in prison forever, but for undeserved mercy...wandering sheep who were ready to perish when the Shepherd found them. And what right then have they to be proud? (J.C. Ryle)

If we have the **WILL** to pray...and if we have learned from Jesus, the great teacher of prayer, the **WAY** to pray... then we can say, along with the apostles and all the saints throughout all the generations,

*"Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever."*

Lord, teach us to pray!

# 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.



## GIVE

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

## 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).

## COFFEE & PASTRIES

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

# sunday, october 1 WORSHIP WITH US

**TODAY** The Teacher of Prayer with Mark Stromberg

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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** HELD IN THE GYM AT 10:10 AM  
TODAY - Congregational Meeting Preview  
October 8-22 - 2 Thessalonians with Dennis Lingo  
October 29 - Teen Challenge Choir

**UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS** OUR CALL TO PRAY WITH MARK STROMBERG  
October 8 - Prayer: A Bridge Over Troubled Waters



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