



# Buchanan Christian Church

112 W. Third St. Buchanan, MI 49107

# BUCHANAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## The Buchanan Bugle

Jesus answered Thomas:  
"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
John 14:6

## BCC Office

Open: Monday-Thursday, Closed Friday  
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**Office Hours:**  
Mon & Tues: 8-12 & 1-5  
Wed & Thurs: 8-4; Fri: **CLOSED**

## AUGUST / SEPTEMBER: NEWS, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

- > Sundays: 9:20 am, **Just Coffee** - Come get some coffee, donut or treat.
- 9:30 am, **Sunday School** (promotion Sunday 9/2)
- 10:30 am, **Worship Service**
- \***Starting 9/9:** 5-6 pm, Adult Choir & Heroes for K-5 gr
- \***Starting 9/23:** 6-7:45 pm, Small Groups Start
- > Wednesdays: 5:30 pm, **Special Prayer Time**
- \***Starting 9/5:** 5:45-6:30 pm, Glorymakers Children's Choir, K-6th gr.
- \***Starting 9/5:** 6-7:30 pm, Teen Illumination
- 6:30-7:30 pm, **Adult Bible Study**

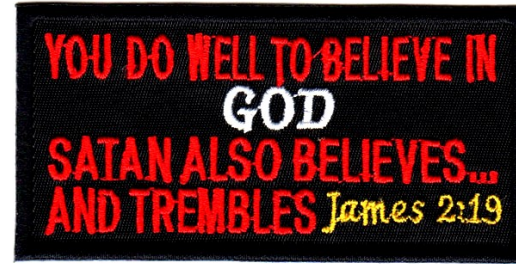
### — AUGUST —

- > 8/26, Sun: 2-5 pm, **Faith & Family Day** at Buchanan Common on Oak St.  
**Come, Have a FUN Afternoon at the Common!**  
Christian Concerts - Kids Games & Inflatables
- \*Backpack and Clothes Giveaway - Free Eye Screening & Child ID Kits  
\*Must pre-register for backpack giveaway by calling 269-695-1091
- Feeding America Mobile Trailer - Police, Fire, EMS
- > 8/28, Tues: 7 pm, **American Heritage Girls** - fall kick-off! Girls K-12 gr.

### — SEPTEMBER —

#### Fall Program Schedule Resumes (see above)

- > 9/3, Mon: **Labor Day Holiday** (BCC office closed)
- > 9/9, Sun: 5-6 pm, **Christmas in September** for Choir; new voices welcome
- > 9/16, Sun: 6 pm, **All Volunteers Appreciation Dinner**
- > 9/23, Sun: **Freedom Sunday**
- > 9/30, Sun: 12 pm, **AHG Spaghetti Dinner**, *all invited*, cost: donation only



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Buchanan Christian Church is to be and to make disciples of Jesus who serve God by serving others.*

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*Deeper In the Word*  
*Nate Babcock, Senior Minister*

## Building Others Up with our Words

James 3:1-12 is a passage which clearly convicts us for sinful speech which dishonors God and hurts others. Further, the passage contains hints at how our speech can be conformed to the character of Christ. However, when it comes to concrete directions for godly speech, we must look elsewhere in the Bible for the direction we need. We can begin with the apostle Paul's general exhortation:

**Ephesians 4:29 [NET Bible]:** You must let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but only what is beneficial for the building up of the one in need, that it may give grace to those who hear.

What are the characteristics of speech that is "beneficial for the building up" of others? We can identify at least three from the letters of Paul.

- \* **Ephesians 4:15 [NLT]:** "Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." *Our words will build others up when we speak truthfully with them in loving ways and for loving reasons.*
- \* **Romans 12:14 [NLT]:** "Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them." *Our words will build others up when we are determined to bless them, even and especially when they are determined to curse us. Praying for others, especially people we are having a difficult time with, will help us to be kind to them even when it is hard.*
- \* **Colossians 4:5-6 [NLT]:** "Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone." *Our words will bless unbelievers when they are filled with grace. Judgment belongs to God. It is our responsibility to attract unbelievers to Christ with words that convey the joy and wonder of his patience, mercy, and forgiveness. This is done not only by speaking about Christ directly, but also by being gracious to others ourselves. Unbelievers should experience the grace of Christ through their relationships with us.*

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**The Tech Wise Family**  
**Andy Crouch**

9. We learn to sing together, rather than letting recorded and amplified music take over our lives and worship.
10. Show up in person for big events in life.

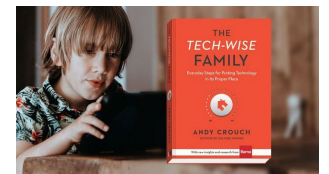
I don't know about you, but several of these hit me right in the gut. Crouch talks repeatedly in the book about 'easy everywhere'. Ten years ago, my work rarely, if ever, contacted me to take care of things on evenings or weekends. Now, my laptop comes home most every day and my email is on my phone. We all have Siri or Bixbi that we can just tell to 'Call Dad' and it knows who and how to call them. Even the music that we make doesn't necessarily get a beat from a metronome, but rather an app on our phones. Technology has made so many things 'easy everywhere'. There are many good things that have come from technology. But taken to extreme, this can be detrimental in the development of character and the core of what we should be teaching our children.

We would be fools to think that we could completely cut ourselves off from technology. It is a part of our culture. However, Proverbs 18:2 reads "A foolish person does not want to understand anything. He only enjoys telling others what he thinks." Anyone on Facebook might feel a twinge of guilt reading that scripture! The question we as Christian parents should be asking ourselves is "Will this \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the technology) help me (or my child) become less foolish and more wise?" If not, then maybe we should be taking a better look at the technology we have let into our lives. Crouch suggests that nudges, in each of these commandment areas, should be something we all strive to as we try to develop character and virtue in our families.

In my fifteen pages of handwritten notes, I have so many other pearls of wisdom I picked up from this book. I wish I had room to include them all. I honestly don't think you could have a better endorsement than that for a book!

To Learn more:

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/life-and-relationships/parenting/how-to-become-a-tech-wise-family.html>





## SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS to CELEBRATE

(Please notify the office if you'd like to have your birthday or anniversary included.)



### *Birthdays*

Chloe Smith - 4  
 Daniel L. Furst - 7  
 Michael Belcher - 7  
 Ashlynn Young - 12  
 Phil Weldy - 13  
 Seth Weldy - 13  
 Nate Babcock - 19  
 Olivia Archibold - 21

### *Anniversaries*

Rick Young - 22  
 Ruth Worsham - 24  
 Zachary Anderson - 25  
 Nancy Dunning - 25  
 Travis Wesner - 25  
 Judy Vergon - 28  
 David Vigansky - 30

Dick & Beverly Crettol - 1  
 Danny & Jenny Ferris - 7  
 Brandon & Chelsea Schmeling - 24  
 Rhineholt & Charlotte Tillman - 19  
 Doug & Mary Weldy - 23  
 Ed & Linda Brunke - 28



### **BCC PRAYER NEEDS**

*Mission of the Month:*  
**Michigan Campus Ministries**

*Prayer Focus:*  
**Family**

Please Remember in Prayer:

- \*Our Nation, \*BCC Leaders & Teachers, \*Those hurting from loss of loved ones
- \*Our shut-ins & home bound, \*Victims of tragedy in our nation & elsewhere
- \*President Trump & family, \*US Troops, \*Lord to send forth laborers for the Kingdom

Mom Barbour - back in nursing home, mom of John Barbour  
 April Belcher - thyroid therapy this month  
 Eric Earnst - cancer, R. Earnst nephew  
 Sue Gurley - chemotherapy, husband is friend and coworker of Danny Ferris  
 Marti (Martha) Hopkins - health concerns, Terry Irwin req.  
 Madelyn Kitchell - more testing, still in pain, seeing an IU/Riley Rheumatologist  
 Bill Mayhew - trouble breathing  
 Nick Powers Sr. - fell, nothing broken, rehab at West Woods of Niles  
 Debra Robinson - congestive heart failure, cellulitis, hospice care  
 Jean Schneider - healing and recovery from broken hip, now home  
 Tad Smith - stroke recovery, continued healing  
 Catherine Syrette - continued health concerns  
 Kay Vazquez - brain aneurysm recov., ICU 3 wks, 2 wks therapy, April Belcher req.  
 Brian Watson - knee surgery recovery, son of Rich & Kris Watson  
 Jim Walkden - back surgery, son of Chet Walkden  
 Ken Weed - Borgess Hosp, Plainwell MI, 5-6 weeks

*Families of:* Donna Newsom, friend and neighbor of Carol Boyer  
 Kevin Smith, passed unexpectedly, Michele Clayton req.



## The Tech Wise Family Andy Crouch

Book Review by Jennie Brackett August 2018

As a family who is pretty heavy in using technology, I thought this book would be a good read to make sure we aren't over-exposing our three kiddos. It was a great read! I read it on Amazon Kindle (surprise, surprise). It was initially a book that was free to borrow at the Buchanan District Library, but I eventually ended up purchasing it; it was that good.

Andy Crouch points out that technology, in its proper place, helps us to bond with people we have been given to love; however, taken to extreme, we let it bond us with people we will never meet. Technology can take care of our fragile, human bodies; however, it cannot help us escape the limits and vulnerabilities of those bodies. It can help cultivate awe for the created world we are a part of and are responsible for stewarding; however, it can keep us from engaging in the wild and wonderful natural world with all of our God-given senses. Putting technology in its proper place in our lives is the primary point of the book.

Crouch gives 10 Commandments of Technology, all of which he explains thoroughly in the book. He includes research recently done by the Barna group to support his claims and suggests how we might counteract some of the ways in which technology may be negatively influencing our lives. Each chapter ends with how successful (or not) his family, with two teenagers, is at implementing each of the 10 Commandments. Admittedly, some of the Commandments are harder than the others.

### 10 Commandments

1. We develop wisdom and courage together as a family.
2. Make the center of your home tech-free. It should be a place where we create more than we consume (ouch!).
3. Make rest truly a Sabbath. Give up technology one hour a day, one day a week, one week a year. Can you do it?
4. Waking and Sleeping - We should wake up before and without devices, and they should go to bed before us.
5. No screen time before double digits.
6. Use screen time for a purpose and together.
7. Car time is conversation time, not gadget time.
8. Spouses have one another's passwords and parents have total access to children's devices.

**BCC COMPREHENSIVE SERVING CALENDAR: *SEPTEMBER***

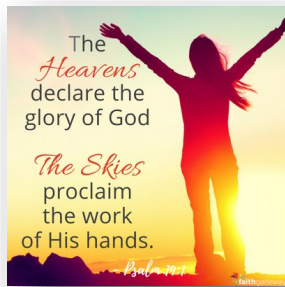
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**BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS & CHILDREN'S CLASSES**

**Birth-2yrs / 3yrs-Pre K / K-2nd / 3rd-6th / Worship Hr.**

9/02	Bible School V. Metzger	Bible School C. Benson P. Anderson	Bible School P. Brackett	Bible School R. Neal	Birth-2yrs: J. Ferris / S. Galaske 3 yrs - Pre K: R. & T. Wheat K-2nd Gr.: B. Smith/ <b>need volunteers</b> 3rd-6th Gr: S. Weldy
9/09	Bible School V. Metzger	Bible School C. Benson P. Anderson	Bible School P. Brackett	Bible School R. Neal	Birth-2yrs: R. & T. Wheat 3 yrs - Pre K: B. Smith K-2nd Gr.: P. & J. Brackett 3rd-6th Gr: S. Weldy
9/16 Family Sunday	Bible School V. Metzger	Bible School C. Benson P. Anderson	Bible School P. Brackett	Bible School R. Neal	Birth-2yrs: A. Smith 3 yrs - Pre K: M. & N. Mitchell K-2nd Gr.: Family Sunday 3rd-6th Gr: Family Sunday
9/23	Bible School V. Metzger	Bible School C. Benson P. Anderson	Bible School P. Brackett	Bible School R. Neal	Birth-2yrs: D. Bybee / TBA 3 yrs - Pre K: B. & C. Schmeling K-2nd Gr.: D. & K. Furst 3rd-6th Gr: B. Smith
9/30	Bible School V. Metzger	Bible School C. Benson P. Anderson	Bible School P. Brackett	Bible School R. Neal	Birth-2yrs: C. Blaine/G. Britton 3 yrs - Pre K: P. & J. Brackett K-2nd Gr.: B. Smith/ 3rd-6th Gr: St. Weldy

<u>MUSIC MINISTRY</u>	<u>Praise Team</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Sound Tech</u>	<u>Projection Tech</u>
Contact: J. Earnst 9/02	J. Brackett N. Mitchell M. Mitchell P. Brackett	M. Kitchell C. Benson	R. Earnst	G. Brackett
9/09	G. Britton K. Entwistle T. Entwistle D. Ferris	M. Kitchell C. Benson	B. Babcock	Br. Babcock
9/16 Family Sunday	S. Weldy D.A. Weldy P. Weldy P. Brackett	M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat	T. Entwistle	K. Entwistle
9/23	D.A. Weldy G. Britton D. Ferris P. Weldy	M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat	R. Earnst	Z. Furst
9/30	S. Weldy J. Brackett D. Ferris P. Brackett	M. Kitchell C. Benson	R. Wheat	T. Wheat



**SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

Contact: P. Brackett

**PRAYING FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Contact: T. Anderson

**SERVING HOME COMMUNION**

Contact: T. Irwin

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**BCC SECURITY LOCKUP**

Contact: N. Mark

September Bobby Blaylock

	<u>Meditation</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
9/02	T. Irwin	P. Brackett
9/09	P. Brackett	T. Irwin
9/16 Family Sunday	T. Irwin	P. Brackett
9/23	P. Brackett	T. Irwin
9/30	T. Irwin	P. Brackett

**Prayer Warrior**

9/02	T. & P. Anderson
9/09	G. Britton
9/16 Family Sunday	K. Pratt
9/23	D.A. Weldy
9/30	N. Dunning

9/02	T. Irwin
9/09	C. Benson K. Pratt
9/16 Family Sunday	R. Wheat R. Young
9/23	M. Mitchell B. Klinedinst
9/30	C. Boyer Je. Ferris

September J. Ferris C. Lowery

Contact: L. Brunke