

Mission of the Month:

Michigan Campus Ministries



About: His House has three main goals: to WIN students for Jesus Christ and the gospel, to BUILD them up in their faith through teaching, small groups, prayer and retreats. And finally, to SEND them out to influence the world for Christ! In the last year, we've had many students baptized and even more who have had their lives changed by the Gospel. In fact, in 2017 we celebrated that:

Students Were Baptized, Went on Retreats and Went on Mission Trips!

Testimonials:

*From Mary, at MSU- "What I love about His House is that it doesn't matter what your spiritual background is, where you're from or what your goals are, everyone here is here for you. It's like a big support system that turns into your campus family."

*From Jonathan, FSU- "The best part of His House Christian Fellowship is in the name: fellowship. The amazing students and staff involved in the ministry are extremely welcoming and encourage both spiritual and relational growth."

*From Jabari, CMU- "His House means a community that collectively welcomes people with love, seeks after God, and reaches the world."

Services:

Each of our twelve campus ministries is unique in their atmosphere, but every His House community offers the same basic opportunities:

Weekly Services: with praise and worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship.

Small Groups: Bible studies add depth to a college student's walk with God through discussion and friendships.

Mission Trips: Trips to help students share their faith with the world through service opportunities.

Campuses: [Central Michigan University](#) – Mt. Pleasant;

[Eastern Michigan University](#) – Ypsilanti, [Ferris State University](#) – Big Rapids

[Grand Valley State University](#) – Grand Rapids,

[Lake Superior State University](#) – Sault Ste. Marie

[Michigan State University](#) – East Lansing, [Michigan Technological University](#) – Houghton

[Northwestern Michigan College](#) – Traverse City, [Northern Michigan University](#) – Marquette

[Saginaw Valley State University](#) – Saginaw, [University of Michigan](#) – Ann Arbor

[Western Michigan University](#) – Kalamazoo

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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

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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James 2:19 "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe-and shudder!"

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Deeper In the Word
Nate Babcock, Senior Minister

Mercy Triumphs over Judgment

James 2:13 [NET Bible]: For judgment is merciless for the one who has shown no mercy. But mercy triumphs over judgment.

This verse from James states in proverbial form what Jesus consistently taught. In the Sermon on the Mount, after giving us the model prayer which we call ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ Jesus said:

Matthew 6:14-15: “For if you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ^{6:15} But if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive you your sins.

Also, at the conclusion of the parable about the servant who refused to have mercy on someone who owed him money after he himself had just been forgiven a vast debt by the king, Jesus said:

Matthew 18:34-35: And in anger his lord turned him over to the prison guards to torture him until he repaid all he owed. ^{18:35} *So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you does not forgive your brother from your heart.*”

In both of these teachings Jesus insisted that “judgment is merciless” [‘your Father will not forgive your sins’ and ‘so also my heavenly Father will do to you’] ‘for the one who has shown no mercy’ [‘if you do not forgive others’ and ‘if each of you does not forgive your brother’]. God’s forgiveness is supposed to flow through us to others. However, if we refuse to extend to others the mercy God has extended to us, then God will judge us *according to our own merciless standard.*

Now, whereas the teaching of Jesus was focused primarily on the issue of forgiveness, James widened the scope to include treating others with mercy, that is, with kindness and compassion. If we treat some people better than we treat others (practice partiality) then we are making distinctions between people based upon our own selfish interests, and we are judging people according to our own evil thoughts (James 2:4). This is merciless living. If we treat people in this way, then we can expect that God will judge us in this way. “For judgment is merciless for the one who has shown no mercy.”

The way of Christ, on the other hand, is to *be merciful*, that is, to have pity and compassion for each person we encounter. This call to practice mercy and compassion is deeply rooted in the Old Testament as, for example, in this text from the prophet Zechariah:

Zechariah 7:8-10: Again the word of the Lord came to Zechariah: ^{7:9} “The Lord who rules over all said, ‘Exercise true judgment and show brotherhood and compassion to each other.’ ^{7:10} You must not oppress the widow, the orphan, the foreigner, or the poor, nor should anyone secretly plot evil against his fellow human being.’

Let each of us follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our lives, for he is working to change us to be merciful as Christ is merciful.

August / September 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:** 6-7:00 pm, Small Groups Start
- > Wednesdays: 5:30 pm, **Special Prayer Time**
- ***Starting 9/5:** 5:45-6:30 pm, Glorymakers Children’s Choir
- ***Starting 9/5:** 6-7:30 pm, Teen Illumination
 6:30 pm, **Adult Bible Study**

— AUGUST —

- > 8/11, Sat: **Garage Sale!** We will be hosting a garage sale at the church as a part of the Annual US 12 Garage Sale weekend. We will have different tables that you could “purchase” to sell your gently used items. “Purchasing” a table would be 5 dollars for a roughly 10’ by 10’ square to have and sell items. Time to set up your tables: Fri, 6-8 pm. For the sale, doors open Saturday at: 8 am - 2 pm. Let Brandon know if you are interested in “purchasing” a table!
- > 8/19, Sun: After morning worship, **Teacher’s Meeting**
- > 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! (K-12th Gr.)

— SEPTEMBER —

Fall Program Schedule Resumes (see above)

- > 9/3, Mon: **Labor Day Holiday** (BCC office closed)
- > 9/5, Wed: 7 pm, **Grace Harmony** concert at BCC!
- > 9/9, Sun: 5-6 pm, **Christmas in September** for Choir
- > 9/11, Tues: 7 pm, **Patriots Day - Remember**
- > 9/16, Sun: 6 pm, **BCC Volunteers Appreciation Dinner**
- > 9/23, Sun: **Freedom Sunday**
- > 9/30, Sun: 12 pm, **AHG Spaghetti Dinner**, *all invited*, cost: donation only

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

- April Belcher - thyroid therapy this month
- Eric Earnst - cancer, R. Earnst nephew
- Sue Gurley - chemotherapy, husband is friend and coworker of Danny Ferris
- Madelyn Kitchell - nothing showed on the tests, seeing a rheumatologist
- Oliver - 3 yrs old, home from Riley Hospital, grandson of Vinette DePhillippe
- Debra Robinson - congestive heart failure, hospice care
- Jean Schneider - broken hip
- Tad Smith - able to chew & swallow some foods, standing for 2 min., moving right leg
- Dan Stover - cataract surg. 8/8, Joann Pugh req.
- Catherine Syrette - continued health concerns
- Kay Vazquez - brain aneurysm recov., ICU 3 wks, 2 wks therapy, April Belcher req.
- Ken Weed - skin grafting on foot, 8/14 at Lakeland Niles
- Stephanie Weldy - health concerns

Families of: Donald Vigansky - father of David Vigansky
Raymond Ferris - wonderful senior saint of 77 yrs. at BCC

FACTS & FIGURES for JULY: Attendance & Offerings

ATTENDANCE Bible School: 9:30 AM Worship: 10:30 AM

7/01	—	47	—	115
7/08	—	45	—	118
7/15	—	53	—	145
7/22	—	53	—	155
7/29	—	65	—	155

TITHES & OFFERINGS (BUDGETED AMOUNTS)

(General Fund: 4,507.00) (Faith Promise: 787.50) Building Fund Received

7/01	—	5,235.85	7/01	—	1,000.00	7/01	—	922.00
7/08	—	3,372.48	7/08	—	602.00	7/08	—	663.00
7/15	—	5,265.50	7/15	—	710.00	7/15	—	888.00
7/22	—	4,119.83	7/22	—	520.00	7/22	—	528.00
7/29	—	4,014.95	7/29	—	535.00	7/29	—	298.00

SPECIAL OFFERING TOTALS:

BENEVOLENT FUND	817.00	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	1.00
MICHIANA CHRISTIAN CAMP	3.40	FAITH & FAMILY BACKPACKS	5.90
AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS	1.32	AFRICA FIRE MISSION	57.00
FLOWER FUND	1.00	(VBS OFFERING)	
NEW CHURCHES OF CHRIST EVANG	51.00		

“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7



Judy Earnst
Director of Worship Arts

Thought for the month
“In Christ Alone”

The words to this praise song remind us that -
In Christ alone – we find hope
In Christ alone – we find solid ground
In Christ alone – we find love and peace
In Christ alone— we find a comforter and our all in all
In Christ alone – we find righteousness
In Christ alone – we find power and life’s destiny
In Christ alone – we will find the power to stand



Special Announcements for BCC Choir & Glory Makers

“Faith and Family Day”

There will be a choir rehearsal on Saturday, August 25 at 6:00-6:30 pm in preparation for the special music the choir will present for “Faith and Family Day” at the Commons, August 26 at 2:00 pm.

“Christmas In September” - September 9th - 5:00-6:00 pm

Come join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship as we preview the Christmas musical “Good News From Home” by Russell Mauldin. There will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome center August 26th for choir members who would like to provide food for this event. New voices are always welcome!!

Glory Makers (K-6th)

Rehearsals will resume on September 5th at 5:45-6:30 pm in the Chapel. Our Christmas musical this year is entitled “The Christmas Express” (Finding Joy In The Journey). We also will begin rehearsing special music for Family Sunday, September 16th.



*Brandon Smith - Associate Minister
Children's Ministry*

This past month, my nearly 1 year starting saying his first words. He opened up one of his books, flipping through the pages, saying 'NO' (for the first time!!) each time he flipped a page. It was very funny to witness, but after being able to reflect back on it, how often do we do that too. We open up our Bibles and want to say 'no' too. We read things like forgiving those who do us wrong and giving over and beyond what is asked of us, and our initial response is often times 'NO'. 'NO', I do not want to give money to that person on the side of the road; 'NO', I do not want to give up my weekend to clean someone else's yard; 'NO', I will say unkind things when the car in front of me is driving 10 under the speed limit.

Our challenge? – Say 'yes'. We have our God who tells us our worship of Him is invalid if we do not care for those around us (Matt. 25:31-46). We have expectations to be forgiving (Matt. 5:39) and generous (Matt. 5:40-42), especially for those who don't like us and treat us horribly (Matt. 5:43-45). But yet, even with the weight of these expectations, we have someone who is willing to come beside us and help us through it. My son has me who will come along beside him, helping him to see that books aren't that bad; but we have the Spirit who gives us strength to care deeply for those around us.

Lesson:

Read: Matthew 25:14-30

Assign roles as you read (Servant 1, 2, 3 ..) to make it more personal

Discuss:

What is a talent? What are you talented in? How do you use your talents?

Pray:

Dear God,
Thank you for my gifts and talents that you have given me. I don't want to waste them, but use them to serve you.

In Jesus Name,

Amen

Do: Use what God has given you for His benefit!

BCC Prayer Focus



AUGUST WEEKLY FOCUS FAMILY

"Merciful Father, I ask that you command your angels concerning our families to guard them in all of their ways." (Psalm 91:11)

"I pray that our families may not waver through unbelief regarding your promises but will be strengthened in their faith and give you glory, being fully persuaded that you have the power to do what you have promised." (Romans 4:20-21)

"Help our families to conduct themselves in the world, and especially in their relations with others, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God." (2 Corinthians 1:12)

"Wise Father give our families a discerning heart so that they may be able to distinguish between right and wrong." (1 Kings 3:9)

"Sovereign God help our families flee from sexual immorality. Give them the understanding that his/her body is a temple of your Holy Spirit." (1 Corinthians 6:18-19)

"My 'Strong Tower', please strengthen us. Help us stand firm. Let nothing move us. I pray that we will always give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord . . . knowing that our labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

"Father, I pray that we will be strong and courageous . . . that we will not be terrified and will not be discouraged. Please allow us to know that you are with us wherever we go." (Joshua 1:9)

"As God's chosen, holy and dearly loved, clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." (Colossians 3:12)

"Father help us to rejoice in you, you who are righteous, and praise your holy name. Let gratefulness become a state of heart and a way of life within our families." (Psalm 97:12)

"Whatever they do, I pray that they will work at it with all their heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." (Colossians 3:23)

"My prayer is not that you would take them out of the world, but that you would protect them from the evil one." (John 17:15)

"My prayer is that they will not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. I pray that they delight in the law of the Lord, and that they will meditate on it day and night. I pray that our families are like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf never withers." (Psalm 1:1-3)

"I pray that they will never forget your teaching, but will keep your commands in their hearts, and that those teachings will prolong their lives many years and bring peace and prosperity." (Proverbs 3:1-2)

In Jesus Name, Amen!