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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

BCC Office

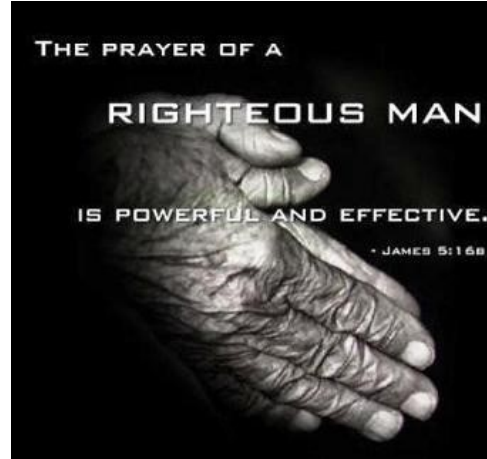
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Mon & Tues: 8-12 & 1-5
Wed & Thurs: 8-4; Fri: **CLOSED**

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER: NEWS, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

- > Sundays: 9:20 am, **Just Coffee** - Come get some coffee, donut or treat.
9:30 am, **Sunday School**; 10:30 am, **Worship Service**
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**
5:45-6:30 pm, **Glorymakers Children's Choir**, K-6th gr.
6-7:30 pm, **Teen Illumination**, 7th-12th gr.
6:30-7:30 pm, **Adult Bible Study**



— SEPTEMBER —

- > 9/23, Sun: **Freedom Sunday**



- > 9/27, Thurs: 6-8 pm, **Game Night** with Brandon Smith!

- > 9/30, Sun: 10:30, during worship

Preaching by **David Moore of AFM**



- > 9/30, Sun: 12 pm, **AHG Spaghetti Dinner**,
All are invited, cost: donation only



— OCTOBER —

- > 10/4, Thurs: 1:30, **Ladies Fellowship**, all ladies are invited!
- > 10/5-10/6, Fri & Sat: **MCCamp, Women's Retreat**. Fri only: \$20/\$25, Sat only: \$40/\$45, Fri & Sat: \$55/\$65 For information call: 269-683-4403
- > 10/6, Sat: 9:00 am, **Fall Prayer Breakfast**

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

The Lord is a Jealous God

Exodus 20:3-6: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

The statement which precedes the Ten Commandments is the Lord's declaration of his relationship to Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex. 20:2). God had redeemed Israel from slavery and committed Himself to be their God. The first two commandments then, which forbid idolatry, form the core of Israel's relationship to God: they were to be absolutely loyal to God because of who God is and all that God has done for them. The covenant which Israel entered into with God (Exodus 19) is an exclusive and binding relationship: He was their God and they were His people. No other gods could intrude on Israel's relationship with the Lord.

It is in this context of God's love for and claim on Israel, and Israel's commitment to be loyal to God, that we must understand the truth that our God is a jealous God. We almost always associate jealousy with negative things such as insecurity, a need for control, and manipulation. God's jealousy is not like ours, however. Instead, God's jealousy is his zealous desire that we would love, worship, and serve Him, and Him alone. God desires that we would desire Him, and this is both for His glory and our good. When we put other things – money, family, work, pleasure, or something else – before God, we are violating the exclusive and binding relationship which we as followers of Jesus have with Him. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20:** "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." We do not belong to ourselves, but to the Lord who laid down his life for us. Through Christ, God has claimed us for himself and he has called us to live completely for Him. So, as it was for Israel, so it is for us: our idolatry will arouse God's jealousy and anger:

Psalms 78:58: For they provoked him to anger with their high places; they moved him to jealousy with their idols.

James 4:4-5: You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

Let us therefore repent of putting anything before the Lord our God. Let us repent of loving other things more than we love Jesus Christ. Let us recognize that God's jealousy means that He longs for the loyalty of our affections and the fullness of our obedience. Let us worship and serve the God who has redeemed us from slavery to sin. Let us worship and serve Him alone.

Avengers: Infinity War

Reviewed by Nate Babcock



In movies which are about the conflict of good vs. evil, we expect the good guys to win. Somehow, someway, they will find a way to come out on top in the end. Good will triumph over evil. But what if the good guys can't win? What if they find themselves up against a foe who is so resolute and so powerful that even all their best and most heroic efforts are not enough to prevent the catastrophe of the triumph of evil?

Avengers: Infinity War is 19th film in the celebrated Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), which began with 2008's *Iron Man*. The previous 18 films, though they each told their own stories, were all building up to *Infinity War*. The story lines of literally dozens of characters brought them all together for one confrontation and one purpose: to prevent the mad titan Thanos from acquiring all six "infinity stones." In the MCU the infinity stones are mystical, elemental stones which, if gathered together by Thanos, would give him the ability to instantaneously wipe out half of all life in the universe.

Thanos (portrayed by Josh Brolin) is the main villain and also the main character in the film. The film explores *why* he wants to kill half of all life, and the extremes he is willing to go to and the sacrifices he is willing to make to accomplish his objective. The good guys who oppose him are the Avengers, the Guardians of the Galaxy, and the king and warriors of Wakanda. If you have followed the MCU through its ten-year history, then you know the stories of these many characters. Even if you haven't followed all these films, however, you can still watch, understand, and enjoy *Infinity War*.

Many things make this film spectacular: it is epic in scope and yet intimate in the journeys of the characters, the action scenes are dynamic and awe-inspiring, and the stakes for everyone involved are at their very highest. There are significant surprises and moments of both tension and tragedy. Ultimately, however, it is the powerlessness of so many powerful heroes to prevent the triumph of evil which makes *Infinity War* both thought-provoking and unique among superhero films. Thanos isn't driven by reckless hate. Rather, he is driven by a twisted and warped sense of "compassion" and "duty" which combines a ruthless disregard for life with a desire to preserve life *through* destructive and murderous means. He believes that killing half of all life will create the conditions in which the *other half* can survive and thrive. By portraying Thanos in this way *Infinity War* gives us an insight that is worth paying attention to: many dictators and tyrants who have done terrible things did them *because they believed they were accomplishing something right and good*. The "moral logic" of such reasoning is twisted and depraved, to be sure, but we will never understand "the bad guys" without realizing this insight.

Infinity War ends with devastation and sorrow, but all hope is not lost: the as-yet untitled *Avengers 4*, which will be released in May 2019, will bring the story to its end and presumably, show how the good guys do win in the end.



OCTOBER BLESSINGS to CELEBRATE

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



Birthdays

Linda Brunke - 1
 Dale Furst - 2
 Evelyn Furst - 2
 Nate Mark - 6
 Vicki Metzger - 10
 Joann Pugh - 14
 Chelsea Schmeling - 15
 Vinette DePhillipe - 17
 Michele Clayton - 26
 Steve Quick - 27
 Cheryl Lowery - 28
 Jason Kitchell - 30
 Jenny Turner - 31

Anniversaries

Jeff & Sandy Burkhard - 6
 Robert & Michele Clayton - 6
 Tim & Cyndi Roberts - 7
 John & Ruth Barbour - 14
 Jon & Jen Wetzel - 18



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

Paul Asmus - major surgery 9/17, Cleveland OH, nephew of Betty Cornwell

Michele Clayton - unspoken req.

Eric Earnst - cancer, hospital in St. Louis MO, R. Earnst nephew

David Edwell - abscesses in both lungs, grandson of Danny & Jenny Ferris

Tilly Mark - dehydrated, not feeling well, Lakeland Niles

Nick Powers Sr. - rehab at West Woods of Niles

Jean Schneider - healing and recovery from broken hip, now home

Tad Smith - stroke recovery, continued healing

Catherine Syrette - continued health concerns

Jim Walkden - back surgery recovery, son of Chet Walkden

Ken Weed - will be going to Buchanan Meadows

Family of: Debra Robinson, faithful BCC Christian, wife of Marvin Robinson;

Sons: Dennis, Mishawaka & Adam, Navy; daughter, Ruthanne Harbeson, Pekin, In

Arrangements: 9/20 - Hoven Funeral Home, visitation from 6-8 pm

9/21 - BCC, visitation at from 10-11 am & funeral service at 11 am, luncheon following

Family of: Fred Kline, husband of Roxie, dad of Larry, brother of Betty Cornwell



CHANGES THAT HEAL

Author Dr. Henry Cloud

Review by Rhonda Neal

Dr. Henry Cloud outlines “Four Shifts” that allow one to grow into the person our Creator intended. Cloud brings psychology and theology into a united focus with biblical solutions for building and maintaining healthy self awareness and relationships with others. A section of the book is dedicated to each shift.

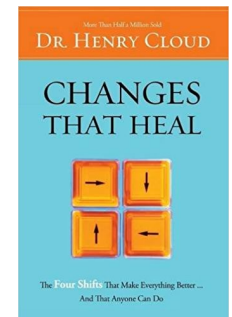
Three chapters explore *Bonding to Others*. The concept of bonding is defined, what happens when bonding does not occur in ones life, and lastly, Cloud presents twelve skills for building healthy bonding relationships.

Separating from Others is the second area Cloud outlines in building and maintaining relationships. Five chapters address this area and include a definition of boundaries, how to develop boundaries, what happens when boundaries are crossed, consequences for failing to develop boundaries and lastly, how one can learn to set healthy boundaries.

Sorting Out Good and Bad is the third change toward healing addressed by Cloud. Three chapters outline the problem of good and bad, what happens when one does not accept good and bad and finally, learning to accept good and bad. Sadness, fear, anger and other emotions play a powerful role in coping with the reality of good and bad in the world. Nine skills are presented as tools to “integrate” good and bad as one builds a healthy outlook and relationship with the world around him.

The final change toward healing is *Becoming an Adult*. Experiences involving power, influence, submission, and authority as a child play a key role in how one relates in an adult to adult world. Cloud outlines twenty-two signs of an “inability to achieve adulthood”. Lastly, seventeen skills for developing an adult character are outlined.

Changes That Heal is an easy read, but the content requires thought and daring action. A study guide is provided at the back of the book and would be an interesting choice for a small group. I highly recommend this book to gain understanding and growth.



BCC COMPREHENSIVE SERVING CALENDAR: OCTOBER

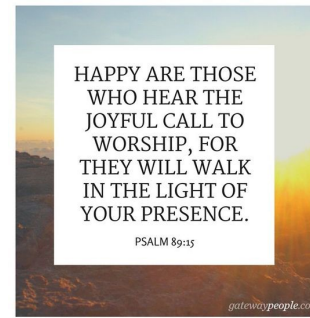
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B. Smith

BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS & CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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

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| 10/07 | 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/ need volunteers 3rd-6th Gr.: S. Weldy |
| 10/14 | 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 |
| 10/21 | 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.: D. & K. Furst 3rd-6th Gr.: B. Smith |
| 10/28 Family Sunday | 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.: Family Sunday 3rd-6th Gr.: Family Sunday |

| <u>MUSIC MINISTRY</u> | | Praise Team | Accompanist | Sound Tech | Projection Tech |
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| Contact: J. Earnst | 10/07 | J. Brackett N. Mitchell M. Mitchell P. Brackett | M. Kitchell C. Benson | R. Earnst | G. Brackett |
| | 10/14 | D.A. Weldy K. Entwistle T. Entwistle P. Weldy | M. Kitchell C. Benson | B. Babcock | Br. Babcock |
| | 10/21 | S. Weldy D.A. Weldy P. Weldy D. Ferris | M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat | T. Entwistle | K. Entwistle |
| | 10/28 Family Sunday | J. Brackett G. Britton D. Ferris P. Brackett | M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat | R. Wheat | Z. Furst |



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

October Ryan Wheat

| | Meditation | Prayer |
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| 10/07 | S. Quick | D. Weldy |
| 10/14 | D. Weldy | S. Quick |
| 10/21 | S. Quick | D. Weldy |
| 10/28 Family Sunday | D. Weldy | S. Quick |

Prayer Warrior

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| 10/07 | C. Benson |
| 10/14 | N. Dunning |
| 10/21 | J. & C. Strzyzkowski |
| 10/28 Family Sunday | T. Young |

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| 10/07 | N. Babcock | T. Irwin |
| 10/14 | J. Burkhard | K. Pratt |
| 10/21 | Jen. Ferris | R. Young |
| 10/28 Family Sunday | C. Boyer | J. Pugh |

October A. Belcher S. Weldy

Contact: L. Brunke