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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

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Mon & Tues: 8-12 & 1-5
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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER: 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**; 5-6 pm, **Heroes** (K-5th gr.)
6-7:45 pm, **Small Groups**
- > Wednesdays:
5:30 pm, **Special Prayer Time**
5:45-6:30 pm, **Glorymakers** Children's Choir (K-6th)
6:00-7:30 pm, **Teen Illumination** (7th-12th)
6:30 pm, **Adult Bible Study**

— OCTOBER —

- > Through Nov. 11 at 9:30 am, All Adult & Teen Bible School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall as we study together: **"Making Room for Neighbors"**
- > 10/25, Thurs: 6-8 pm, **Game Night** with Brandon Smith!
- > 10/31, Wed: 6-7:30 pm, **Trunk or Treat...** Sign up at the Welcome Center to bring your decorated car & help pass out candy.

— NOVEMBER —

- > 11/1, Thurs: 1:30 pm, **Ladies Fellowship** at BCC, start planning for the Ladies Spring Brunch
- > 11/4, Sun: **Time Change**, *Fall Back* on Saturday evening.
- > 11/6, Tues: **Election Day**, do your patriotic duty: **VOTE!** 
- > 11/8, Thurs: **Yearly Reports Due** for the Annual Congregational Meeting
- > 11/12, Mon: **Nancy to Woodburn!** A new list of needed supplies at foyer table
- > 11/18, Sun: 6:00 pm, **2018 Congregational Meeting**
- * **Missing Something?** Come to room #12 (Kingdom Builders classroom) on 1st floor to see if any of these **LOST & FOUND** items belong to you.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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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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By Jennie Brackett

Garage doors. They serve a purpose, but does their use really deteriorate our community?

What?? “What does Jennie have against garage doors?” you might ask. Many garages are attached to homes. When you come home at the end of the day, you open your garage door, pull in, and walk into your house. In doing so, you have made no communication with the outside world; with those in your immediate neighborhood. You lose the opportunity to wave a hello, and chat with your neighbor to see how their day was, or how their family is doing. If you were to think about eight houses

that surround you, how many of those neighbors do you know? Would you feel comfortable asking them to borrow some cream of tartar for snickerdoodles? Do you know if they are well or need a Tupperware of soup dropped on their doorstep?

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) is doing exactly that. Helping us get back into our neighborhood and discover who these people are. It is a way to build a relationship such that you are there for each other, in all sorts of occasions - praises and trials. The team at BCC started with a really basic question - what is our neighborhood? There could be many different answers. The church? The eight houses around me? My block? My subdivision? The NHN team at BCC defined our neighborhood as the area in Buchanan from RedBud on the east to Moccasin St. on the west, from Front St. on the south to Moccasin elementary on the north. That last part is very intentional, including Moccasin elementary. What an opportunity for service to the kingdom, and quite literally, the children in his kingdom!

NHN is not about doing things FOR people, it is about doing things WITH people. We want to help them to understand and we want to take steps alongside them to help in a variety of situations. The NHN team has met with the school, and they are excited to work alongside us to help improve the school, and the neighborhood around it. While we are working, do you think we will be noticed? Do you think the work we do will be noticed? Absolutely!!! Do you think people will be curious to find out who is doing the work and why? Getting to know those in our neighborhood allows us to build relationships that those garage doors close off. John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Soon, you will be seeing a survey where we ask you to tell us what you like to do. What things are you good at? What ways would you like to see the community improve? This isn't just another survey. We are hoping to identify and match up those who have a love for doing something, with a neighbor who has that need. For example, the school needs someone to organize their supply closet. If I had more time, that is what I love to do. There are many more small,

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Elder's Corner

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: THE VISION OF THE ELDERS by Phil Brackett

As I sit and write this article, another elder's meeting is coming up and I am thinking about the plans for that elder's meeting, many of which involve the annual congregational meeting that will take place in November. As that meeting approaches, we as leaders of the church are thinking about our vision for the future of our church, and we want to communicate this vision out to the congregation, so everyone can feel informed in our planned course of action.

As you all know, our church has been planning and investing in a new direction of community outreach that will involve as many hands on deck as possible as we make ourselves available to help our neighbors in the ways that Christ would have us to be His servants. Our joint, adult Sunday School classes for the next few Sundays will be focusing on what community outreach should look like and how we can all get involved in the mission. As the Neighbors Helping Neighbors team leads us all on some new adventures in reaching out into Buchanan, may God be glorified.

But, we've got work to do inside our own walls, as well. One of the most important plans being developed by the elders of the church - a plan that will be a major focus for 2019 and beyond - is the development of a church policy and procedural document that will help us as a church to organize our practices and organizational habits into a concrete form. A document like this will spell out how our church works, what our church does and does not do, and it will lead us into a process of self-discovery which, hopefully, will result in a more solidly stable and efficient organization on the other side. As we work on this documentation, may God be glorified.

We also want to continue the work of making lasting improvements to our property and our building, as so much has been accomplished over the last several years. There is still much to do, and continuing to give to the building fund, if you are able, is a great way to make sure that we have the funds to be able to do the things that are still on the list for the future. As we continue to make these improvements where they are necessary, may God be glorified.

We also have improvements to make to our services and programs in 2019. Much of this work has been ongoing, and we will continue to focus on doing our very best to refine the ministries of the church, through the Ministry System that the senior minister has been developing over the last couple of years. If you are wanting a place to get involved with the internal work of the church, finding a ministry in the Ministry System where you can use the talents that God has given to you would be your next step. We will continue to make improvements to what we do so that God may be glorified.



NOVEMBER BLESSINGS to CELEBRATE

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



Birthdays

Melody Pinkston - 1
 Mike Galaske - 2
 Kallah Wheat - 2
 Mia Wheat - 2
 Marcus Mitchell - 4
 Kathy Kingery - 6
 Phil Brackett - 9
 Karen Pratt - 9
 Tony Anderson - 10
 Shirley Peterson - 10
 Lane Roberts - 14
 Tom Entwistle - 14
 Clayton Wetzel - 15

Doug Weldy - 18

Ariel Smith - 22

Jerry Seals - 23

Marlin Turbett - 27

Janice Proud - 28

David Belcher - 29

Jordan Dempsey - 30

Anniversaries

Darrel & Pat Williams - 6

Joel & Cara Britton - 23

Nick & Barb Powers - 26



BCC PRAYER NEEDS

Mission of the Month:

White Fields World Ministries

Please Remember in Prayer:

Prayer Focus:

Media

- *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 - health concerns, David Belcher req.

Don Bumstead - leg & foot concern, son of Anna Bumstead

Michele Clayton - unspoken req.

Mandy Daniel - infection in 1st surgery area, home, niece of M.&V.Kitchell

Eric Earnst - nursing home in Bridgeport IL, Roland & Judy Earnst nephew

David Edwell - home with his mom, grandson of Danny & Jenny Ferris

Madelyn Kitchell - possible fibromyalgia, phys therapy, granddaughter of M&V Kitchell

David Mayhew - surgery recovery, son of Bill & Shirley Mayhew

Mother & Debra - homebound, Brian McKane req.

Nick Powers Sr. - home

Jean Schneider - recovery from broken hip

Tad Smith - stroke recovery, continued healing

Catherine Syrette - continued health concerns

Jim Walkden - surgery recovery, son of Chet Walkden

Family of: Harvey Bane - brother of Charlotte Tillman

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easy jobs that can we can do, and show the love of Christ in our neighborhood. We are asking you to help us be the hands and feet that can build the relationships in our neighborhood.

Open that figurative garage door!!

And So It Begins...

By Nate Babcock

It hardly seems possible, but October 1st 2018 marked the beginning of my seventh year with Buchanan Christian Church! I continue to thank God for bringing my family and I to Buchanan. We love it here! Even more importantly, I am extremely excited about what God has in store for us in the months and years ahead. At the heart of my excitement and passion is **Neighbors Helping Neighbors.**

Ever since I came to BCC one unanswered question has loomed overhead. That question is, "**HOW can we as a congregation faithfully and effectively reach out to our community with the love of Christ?**" It took a trip to Africa for that question to begin to be answered. When I was in Kenya last October, I witnessed God doing amazing things as Kenyan people were reaching out to their Kenyan neighbors in Jesus' name. The ministry principles which I witnessed in action in Kenya are known in mission circles as **Community Health Evangelism (CHE)**. As I witnessed what God is doing in Kenya I very quickly said to myself, "This is what we need to do in Buchanan." So, I asked Dave and Nancy Moore of Africa Fire Mission about Community Health Evangelism in the United States. Their answer was that in the U.S. CHE is known as Neighborhood Transformation. That conversation which I had with Dave and Nancy over an outdoor Sunday afternoon lunch at a Nairobi restaurant launched the trajectory which has led to the present moment.

In April of this year, Garold Elston came from Neighborhood Transformation and trained a core group of BCC leaders and members in these ministry principles. Then in the summer our Neighborhood Transformation ministry team was formed under Jennie Brackett's leadership. They have been working, planning, and praying together for the last few months and now they are ready to begin equipping and leading all of us into hands-on mission in our community. The name they have chosen – **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** – beautifully captures what our outreach will be all about: building relationships with our neighbors in this community, coming alongside them to serve WITH them to improve our neighborhood, and practically sharing the love and truth of Christ through both our words and our deeds. By God's grace the "HOW?" question I have been asking for six years has found its answer: Neighbors Helping Neighbors! And so, as my seventh year with BCC begins, so our new journey into community evangelism begins at the same time. I couldn't be more excited or thankful! Church – let's follow the Holy Spirit as he leads us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Buchanan!

BCC COMPREHENSIVE SERVING CALENDAR: NOVEMBER

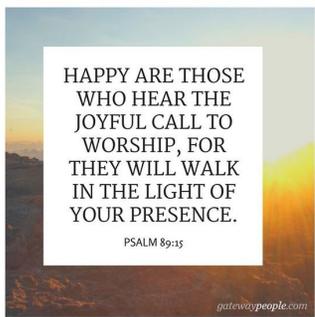
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B. Smith

BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS & CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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

11/04	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
11/11	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
11/18	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
11/25 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
Contact: J. Earnst				
11/04	J. Brackett N. Mitchell M. Mitchell P. Brackett	M. Kitchell C. Benson	R. Earnst	G. Brackett
11/11	D.A. Weldy K. Entwistle T. Entwistle P. Weldy	M. Kitchell C. Benson	B. Babcock	Br. Babcock
11/18	S. Weldy D.A. Weldy P. Weldy D. Ferris	M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat	T. Entwistle	K. Entwistle
11/25 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

November Dan Ferris

	Meditation	Prayer
11/04	P. Weldy	R. Mark
11/11	R. Mark	P. Weldy
11/18	P. Weldy	R. Mark
11/25 Family Sunday	R. Mark	P. Weldy

Prayer Warrior

11/04	C. Boyer
11/11	G. Britton
11/18	K. Pratt
11/25 Family Sunday	D.A. Weldy

11/04	T. Irwin	R. Wheat
11/11	C. Boyer	R. Young
11/18	C. Benson	J. Pugh
11/25 Family Sunday	B. Klinedinst	M. Mitchell

November

J. Blaylock B. Wesner

Contact: L. Brunke