



# Buchanan Christian Church

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# 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

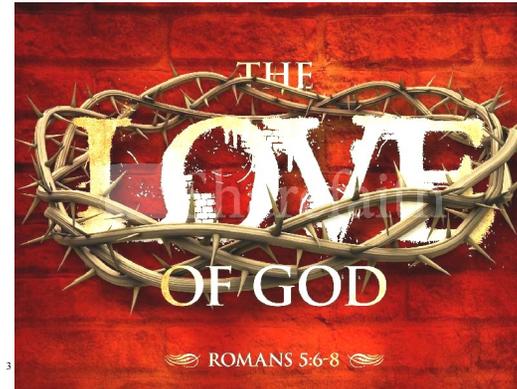
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Mon & Tues: 8-12 & 1-5  
Wed & Thurs: 8-4; Fri: **CLOSED**

### APRIL / MAY: 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**  
**4/21 and 4/28: NO Adult Choir**  
5 - 6 pm, **Heroes** (K-5th gr.)  
\* **Small Groups** ended 4/14 / to resume in September
- > Wednesdays:  
**4/24: NO GloryMakers** Children's Choir (K-6th)  
6:00 - 7:30 pm, **Teen Illumination** (7th-12th)  
6:00 - 7:30 pm, **Prayer & Adult Bible Study**



- > 4/19, Fri: 7 pm, **BAMA Good Friday Service** at First United Methodist Church located at 132 S. Oak St., Buchanan
- > 4/21, Sun: 10:30 AM, Easter Sunday: The musical **"One Day"**



By Russell Mauldin including drama and multimedia presented by the BCC Choir.

- > 4/25, Thurs: 6-8 pm, **BOARD GAME NIGHT** *Come have fun!*  
**21 Days of Prayer and Fasting: Seek First the Kingdom of God**
- > 5/2, Thurs: 12 noon, **BAMA National Day of Prayer**, gather at the Common; then at 6:30pm, BCC Worship Service: Guest Speaker - Dr. Dan Cameron, from Great Lakes Christian College
- > 5/4, Sat: 8:30-12 noon, **Growing Strong** - at Michiana Christian Camp, 7383 Steinbauer Rd, Niles, MI 49120. Led by Impact Prayer Ministry's director, **Tom Lemler**. 8:30 am: Coffee & Fellowship; 9am - Noon: **Prayer teaching and Practice**. *A gathering of prayer, learning, connecting with God, and connecting with one another.*

### 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*

‘Not One Stone Will Be Left on Another’

Yesterday (Monday April 15, 2019) the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris caught fire and burned for hours. The church’s spire collapsed in the blaze, and although the building was saved, millions of dollars-worth of damage was done.

Notre Dame is one of the world’s most historic church buildings. Construction began on the Cathedral in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, but it was not finished until the 15<sup>th</sup> century. It is the most visited monument in France, ahead of even the Eiffel Tower.

The Notre Dame Cathedral is of historical and spiritual significance to western culture because of its architectural beauty and consecration as a place for the worship of the Living God. However, the Cathedral is not the temple of God, any more than the Buchanan Christian Church building is the temple. The New Testament is very clear that God lives in his people, and not in buildings, no matter how ornate and magnificent they might be.

**1 Corinthians 3:16:** Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?

**1 Peter 2:4-5:** So as you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but chosen and priceless in God’s sight, you yourselves, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Further, the fire at Notre Dame reminds us of the truths about the end of the age. When Jesus was in Jerusalem during the week leading up to his crucifixion, his disciples drew his attention to the majestic Jerusalem temple:

**Matthew 24:1-2:** Now as Jesus was going out of the temple courts and walking away, his disciples came to show him the temple buildings. And he said to them, “Do you see all these things? I tell you the truth, not one stone will be left on another. All will be torn down!”

In context Jesus’ words here are almost certainly a reference to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70 (some 40 years after Jesus’ death and resurrection). However, in Jesus’ teaching the destruction of Jerusalem was a sign pointing to what will happen to the world when the Son of Man returns in his glory. When the Day of the Lord comes “the celestial bodies will melt away in a blaze, and the earth and every deed done on it will be laid bare” (2 Peter 3:10). This truth about the end of the age does not mean that the buildings we create and consecrate for the worship and service of God are unimportant. But the fact that ‘not one stone will be left on another’ does help us to maintain the right perspective: *what matters most in light of the End* is how we live our lives in obedience to God’s word (Mt. 7:21-23; 2 Peter 3:11-13), and how we invest ourselves in the work of God’s eternal kingdom (1 Cor. 3:10-15).

*Elder's Corner*

*Focus on BCC's Elders:*  
*Danny Ferris*



**Q: Briefly describe the history of your faith:**

A: Danny was baptized at Buchanan Christian Church on April 2nd, 1962. He was nine years old at the time. He grew up in the church and his family, parents and grandparents included, were members of the church when he was young. Eventually, Danny broke away from the church for a time, to test the nature of his faith and to make sure that his faith was his own. Danny says that his faith was tested “by trial and error”.

**Q: Favorite Old Testament Book:**

A: Danny loves II Samuel because it tells the story of David, one of Danny’s favorite Old Testament heroes. Danny sees the story of David as a story of successes and failures, much like the story of his own life.

**Q: Favorite New Testament Book:**

A: Danny had a hard time deciding on one particular New Testament book. He said that, if he had to pick, he would probably choose Romans. He also loves the power in Galatians and he quoted II Corinthians 10:5 as one of his favorite “power” verses: “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

**Q: Describe a time when your faith grew significantly:**

A: Danny identified two times off-the-bat: 1) When his father died, Danny said it was very hard, but he knew that he was being supported through a lot of prayer, and 2) in August of 2014, when he had life-saving surgery, that significant health concern called him to question the strength of his faith. Danny is encouraged that his father lived to be 88 and his uncle lived to be 92, both of them proud veterans of World War II. Danny said it’s one thing to pray for someone who is having health issues, but it’s something else entirely when it’s you or someone very close to you with the health problems.

**Q: Favorite Part of Being An Elder:**

A: Danny said that he gets a lot of satisfaction studying the Bible in preparation for giving devotions from the communion table. He admitted that the struggle to come up with a devotion is often the same place where getting learning and discovery happens. Danny said that the greatest part of giving a devotion is sometimes just getting out of the way so God’s message can come through.

**Q: Any Other Message to the Congregation:**

A: Danny wanted to let the congregation know that the leaders of the church covet your prayers. We appreciate being prayed for, and the support that it gives us as we try our best to lead the church is very valuable to us.





## MAY BLESSINGS to CELEBRATE

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



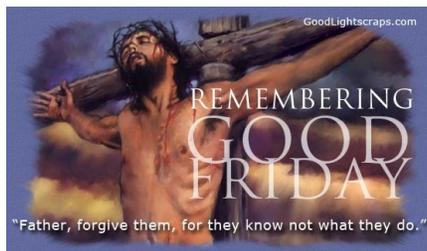
### Birthdays

Bailey Ann Wesner - 1  
Abi Weldy - 2  
Madysen Vergon - 5  
Carol Boyer - 6  
Nancy Bicard - 7  
Carrie Strzyzkowski - 10  
Keegan Mark - 13  
Lila Brown - 15

Sue Heller - 15  
Bobby Blaylock - 16  
Lisa Weed - 17  
Nancy Pelley - 20  
Danny Ferris - 23  
Jeff Burkhard - 24  
Dan Stover - 25  
Chet Walkden - 25

### Anniversaries

Randy & Janis Vergon - 7  
Tony & Sabrina Dempsey - 10  
Bobby & Julie Blaylock - 14  
Phil & Jennie Brackett - 19  
Dan & Chris Stover - 21  
Rich & Kris Watson - 24  
Roy & Talitha Mark - 28



### BCC PRAYER NEEDS

#### Mission of the Month:

**Woodburn Christian Children's Home**

#### 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

Jamie Becker - jaw surgery cancelled  
April Belcher - continued health concerns  
Bob Clayton - diverticulitis, Michele Clayton req.  
Sean Clayton - hospitalized, Michele Clayton req.  
David Fay - heart issues, Gene Hanover req.  
Estaleen Riggins - leg vein removal 4/22, blood clots  
Unspoken request - Carrie Strzyzkowski req.  
Rich Watson - infection in arm

**Family of: Tracey Bruursema**, request by co-worker of Kristin Furst  
**Linda Smith**, senior saint, former member & BCC secretary  
**Chancey Hall**, 39 yr. old, diabetes complications, leaving  
Wife & 7 yr. old twins, Kathy Furst req.

**Praises:** John Blaylock is doing well after the burst appendix surg. JB



## How Should Christians Watch Movies?

By Nate Babcock

In their book *Deep Focus: Film and Theology in Dialogue* theologians Robert Johnston, Craig Detweiler, and Kutter Callaway make the argument that “movies function as a primary source of power and meaning for people navigating the complexities of life in our contemporary world.” Many people can point to one or more films which have had an impact on their lives far beyond their entertainment value. For myself, *The Lord of the Rings* movies directed by Peter Jackson are especially significant. Again and again through the last eighteen years (*The Fellowship of the Ring* was released in 2001) I have been deeply affected by the beauty and power of these films’ portrayals of the lure of evil represented by the One Ring, the depth of friendship and loyalty among the Fellowship, and persistence in hope in the face of overwhelming darkness. Howard Shore’s marvelous scores for these films have been constant companions for me through many years of studying Scripture and writing sermons. Further, these films have taken on added significance for me since the death of my brother Nick, for it was Nick who introduced me to these films in 2001, and our common love of *The Lord of the Rings* was one of the strongest bonds we shared.

This experience of being so deeply moved and affected by a film, which is shared by many millions of people in our world, demonstrates that there is far more to engaging with movies than simply evaluating the content for levels of ‘appropriateness’ in areas such as violence, sex, and language. While Christians should pay attention to such things, there are in fact far more important questions to ask when we watch a movie, such as:

- > *What does this film say about the human condition?* Recent films such as *Flight* (2012) and *Hell or Highwater* (2016) are powerful explorations of people caught in the depths of drug and alcohol addiction (*Flight*) and economic desperation (*Hell or Highwater*). Yes, each of these movies earn their “R” ratings and therefore need to be viewed by Christians with care and discernment. However, both these films ask important questions about what it means to be human: are we prisoners of our circumstances and/or choices? To what lengths would we go to provide a better future for our children? Is anyone ever a completely lost cause and beyond hope of redemption?
- > *What does this film say about moral decision-making?* The recent *Mission Impossible* films *Rogue Nation* (2015) and *Fallout* (2018) both deal with Ethan Hunt’s (Tom Cruise) refusal to sacrifice the life of one of his friends, even when such a sacrifice would appear to serve the purpose of saving thousands, if not millions, of other lives. Is it the right thing to do to protect one life when so many others are at risk? As a medium for storytelling movies have the ability to ask us these kinds of profound questions and invite us to reflect on them.
- > *What does this film say about relationships?* The Disney-Pixar film *Up* (2009) beautifully portrays a marriage between a husband a wife, and a friendship between an elderly gentleman and a young boy. This film gives us a glimpse at the redemptive power of relationships. Other films show relationships that are fractured and toxic. We can be inspired by hopeful portrayals and learn empathy from stories of relationship brokenness.

As Christians we can learn to view film through the theological lenses provided by Scripture. I will be writing more about this in the future.

**BCC COMPREHENSIVE SERVING CALENDAR: MAY**

Contact:  
B. Smith

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

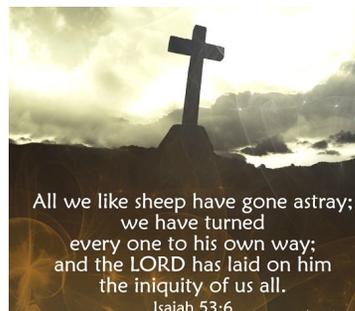
**Birth-2yrs / 3yrs-Pre K / K-2nd / 3rd-6th / Worship Hr.**

5/05	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/TBA 3rd-6th Gr: S. Weldy
5/12	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
5/19	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
5/26 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

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Contact:  
J. Earnst

	Praise Team	Accompanist	Sound Tech	Projection Tech
5/05	J. Brackett N. Mitchell M. Mitchell P. Brackett	M. Kitchell C. Benson	R. Earnst	Z. Furst
5/12	D. Weldy K. Entwistle T. Entwistle P. Weldy	M. Kitchell C. Benson	B. Babcock	Br. Babcock
5/19	D. Weldy S. Weldy P. Weldy D. Ferris	M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat	T. Entwistle	K. Entwistle
5/26 Family Sunday	G. Britton S. Weldy D. Ferris P. Weldy	M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat	R. Earnst	Z. Anderson



**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

May	R. Wheat
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5/05

5/12

5/19

5/26  
Family  
Sunday

5/05

5/12

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5/26  
Family  
Sunday

5/05

5/12

5/19

5/26  
Family  
Sunday

**Meditation Prayer**

R. Watson	P. Brackett
P. Brackett	R. Watson
R. Watson	P. Brackett
P. Brackett	R. Watson

**Prayer Warrior**

C. Benson
N. Dunning
R. & K. Watson
T. Young

R. Wheat	R. Young
TBA	
J. Ferris	K. Pratt
T. Irwin	B. Klindedinst

Contact: L. Brunke

May	L. Brunke	L. Quick
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