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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**

MAY / JUNE: 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**
- > Wednesdays:
6:00 - 7:30 pm, **Teen Illumination** (7th-12th) (6/5 last meet.)
6:00 - 7:30 pm, **Special Prayer Time & Adult Bible Study**

Nancy Bicard will be going to **Woodburn Christian Children's Home** on **June 2nd** after worship. Let's help Nancy by collecting many items that will help **WCCH!** Please help. Pick up a list of their needs at the **Welcome Center!**

- > 5/23, Thurs: 5:30 pm, **Light potluck meal at BCC:** time for testimony about our experiences with God during the prayer and fasting journey.
- > 5/25, Sat: BCC **Justice Ministry at the Farmer's Market!** We will, once again, be selling **Better Way Designs Products**. Our purpose is to help support women in their freedom from human trafficking as they make items for people to buy.
- > 5/26, Sun: **Veteran Recognition - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines**
- > 5/27, Mon: **Memorial Day!** BCC office will be closed (Parade starts at 10 am)
- > 6/2, Sun: After worship, **Congregational Meeting** to Vote on Proposed Bylaw Recommended Changes
- > 6/8, Sat: 10 am - 12, **Neighbors Helping Neighbors:** Downtown window washing.
- > 6/16, Sun: **Father's Day!** Fill up your **LifePlan** baby bottles and bring them back on Father's Day with either coin, cash, or check made payable to Buchanan Christian Church. *Thank you.*
- > 6/21-6/22, Fri & Sat: **American Heritage Girls Garage Sale** (donations are being accepted) For information about this event, contact Kathleen Furst.



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

'Understanding the Big Picture'

In my sermon this past Sunday from Joshua 1:1-9, I strongly emphasized the importance of personal Bible study for successful Christian discipleship. Like Joshua, we too must meditate on the word of God day and night (Ps. 1:1-3).

In order to be able to make sense of the Bible's message, it is essential to know the big picture of the biblical story, and to understand how the parts of that story relate to the whole. Dr. John Nugent, professor of Bible and Theology at Great Lakes Christian College, offers this very helpful overview of the Bible's big picture. (The headings in the scheme below come from Dr. Nugent; the brief explanations below each heading are my input into the scheme.)

Creation's Collapse

The story of God's good creation marred and broken by human sin (Gen. 1-11).

The Called Community

The story of God's call to Abraham and his descendants, the nation of Israel. God's promise was that he would work through Israel to overturn the curse of sin and bring the blessing of his grace to all nations (Gen. 12 – Malachi).

The Cross of Christ

The story of Jesus, Israel's Messiah, who was the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham. The Son of God became human, lived a perfect life, carried out a public ministry of the Kingdom of God, died on the cross for the sins of the world, rose from the grave on the third day, and ascended into heaven to rule at the right hand of God the Father (Matthew – John).

The Commissioned Community

The story of Jesus' followers, both Jews and Gentiles brought together as one church, filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill Jesus' commission to bear witness to the Kingdom of God and make disciples of all nations (Acts – Jude).

Creation's Consummation

The story of the final defeat of sin and evil. God will redeem his creation and make all things new. In the new heavens and earth God will dwell with his people forever (Revelation).

Elder's Corner

Focus on BCC's Elders:

Marcus Mitchell



Q: Briefly describe the history of your faith:

A: Marcus grew up in Three Oaks, and attended Maple Grove United Methodist Church, a small country church in New Carlisle. From an early age, during his time in Sunday School and VBS, Marcus came to understand the debt of his sin and the price that Jesus paid for that debt. At the age of seven, Marcus was baptized in Hudson Lake, northwest of New Carlisle. Marcus eventually went on to attend a Christian college, Wheaton College, and has been striving to grow in his faith all the while.

Q: Favorite Old Testament Book:

A: Marcus would choose The Psalms, just because there is so much there for everyone in all of their various stages of life. Marcus feels like the emotions in the Psalms can help us, in our times of emotional distress, to be able to have the words to plead with God.

Q: Favorite New Testament Book:

A: Marcus would choose the Book of John. He feels like it contains the basics of the faith, and that it is always a good place to head back to when it's time to 'get back to the fundamentals'.

Q: Describe a time when your faith grew significantly:

A: During his time at Wheaton College, Marcus grew by being challenged by his fellow classmates and their zeal for The Lord. Marcus recalled a hiking/camping trip during his Freshman year when he had an encounter with God during hiking and prayer in the wilderness. Marcus also said that he has grown in his faith as the result of becoming a parent. He realized as a new parent that the importance of his faith was going to be a key component in shaping his approach to parenting.

Q: Favorite Part of Being An Elder:

A: Marcus began answering this question by stressing his limited experience, but then he went on to say that his favorite part of being an elder is also the hardest part: seeing the needs and burdens of the members of the congregation and feeling the weight of the responsibility to help them. Marcus wasn't aware of all of the various needs being felt by our congregation and all of its different members, but he loves the burden because it sends him to The Lord for the necessary strength.

Q: Any Other Message to the Congregation:

A: Marcus wants the members of the congregation to know how much the elders as a group care for them and desire for us as a church to seek God diligently, taking seriously our faith and the work that is to be done. Marcus says that we need to be disciplined in order to grow, and we need to make our faith a top priority in our day-to-day lives.



JUNE BLESSINGS to CELEBRATE

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



Birthdays

Mary Chadderdon - 1
 Jean Schneider - 1
 Jenny Ferris - 4
 Roland Earnst - 6
 Ryan Wheat - 9
 Norma Ferris - 12
 Marvin Robinson - 12
 Tami Kitchell - 17
 Katrina Entwistle - 19

Chloe Wheat - 19
 Joel Britton - 21
 Morgan Weldy - 21
 Sabrina Dempsey - 22
 Kyle Rininger - 25
 Phyllis Browning - 25
 Garrett Brackett - 28
 Shirley Mayhew - 28
 Betty Cornwell - 30

Anniversaries

Keith & Gloria Britton - 2
 Dale & Janice Proud - 16
 Marlin Turbett & Cindy Blane - 26
 Matt & Stephanie Weldy - 26
 Tim & Brandy Wesner - 28

A Bible that's falling apart

usually belongs to someone who isn't. Charles Spurgeon

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 on 6/6
 April Belcher - eye surgery recovery, coming surgery on 5/29
 Sean Clayton - very ill, hospitalized in Florida, Bob Clayton's brother
 Daniel Lee Furst - high fever, Kristin Furst req.
 Precious Furst - May 30 induce date, Kristin Furst req.
 Lonny Green - foot surgery recov., Rhiney Tillman req.
 Don Marks - waiting for kidney match, uncle of Tristan Schmeling
 Meredith Family - family concerns, John Barbour req.
 Jim - heart concerns, doing better, (Tom Hoyt's dad) Rebecka Hoyt req.
 Shirley Patton - heart attack recovery, Vickie Kitchell's aunt
 Estaleen Riggins - health concerns
 Peggy Sue - needs liver transplant, Kristin Furst req.
 Rich Watson - arm surgery recovery
 Lisa Weed - continuing shoulder problems, therapy

Family of: Bernice Walkden memorial service: 2 pm, 5/25, at Fairland Christian Church

Praises: The Lord is my Salvation! GH

Prayer Focus:
The Church

Understanding the Proposed Changes to BCC's Bylaws

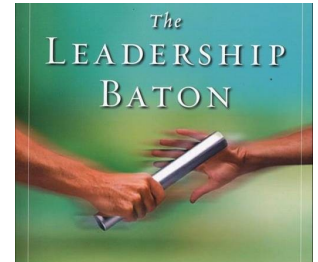
Below is a brief explanation of the major proposed changes to our congregational bylaws. Please be sure to pick up and read through a copy of these proposed changes. If you have questions, feel free to talk with any of our elders about them. Remember, there will be a congregational meeting after the worship service on Sunday, June 2 to fully explain these proposed changes, answer questions, and vote to approve the changes.

From Membership to Covenant Partnership

In the past, 'membership' has been primarily about voting rights and eligibility to serve in various offices and roles within the church. We recognize that the New Testament concept of being committed to the church goes much deeper than this. So, moving forward we want every person who belongs to BCC to understandingly, knowingly, and willingly commit themselves to partner with us in living according to the standards of the New Covenant. Covenant Partnership will still include the important aspects of voting rights and eligibility to serve in leadership roles, but it will also include the discipleship commitments of the *Strongly Held Religious Beliefs* section of the bylaws (to be explained below).

From Nominating and Electing Elders to Training and Appointing Them

In the past we have basically operated with a U.S. government model of selecting leaders for the church. However, in our desire to be as faithful to Scripture as possible, we have recognized that the New Testament says absolutely nothing about nominating and electing elders. Rather, in the New Testament elders were appointed to the responsibility to oversee and care for the local church (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5). Therefore, we want to institute a method of identifying potential elders, training them for the ministry of eldership, and appointing them to serve. This method will allow for full congregational input into the process, it is outlined in our new *BCC Elder Policy Manual*, and it will be explained more fully in the congregational meeting on June 2nd.



Strongly Held Religious Beliefs

This section, which is completely new to the bylaws, identifies core biblical principles which are important to our beliefs and identity as a congregation. This section gives discipleship substance to Covenant Partnership, it sets a vision for dealing with one another according to both grace and truth, and it clearly explains both to the world and to the congregation the Christian standard of ministry and living to which we are committed as a congregation.

Indemnification

This section gives BCC the option to provide insurance coverage for those people who are serving on behalf of the congregation. A more complete explanation will be given in the congregational meeting on June 2nd.

BCC COMPREHENSIVE SERVING CALENDAR: JUNE

Contact:
B. Smith

BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS & CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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

6/02	Bible School J. Blaylock	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
6/09	Bible School J. Blaylock	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
6/16	Bible School J. Blaylock	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
6/23	Bible School J. Blaylock	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: St. Weldy
6/30 Family Sunday	Bible School J. Blaylock	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.: Family Sunday 3rd-6th Gr: Family Sunday

	<u>MUSIC MINISTRY</u>	Praise Team	Accompanist	Sound Tech	Projection Tech
Contact: J. Earnst	6/02	J. Brackett N. Mitchell M. Mitchell P. Brackett	M. Kitchell	R. Earnst	G. Brackett
	6/09	D. Weldy K. Entwistle T. Entwistle P. Weldy	M. Kitchell C. Benson	B. Babcock	Br. Babcock
	6/16	D. Weldy S. Weldy P. Weldy D. Ferris	M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat	T. Entwistle	K. Entwistle
	6/23	G. Britton S. Weldy D. Ferris P. Brackett	M. Kitchell C. Benson T. Wheat	R. Earnst	Z. Anderson
	6/30 Family Sunday	J. Brackett N. Mitchell M. Mitchell P. Brackett	M. Kitchell C. Benson	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

June J. Burkhard

6/02
6/09
6/16
6/23
6/30
Family
Sunday

Meditation	Prayer
P. Weldy	M. Mitchell
M. Mitchell	P. Weldy
P. Weldy	M. Mitchell
M. Mitchell	P. Weldy
P. Weldy	M. Mitchell

Prayer Warrior

6/02
6/09
6/16
6/23
6/30
Family
Sunday

C. Boyer
J. Ferris
K. Pratt
T. Young
N. Dunning

6/02	N. Babcock	J. Pugh
6/09	J. Burkhard	J. Ferris
6/16	C. Boyer	R. Young
6/23	M. Mitchell	K. Pratt
6/30 Family Sunday	B. Klinedinst	T. Irwin

June C. Benson T. Young

Contact: L. Brunke