



# Buchanan Christian Church

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# BUCHANAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### Sunday Service

Bible School: 9:30 am (for all ages!)  
Worship Service: 10:30 am

### Office Hours:

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

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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

Open: Monday-Thursday, Closed Friday  
Office: 269-695-6621  
Please leave your name, phone number & a brief message

### NEWS, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**MARCH** - Due to Corona Virus, BCC's activities will be evaluated on a week by week determination. You will be updated by email or phone.

### We want you to be informed:

If you haven't updated your phone numbers or email addresses lately you will need to either give us a call and leave a message or email the office at [office@buchananchurch.com](mailto:office@buchananchurch.com). You may call the office, 269-695-6621.

**For 3/22/2020** - the following have been cancelled: Bible School, Worship Service, Choir, Heroes, Teen small groups

**For 3/23 - 3/27/2020** - the following activities have been cancelled: Youth Group, Glory Makers and Life Groups

### Rescheduled

- > May 9, 2020 - Not Ashamed Prayer Seminar
- > October 16 - 18, 2020 - Personal Spiritual Growth with Jerry Paul

### Nancy Bicard going to WOODBURN CCH on Monday, April 6

A list of items is available that the Children's Home needs. She would love to shower them with needed supplies! Bring in your donations to the church to bless them with. Thank you. (**Most Needed:** Noodles-bag, Carrots-canned, Cereal, Dish soap, Laundry Detergent-sensitive, Toilet paper, Paper napkins & plates, Aluminum foil)



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> 4/4, Sat: 9a, **BCC Work Day** - more information to come

> 4/18, Sat: 9a-1p, **Michiana Christian Camp Work Day**

We need you! Help get your camp ready for summer! There are projects big and small, indoor and outdoor. If you enjoy cleaning, painting, organizing, yard work, splitting wood or any of the sort, then this is your opportunity to serve.

(Donuts & Lunch are provided!)

### 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

### There is none like the Lord our God

Over the past few days one of the Scripture texts I have been returning to often is Psalm 113. In the *Revised English Bible* Psalm 113 reads in this way:

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you that are his servants, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord now and evermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting may the Lord's name be praised! High is the Lord above all nations, high his glory above the heavens. There is none like the Lord our God in heaven or on earth, who sets his throne so high but deigns to look down so low; who lifts the weak out of the dust and raises the poor from the rubbish heap, giving them a place among princes, among the princes of his people; who makes the woman in a childless house a happy mother of children.

One of the amazing features of this psalm is the affirmation which lies right at its center (v 5-7): God reigns over the universe, but he looks down low, to where the weak and the poor dwell in rubbish, and he lifts them up out of their despair to bountiful blessings.

As all kinds of unwelcome changes are forced upon us by the COVID-19 crisis, we need to remember these truths. We need to remember that none of what is happening now has caught God off guard. He is still the Lord above all nations. His glory is still high above the heavens. He allows calamities on earth, but He does not abandon us to them. Rather, God works in and through the events of history to reveal his glory and his goodness. We don't know the ways in which God will reveal himself over the next few weeks, but we can be sure that He will. Let us pray to have eyes to see and ears to hear and hearts to understand and obey.

We also need to remember that God is with the poor and the weak. Indeed, God became poor and weak in Jesus Christ. Isaiah says that Christ "has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases" (Is. 53:4, NRSV). In Christ, God has come alongside us to redeem us. This good news of the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus is the anchor for our souls. Let us pray to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Let us willingly serve as Jesus' hands and feet, that through us He may raise up others from the rubbish heap. Let us pray that through the COVID-19 crisis, the nations will indeed learn that there is no one like the Lord our God.



# Book Review

**Tattooist of Auschwitz**  
Review by: Jennie Brackett

The 'Tattooist of Auschwitz' is a book I have been wanting to read for quite some time, and recently was able to check it out from the Buchanan District Library. It is written by Heather Morris and it is based on a true story.

Morris grips the reader from the first pages of the book. It is the story of a man, who under duress, etches numbers onto the arms of incoming prisoners at Auschwitz. This is not the work he was hoping to do. When he was told he was going to work for the Germans, in order to keep the rest of his family safe, he expected something much different. Being a man in the fabric trade, he is dressed to the nines and shows up at the train station where he is put into a cattle car, and driven for days - standing up, shoulder-to-shoulder, with hundreds of other men. While these conditions are deplorable, Lale, the main character, assumes that when they get where they are going, things will work themselves out.

After arriving at Auschwitz the conditions and accommodations are lamentable to him and not at all what he expected, especially as a volunteer who left his family willingly, to keep them safe. For a time, he is forced to do manual labor. Later, Lale is taken off of roof tiling duty, only to become essentially at the beck and call of one of the officers. Eventually, after exposure to the unsanitary handling of people and remains, Lale becomes ill with typhus and is bound for a grave himself. Yet, a fellow prisoner sees him, and saves him from an early death. After recovering, Lale's education and knowledge of many languages become known and it earns him a coveted job, a bunk of his own, and a role that is better than manual labor; the tattooist of Auschwitz.

Without giving away all of the details, Lale encounters a woman whom he is drawn to. At that moment, Lale vows that he will live to see the day outside of the confines of the prison, and that Gita (the woman) will as well. The remainder of the novel is the story of Lale and Gita and their lives inside the prison walls - how they survive in spite of the awful conditions, what they do to survive, and how it changes their lives and their perspective on things.

This story is full of shame, guilt, survival, and ultimately love. There are times where this story is hard to read. You think to yourself, how can this really have happened? How can someone have survived a life like this? This is a true story. Lale really was the tattooist at Auschwitz. People were really forced to do unthinkable things. They were really treated as less than a human - they were simply a number - something clearly tattooed on their arm, by Lale. Yet, in the midst of all the tragedy, love still exists - love for the others at the camp, love for another person, and love despite the circumstances.

Isn't that what we are all called to do, love, despite the circumstances? It is easy for us all to make up excuses why we shouldn't love our neighbor, why people should not be afforded grace, why mercy should not be granted. Jesus calls us to do just these things - love our neighbors, be gracious and merciful - be the light of the world that reflects him.

Please note, there are themes, language, and aspects of this book which are definitely not suited to children. It is a great book that I recommend reading, but please be aware of some of the content.



## APRIL BLESSINGS to CELEBRATE

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



### Birthdays

Don Cornwell -5  
 Bob Burgoyne - 5  
 Delores Bybee - 5  
 Zander Wheat - 5  
 Cyndi Roberts - 8  
 Jon Wetzel - 10  
 Doug Brunke - 13  
 Addison Mark - 14  
 Asher Johnson - 15

Mary Weldy - 15

Frank Furst - 16

Tim Cornwell - 19

Rhineholt Tillman - 24

Gloria Britton - 29

Anna Johnson - 30

Ezekiel Furst - 31

### Anniversaries

Darron & Janelle Lewark - 20

Dale & Kristin Furst - 28

Don & Shirley Peterson- 30



### BCC PRAYER NEEDS

Mission of the Month:

*White Fields World Mission*

Prayer Focus:

*The Lost to Come to Jesus*

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

Arden "Butch" Arndt - not doing well, friend of Tillmans  
 Chuck Brunke - continued healing, Ed & Linda Brunke req.  
 Ashley Bumstead - kidney stones, Anna Bumstead req.  
 Dave Burns - back surgery 3/10, Tracy Young req.  
 Thom Hubbell - continued health concern, Phil Weldy req.  
 Jude - eating prob, losing weight, infant son of friends, Tom & Rebecka Hoyt req  
 Becky Kelley - foot surgery recovery  
 Tom Kitchell - brain cancer, radiation & chemo soon, brother of Mike Kitchell  
 Tilly (Talitha) Mark - continued health concerns, Roy Mark req.  
 Johnny Pappa - melanoma on nose, son-in-law of Bernie & Linda Klinedinst  
 Nancy Pelley - Memorial Hospital, mother of Tracy Young  
 Andrea Rau - health concerns, daughter of Tim (Karen) Cornwell  
 Chris Stratton - surgery recovery, Uncle of Rebecka Hoyt  
 Carrie Strzyzkowski - foot surgery recovery  
 Barbara Adolph Walker - health issues

*Families of: Lucy VandenHeede - sister of Roy (Tilly) Mark*

*Families of: Joanne Ort - sister-in-law of Nancy Bicard*

## Prayer Ministry @ BCC

by Tony Anderson

We should be committing to our church's passion to be a "house of prayer for all the nations. Jesus was teaching and said to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?'" **(Mark 11:17)**

Worshipful prayer relies on the Holy Spirit. Over the last year we have been praying the scriptures in our monthly prayer focuses. This helps us to ground our prayers in the character of Jesus.

Nate has preached about the power of the prayer in Sunday messages. It's been my prayer that in unity we come together to not only intercede and petition the Lord, but also to praise Him for all that He has done, is doing, and will do for us. Praise is the way into God's presence.

Prayer ministry has made a change in the way the prayer chain works. Many of you have signed up for our text messages. It was such a joy to see how many people have a heart for prayer. If you have not joined the prayer chain, let the office know that you would like to join and receive the text messages.

Over the last year I have joined forces with Tom Lemler and Impact Prayer Ministry. For some time now, a committee of people from a variety of Michiana area churches has been working on a plan to host times of prayer and prayer teaching in Michiana throughout the year. Our most recent event was on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The topic was "Not Ashamed." More events are in the works to help us to grow strong in prayer.

May God bless you as you seek Him.



### Adult Fiction

From a Distance by Tamera Alexander  
 Within my Heart by Tamera Alexander  
 The Gift by Wanda Brunstetter  
 The Restoration by Wanda Brunstetter  
 River of Mercy by B. J. Hoff  
 Where Grace Abides by B. J. Hoff  
 The Quarryman's Bride by Tracie Peterson  
 Taming the Wind by Tracie Peterson  
 Plain Perfect by Beth Wiseman  
 Plain Pursuit by Beth Wiseman

### Adult Non-Fiction DVD

When to Walk Away

### Children's Fiction DVD

Frozen II



**BCC COMPREHENSIVE SERVING CALENDAR: APRIL**

Contact:  
B. Smith

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

**Birth-2yrs / 3yrs-Pre K / K-2nd / 3rd-5th / Worship Hr.**

4/05	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 3rd-5th Gr.: S. Weldy & A. Weldy
4/12	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: M. & N. Mitchell K-2nd Gr.: P. & J. Brackett 3rd-5th Gr.: S. Weldy & A. Weldy
4/19 Family Sunday	Bible School V. Metzger	Bible School C. Benson P. Anderson	Bible School P. Brackett	Bible School R. Neal	Birth-2yrs: B. Smith 3 yrs - Pre K: B. Smith K-2nd Gr.: Family Sunday 3rd-5th Gr.: Family Sunday
4/26	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.: B. Smith 3rd-5th Gr.: L. Klinedinst, R. Heiser

	<b><u>MUSIC</u></b> <b><u>MINISTRY</u></b>	<b>Praise Team</b>	<b>Accompanist</b>	<b>Sound Tech</b>	<b>Projection Tech</b>
Contact: J. Earnst	4/05	K. Entwistle D. Weldy P. Weldy T. Entwistle	M. Kitchell C. Benson C. Kuehn	B. Babcock	Z. Anderson
	4/12	J. Brackett N. Mitchell M. Mitchell P. Brackett	M. Kitchell C. Benson C. Kuehn	R. Earnst	Z. Furst
	4/19 Family Sunday	K. Roberts J. Brackett P. Brackett D. Ferris	M. Kitchell C. Benson C. Kuehn T. Wheat	T. Entwistle	K. Entwistle
	4/26	G. Britton S. Weldy D. Ferris M. Mitchell	N. Mitchell	B. Babcock	Br. Babcock



**SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

Contact: P. Brackett

**PRAYING FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Contact: T. Anderson

**SERVING HOME COMMUNION**

Contact: T. Irwin

**COMMUNION**

**BCC SECURITY LOCKUP**

Contact: N. Mark

April M. Weldy

	<b>Meditation</b>	<b>Prayer</b>
4/05	P. Brackett	D. Weldy
4/12	D. Weldy	P. Brackett
4/19	P. Brackett	D. Weldy
4/26 Family Sunday	D. Weldy	P. Brackett

**Prayer Warrior**

4/05	C. Benson
4/12	G. Britton
4/19 Family Sunday	J. Ferris
4/26	D. Weldy

4/05	J. Burkhard	J. Pugh
4/12	<b>Easter - No Communion</b>	
4/19 Family Sunday	C. Boyer	M. Mitchell
4/26	J. Ferris	T. Irwin

April C. Benson C. Boyer