

# The Bugle: *"And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matthew 24:31*



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## From Nate's Pen: We Believe: In the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God is present and active in the opening verses of the Bible: **Genesis 1:1-2**: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters." This lets us know that the Spirit of God has been actively involved in creation from the very beginning.



This coming Sunday, I will continue my sermon series about foundational Christian doctrine by preaching about the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. As with the biblical teaching about Jesus, there are two central concerns in the classic teaching about the Spirit: 1) His identity and 2) His work. We will explore both these topics on Sunday through two biblical texts: Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2:14-41. I invite you to read and pray through these passages this week in preparation for Sunday's message.

When it comes to **knowing, loving, and living** the truth, the Holy Spirit's work in our lives is key for all three.

- He leads us into truth: **John 16:13**: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."
- He pours God's love into our hearts: **Romans 5:5**: "... and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."
- He empowers us to walk according to God's will: **Galatians 5:16, 25**: "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh... If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

## STOP — LOOK — PRAY

NEEDS THIS WEEK

**Violence & Threats to American Schools, our Country  
Country & People of Ukraine & Russia**

**Mission of the Month:  
Woodburn Christian Children's Home**

**Doug Weldy** prostate cancer

**Sarah Brackett** continued surgery recovery

**Jimmy Johnson** throat cancer, nephew of R & J Earnst

**Anna Bumstead** broken ankle recovery

**Roy & Talitha Mark** continued health needs

**Patty Anderson** continuing to battle cancer

**Nancy Moore** cancer treatment. (Africa Fire Mission)

**Family of Mary Weldy** - Christian Sister, wife of Elder Doug Weldy, mother of Mathew and Seth.

**Praises! Every day!**

*Thank you to everyone for your prayers, calls, cards for Mary and I during her stay in the hospital, and after she passed on to heaven. Your care and concern is greatly appreciated. Doug Weldy*

## BCC Activities

**Office Hours:**

**Mon 8-12, Tues 9-1, Wed 9-1, Thurs 8-12**

- > **Bible School Classes** 9:30 am for K-5, 6th-12th, & adult
- > **Bible School Equipping Class** 9:15 to 10:15 am
- > **Worship Service** on Sundays, 10:30 am
- > **Band of Brothers** on first Tuesdays, 7 pm. Tom Hoyt's house
- > **Glory Makers Youth Choir** meets Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- > **Bible Study** - till 3/22 class from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, supper 6:30 - 7 pm
- > **Ladies Fellowship meeting** Thurs. April 6, 1 pm at BCC.

— March —

- > **Michiana Christian Camp's Love Banquet** will Sat., March 18. For additional information, contact the camp at 269-683-4403.

— April —

- > **Palm Sunday** April 2nd. **Good Friday** April 7th.
- > **Resurrection Sunday! Happy Easter.** No Youth Bible School: There will be a **Disciple Scavenger Hunt** from 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- > **Grief Journeys Seminar** Saturday, April 22nd. Don Stowell, will be presenting this informative seminar. To register for the seminar, you may call the church office at 269-695-6621. The cost for this seminar is \$20 per individual or for married couples it \$30. You may pay by cash and write on your envelope Grief Journey or by check. If paying by check please make your check out to Buchanan Christian Church and in the memo please write **Grief Journeys**.

## FACTS & FIGURES for Sunday 03/12/2023

### TITHES & OFFERINGS (BUDGETED AMOUNTS)

#### ATTENDANCE

**03/12: — 112**

Adult Worship: 10:30 AM

Masks Optional

For K-5th gr.

Junior Church Joins Us During

Worship Service

Then is Dismissed From

the Youth Room

On 2nd floor

General Fund (3,822.77)

Missions (517.50)

Building

4,248.00

415.00

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#### SPECIAL OFFERING TOTALS:

BENEVOLENT FUND

75.00

WOODBURN CHR. CHILD. HOME

100.00

MEMORIAL FUND

135.00

FLOWER FUND (IN MEMORY OF MARY)

25.00

#### Online Giving Using Tithe.ly - February

Reported Only at the End of the Month

General Fund

— 1,268.02

Missions —

103.54

Building —

00.00

*“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians*

### *Prayer Focus:*

#### **Psalm 40**

This month’s prayer focus is inspired by Psalm 40. As March continues, we can weave the themes of this psalm into our prayer life.

- \* Reflect on how you have experienced answered prayer and God’s deliverance in your life. Spend time thanking God for his mercy (v. 1-3).
- \* Reaffirm your trust in God by meditating on his mighty deeds – the ones the Bible tells us about as well as the ones you have experienced in your own life (v. 4-5).
- \* Pray for opportunities to share with others your testimony of how God has blessed you (v. 9-10).
- \* If you are facing hardships and challenges, cry out to God for help. Know that you can be honest with him, and call upon his name (v. 11-15, 17).
- \* By faith, make verse 16 a focus of your prayers: “But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the Lord!’”

### **CIY SuperStart!**

By Brandon Smith

Earlier this Month, our 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders had the opportunity to participate in CIY SuperStart! This year SuperStart had the theme of Unscripted which focused on recognizing that Jesus understands our emotions because he had them too, and that we could in turn, cast our cares on him, because he can relate. We looked at different stories throughout the psalms to help us hear David cry out his emotions to God. We focused on Psalm 23, highlighting different emotions in the different verses.



We had some great activities as well that we were able to participate in, such as a SkyZone Trip that really helped to burn out some excess energy gained during the event.

Overall It was a great Experience, and a memorable one that had some very practical application into our students daily lives.



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