

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: How the Foundational Doctrines of Christianity Shape our Lives

This coming Sunday I will begin my next sermon series which will be entitled **"We Believe."** Each message in this series will focus on a doctrine which is foundational to the Christian faith: the doctrine of God, the doctrine of the Trinity, the doctrine of Christ, the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the doctrine of Scripture, the doctrine of humanity, the doctrine of salvation, the doctrine of the church, and the doctrine of the last things.



My first reason for preaching this series is that as followers of Jesus **we need to know the truth.** We need to understand and embrace what Scripture teaches about God's character and work in the world, about Jesus Christ, about the Holy Spirit, and so on. In order to love God faithfully we must know him truly.

My second reason for preaching this series is that as followers of Jesus **we need to love the truth.** That is, what Scripture teaches about God must shape our affections, desires, and decisions. We must love and pursue God for who he is, and not for who we would like him to be. We must allow the Spirit of God to transform our hearts with his truth.

My third reason for preaching this series is that as followers of Jesus **we need to live the truth.** The word of the Lord teaches us what is true. The word of the Lord shapes and directs our love toward God. And, the word of the Lord calls for our obedience. Our plans, words, actions, and habits are to be grounded in and grow out of the truth about God and our love for God.

On Sunday I will preach about God's nature and character from the book of Jonah. You can prepare yourself for this sermon by taking time to read and reflect on Jonah this week. What does this story teach us about who God is? How does this story shape our love for God? What demands does this story make upon our lives? I look forward to studying Jonah with you this week and on Sunday.

STOP — LOOK — PRAY

PRAYER NEEDS THIS WEEK

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

**Mission of the Month:
Great Lakes Christian College**

Ruth Ann broken blood vessel in eye, friend of Tillmans
Tagan G c-section scheduled 2/22, mom & baby, M. Clayton req
Sarah Brackett surgery recov., in hospital 1-2 weeks
Phyllis Jones aggres. cancer, hosp 7-14 days, C. Burns req.
Roy & Talitha Mark continued health needs
Patty Anderson continuing to battle cancer
Nancy Moore breast cancer treatments (Africa Fire Mission)
Mary Weldy out of ICU, more tests, Elkhart General hosp.
Doug Weldy prostate cancer
Patrick Buzzard home to U.S. from S. Korea, R. Hoyt req.
Ella Elliott pneumonia, gall stones, hospitalized
Family of Connie daughter of Larry & Clara Gardiner
L. Brunke req.
Praise & Congratulations to Katrina & Tom Entwistle
on the birth of their first child: **Dalea Llyn Entwistle**

BCC Activities

New 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 -10:15 am, study on the Gospel of Luke
- > **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 - 2/22 to 3/22: class 5:30 -6:30 pm, supper 6:30-7 pm**
- > **Ladies Fellowship meeting** 1st Thurs. of the month, 1 pm at BCC.

— February —

- > **Tickets on Sale Now** for the Ladies Brunch (3/4) in room 1st classroom past the restrooms on the 1st floor.
All Ladies & Girls are invited. *Don't Forget to Bring a Friend with you.*
Cost: \$5 for Adults; FREE for Children 12 & Under Tickets Needed To Attend

— March —

Ladies Spring Brunch Sat. March 4, 10 am.



*You are Cordially invited to
"Once Upon a Time"*



- > **Meet the Elders!** After worship at noon on Sunday, March 12 there will be a *Meet the Elders luncheon*. If you are new to Buchanan Christian Church or if you have been away from meeting together with us, please join the Elders in this time of fellowship with one another and refreshment.

FACTS & FIGURES for Sunday 02/19/2023

TITHES & OFFERINGS (BUDGETED AMOUNTS)

ATTENDANCE — 104

General Fund (3,822.77)	Missions (517.50)	Building
<u>3,745.25</u>	<u>2,605.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

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

SPECIAL OFFERING TOTALS:

BENEVOLENT FUND	75.00	FLOWER FUND	500.00
SOUL SHOP	250.00	GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	200.00

Online Giving Using [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly)

Reported Only at the End of the Month

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Grief Journeys Seminar at BCC

Saturday April 22nd
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Don Stowell is the preacher at Lockland Church of Christ in Cincinnati, Ohio. Having ministered to thousands of grieving families over the course of his ministry, Don developed **Grief Journeys** to provide biblical and practical wisdom to those who are grieving.

Some of the topics addressed in this seminar will be: Why do we grieve? What does God say about grief? Understanding the emotions of grief. Asking God tough questions. The well-intentioned (but wrong) things people say to those who are grieving. And more!

The cost for attending the seminar is **\$20.00 per person** or **\$30.00 for a married couple**. In addition to the teaching Don provides you will receive a copy of Don's book *Helping You Through the Death of a Loved One*. Lunch will be provided as well.

Register for the Grief Journeys seminar by calling the church office at 269-695-6621 or by emailing the church office at office@buchananchurch.com. Checks should be made payable to Buchanan Christian Church and "Grief Journeys" should be written in the memo. Cash should be placed in an envelope marked "Grief Journeys."

BRANDON'S KIDS CORNER

ASSOCIATE / YOUTH MINISTER

Letters to the Church: If your student is interested in being involved with this **localized pen pal** program between students and members of the church, or if you are interested in them being involved, please let me know by responding to this email! If you are interested in being involved as a pen pal for another student, also please let me know.

TIP OF THE MONTH

When we share our stories with teenagers, it can be easy to talk about our successes, our growth, and the bad habits we've overcome. But it's much more intimidating to admit our mistakes in the moment and be vulnerable with our families about our desire to get better. So what might it look like to model an attitude of repentance?



Why Is My Teenager Feeling Like This?:

A Guide for Helping Teens Through Anxiety and Depression

By David Murray

Have you ever looked at an anxious or depressed teenager in your life and thought, "Why do they feel like this?" In [THIS BOOK](#), pastor and counselor David Murray offers spiritual encouragement and practical direction for adults who want to help, but don't know where to start.

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