

# 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 Jesus Christ His Only Son**

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. – Colossians 2:6-7*

Jesus Christ is the heart of the Christian faith. It all revolves around him. To believe in Jesus is **accept the truth** that he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and to **confess** that he is Lord. It is to **trust** in his death and resurrection for our salvation. To believe in Jesus is also to **set our affections on him** – to love him because he first loved us. Third, to believe in Jesus is to **give him our allegiance** – to pledge to follow and obey him with our whole lives.

This coming Sunday, I will continue my sermon series on foundational Christian doctrines by preaching about the doctrine of Christ from Colossians 1:15-20. Classically, there are two questions which are central to this doctrine: 1) Who is Jesus? (the question about his person), and 2) What has Jesus done? (the question about his work). Colossians 1:15-20 is a text which brings Jesus' person and work together in a powerful expression of Christian faith.

In order to **love and live the truth** about Jesus, however, we must go further than answering these basic questions. We must also explore how knowing the truth about Jesus' person and work forms and equips us to **follow him more faithfully** in our daily lives. Thankfully, the book of Colossians also is brimming with wisdom about following Jesus well. So, in preparation for Sunday's sermon, I invite you to spend some time reading Colossians this week. As you do, pay attention to: what the text says about Jesus' identity, what the text says about Jesus' work, and what the text says about following Jesus as his disciples. Pray that God will help you to know, love, and live the truth of Jesus.

## **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 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** class from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, supper 6:30 pm - 7 pm
- > **Ladies Fellowship meeting** on first Thursdays, 1 pm at BCC.

— March —

- > **Daylight Savings Time Begins** so let's spring ahead Sat. 3/11 and be on time for worship on Sun. 3/12. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we will be looking for you as we worship together.
- > **Meet the Elders!** 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. *Are you new to BCC? Have you been away and have started coming back to BCC?* Then come and fellowship with our BCC Elders. We will come together to meet each other, eat together and answer any questions that you may have about the Christian Church here in Buchanan.
- > **Michiana Christian Camp's Love Banquet** will Sat., March 18. For additional information, contact the camp at 269-683-4403.

## STOP - LOOK - PRAY

PRAYER NEEDS THIS WEEK

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

**Mission of the month:**

**Woodburn Christian Children's Home**

**Julie Hoyt** special young lady with 2 rare diseases, mom's req  
Alph-1 AntiTrypsin Deficiency (A1At) & Charcot Marie Tooth Type 1x (CMT 1X)

**Parents** travel to North Carolina, T & R Hoyt req

**Doug Weldy** prostate cancer

**Jimmy Johnson** throat cancer, nephew of R & J Earnst  
In much pain due to treatment, feeding tube inserted

**Anna Bumstead** broken ankle recovery

**Sarah Brackett** surgery recovery

**Roy & Talitha Mark** continued health needs

**Patty Anderson** continuing to battle cancer

**Nancy Moore** breast cancer treatments

**Family of Mary Weldy**-Christian Sister, wife of Elder Doug Weldy, mother of Mathew and Seth. Services at BCC, Sat. 3/11 visitation at 10 am, memorial service at 11 am. Luncheon to follow.

**PRAISES!**

**Tagan G** baby girl born 2/22. Congrats to all the families.

**Patrick Buzzard** home from Korea, R. Hoyt req.

## FACTS & FIGURES for Sunday 03/05/2023

### ATTENDANCE

March 5 — 111  
 Adult Worship: 10:30 AM  
 Masks Optional

### TITHES & OFFERINGS (BUDGETED AMOUNTS)

General Fund (3,822.77)	Missions (517.50)	Building
03/05 3,477.00	03/05 720.00	03/05 00.00

### TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING TOTALS:

<u>For K-5th gr.</u>	BENEVOLENT FUND	170.00	MEMORIAL FUND— M. WELDY	50.00
Junior Church Joins Us During Worship Service Then is Dismissed From the Youth Room On 2nd floor				

Online Giving Using Tithe.ly  
 Reported Only at the End of the Month

*“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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

Our mission of the month for March is Woodburn Christian Children's Home. This wonderful ministry continues to provide Christ-centered family structure, education, and other support to kids in need of special help. What a privilege it is for BCC to partner with what God is doing through this ministry.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for Woodburn's pantry. Rhonda Neal and Nancy Bicard delivered our donation last week, and it was greatly appreciated!

Coming up is **Woodburn's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Ribbon Cutting for their new Strong and Courageous Multi-purpose Learning and Counseling Center.** This event will be Saturday April 29 at 11:00 am at the Woodburn campus. To RSVP by April 17 contact Carol at 260-632-5551 or by email at [carol@wcchonline.org](mailto:carol@wcchonline.org).

Throughout March please pray for Woodburn executive director Joe Heins and all the Woodburn staff and volunteers – that the Holy Spirit would fill and direct them, and that their labors for the Lord would be both faithful and fruitful. Pray also for the kids at Woodburn, that they would know God's love for them, and learn how to build their lives on God's love and truth.

## Grief Journeys Seminar

Coming Saturday, April 22nd, we will be having a special seminar entitled **Grief Journeys**. Our own Timothy from BCC, Don Stowell, will be presenting this informative seminar.

He has written for several magazines and newspapers, and has also written a book called *“Helping You Through the Death of a Loved One.”*

Don A. Stowell grew up in Michigan and attended Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing. He has ministered with LCC for 20 years. He has had ministries in West Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. He and his wife Sharlene have three adult daughters, a son-in-law, and 5 grandchildren.

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 would be \$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 are please write Grief Journeys.

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