

# 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 New Testament Church**

The church is not a social club. It is not a merely human organization organized around human politics or any other human interests. Rather, to use the images of the New Testament, the church is: the New Covenant People of God (Luke 22:20), the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16), the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-13 & 27), a Pillar and Buttress of the Truth (1 Tim. 3:15), A Royal Priesthood and Holy Nation and People for God's Own Possession (1 Peter 2:9), a Community of Sojourners and Exiles on Earth (1 Peter 2:11), and the Bride of Christ (Rev. 21:9-11).

The mission of the church is to preach the Gospel in all the world and make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-16, Luke 24:44-49, John 20:19-23, Acts 1:1-11). In everything we do, we want to bring glory and honor to God (Eph. 1:11-14, Matt. 5:13-16, Col. 3:17, 1 Peter 2:9-12).

Further, for Christians, belonging to the church and being involved in the worship, fellowship, service, teaching, and mission of the church is not optional. It is a divine command which is essential for our personal spiritual growth, for the health of the church, and for the effectiveness of the church's ministry to the world (Eph. 2:11-22, 1 Cor. 12, Hebrews 3-4).

This coming Sunday, I will preach about the doctrine of the church from 1 Peter 2:1-12. This is a passage which is rich in Old Testament imagery. It shows the continuity between Israel and the church of Jesus Christ. This passage is also powerfully relevant to how we live out our calling as the church in an unbelieving and increasingly hostile world. I invite you to spend time reading and praying through 1 Peter 2:1-12 in preparation for this week's message. Remember, our goal is to know, love, and live the truth God has revealed to us!

## **STOP — LOOK — PRAY**

**PRAYER NEEDS THIS WEEK**

**Violence & Threats to American Schools, our Country**

**War in Ukraine** - pray for all people of Ukraine and in Russia

**Mission of the month:**

**Michigan Christian Campus Ministries (His House)**

**Nick Moloci** health concerns

**Stacy Young** pneumonia, hospitalized, M. Clayton req. (D+L's mom)

**Jeff Strzyzkowski** property expenses, son of J. & C. Strzyzkowski

**Unspoken prayer needs**, A. Belcher req.

**Doug Weldy** prostate cancer

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

**Anna Bumstead** broken ankle recovering

**Roy & Talitha Mark** continued health needs

**Patty Anderson** continuing to battle cancer

**Nancy Moore** cancer treatments (Africa Fire Mission)

**Family of Donna Potter** from So. Illinois, sister of Linda Klindedinst

### **PRAISES!**

• 4/18 Payton Lane Vigansky (boy, 8 Lb, 11 oz, 21 in) born to Derick & Mandy, grandparents are David & Vanita Vigansky

• Julie Hoyt received #1 rating at the Solo & Ensemble (snare drum)

## **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** - through April, Class-5:30 to 6:30, Supper-6:30 to 7 pm

> **Ladies Fellowship meeting** on first Thursdays, 1 pm at BCC.

— May —

> **World Missions Day** Sunday, May 7th. Josh See from MCCamp is our guest at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall & at 10:30 am. Dinner will follow. Please bring a side dish of your choice & a dessert!

> **Ladies Fellowship** last meeting is Thurs, May 11 at noon. We will be having a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to invite any ladies from the church to join us. Anyone desiring to come should sign up at the Welcome Center by May 7.

> **BAMA Baccalaureate Service for graduating High School seniors:** Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00 pm at Buchanan First United Methodist Church on Oak St. Bud Holmes will be the speaker.

> **American Heritage Girls Recognition:** 10:30 am, May 28 during worship, *Julie Hoyt, Evelyn Furst, and Mackenzie Wetzel* will be recognized for their **God and Church Awards**.

## FACTS & FIGURES for Sunday 04/23/2023

### TITHES & OFFERINGS (BUDGETED AMOUNTS)

**ATTENDANCE** — not available

General Fund (3,822.77)

Missions (517.50)

Building

Adult Worship: 10:30 AM

8,527.00

335.00

0.00

Masks Optional

For K-5th gr.

#### SPECIAL OFFERING TOTALS:

Junior Church Joins Us During  
Worship Service

BENEVOLENT FUND

1,000.00

MEMORIAL FUND— M. CHADDERDON

200.00

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*

## Looking Ahead...

By Nate Babcock

- **World Mission Sunday is Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>.** Josh See, executive director of Michiana Christian Camp, will be our guest speaker. During the Bible school hour (9:30 to 10:15 am), Josh will speak about the camp in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be provided. During the worship service, Josh will preach about our participation in God’s world-wide mission. There will be a *fellowship dinner* after the worship service for us to share together. The main dish – pulled pork – will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.
- **Praying for Buchanan.** This summer we will be sending out prayer teams to pray for God’s work in the lives of the people in the Buchanan community. More information about this will be coming your way soon, so please be thinking about the opportunity to be involved in strategically and consistently praying for God’s kingdom to come in Buchanan.
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- **Church camp season is right around the corner!** Please be praying for everyone at Michiana Christian Camp: Josh See & his family, Andrew & Kelly Hullah, all the camp deans and faculty teams, and all the kids who will be attending camp this summer. Pray for God to work in a mighty way through each week of camp in each camper’s life. Also, if you haven’t registered your child or grandchild for their week of camp yet, the information you need is on the table in the foyer which is to the right of the sanctuary doors.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



May  
2023



#### Birthdays:

Baily Ann Wesner — 1

Madysen Vergon — 5

Carol Boyer — 6

Nancy Bicard — 7

Carrie Strzyzkowski — 10

Sue Heller — 15

Bobby Blaylock — 16

Lisa Weed — 17

Danny Ferris — 23

Jeff Burkhard — 24

#### Anniversaries:

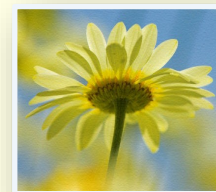
Randy & Janis Vergon — 7

Bobby & Julie Blaylock — 14

Phil & Jennie Brackett — 19

Phil & Dale Weldy — 20

Roy & Tilly Mark — 28



*“So teach us to number our days,  
that we may apply our hearts unto  
wisdom.” [Psalm 90:12](#)*

*“In his heart a man plans his  
course, but the Lord determines his  
steps.” [Proverbs 16:9](#)*

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