

Rock *Hand of Hands* MASTER
 SAVIOR Holy One of Israel *Messiah* Advocate
Bright Morning Star **JESUS CHRIST** Immanuel
Redeemer Anchor *Alpha & Omega*
 Wonderful Counselor
 Good Shepherd Prince of Peace ALMIGHTY

December 18, 2011

AT A GLANCE

FOR TODAY

Sunday, December 18, 2011

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Teaching by Pastor Max Frazier

THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

"A Carol of Salvation."

Luke 2:8-14

I. The Shepherds

- A. They were despised men
- B. They were simple men
- C. They were special men

II. The Appearance of the Angel

III. The Message of the Angels

- A. A message of joy
- B. A message of peace

For you to pick-up and use, Sermon Note sheets for this outline are located on pillars in the NE and SE corners of the gym or feel free to ask an Usher for one. If you need or do not have a Bible of your own, please ask an Usher for one.

FROM THE BUFFALO COVENANT CHURCH OFFICE...

763-682-1470 | Fax: 763-682-4716 | 1601 Hwy 25 N | Buffalo, MN 55313

CLAIM LOST & FOUND ITEMS

TODAY | Table Located On Jericho Road

Are you missing your coat, Bible, or shoe? Stop by the Event Sign-ups/Information Table (on Jericho Road) to see if your lost item has been found!

CHECK US OUT ONLINE

WWW.BUFFALOCOV.ORG

You will find ongoing and new information to help you get connected with our church family and deepen your faith in God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays-Thursdays | 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fridays | 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

GET YOUR CHICKEN HERE!

In the season of Christ's birth, we want to turn our eyes to the needs of the world. So as a church we are sponsoring a Christmas Love Project to help orphans in Africa. We are partnering with Children's Hope Chest in Ethiopia to provide for them a complete Chicken Farm. The total cost of the project is \$7,000. We want to meet this goal by the end of December. Read Page 6 of this bulletin for more information. Also, this morning a detailed brochure on this project is available from an usher.

to our GUESTS:

Welcome! We're glad you're here. Below is information that will be of help to you.

- **RESPONSE CARD:** Located in this bulletin, fill it out to let us know you joined us this morning. Add any prayer requests you have and place in the offering plate.
- **SMILING FACES:** At our Welcome Center (located in Church Office area of Kings Highway hallway) the folks there would love to get to know you, offer our friendship, answer any questions you have about our church and programs; as well as, give you an information packet.
- **NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL CARE** (infants through age 5/pre-K): Is provided during the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Follow signs to the Pre-school Check-In counter; which is located in Kings Highway hallway. If you need help in locating this counter, stop by our Welcome Center.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL HOURS:** In order to accommodate all of our kids, there are TWO Sunday School hours. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. is for pre-school, elementary, and adults. At 11:00 a.m. Sunday school is for pre-school, elementary, middle school, and Sr. High. Stop by our Welcome Center for help in finding room locations.

in between SERVICES:

OFFERING ENVELOPES **TODAY** | Tables Located In Lobby
Pick-up your 2012 Offering Envelopes in the front lobby today!

CHURCH EVENT SIGN-UPS/INFORMATION TABLE

TODAY | Table Located On Jericho Road

Read Pages 3-5 of this bulletin for more information on the following...

- Purchase Chronological Bible/Pick-up Bible Reading Record
- Children's Ministry Volunteers - Pick-up Your Gift
- A Chronological Bible just for Kids! - Place & Pick-up Order
- Buffalo Bible Institute Class Sign-up
- Luncheon with Missionary Sign-up

this EVENING:

CHILL OUT (GRADES 9-12) CHRISTMAS PARTY

TODAY | Tomann's Home- 6070 5th St. NE, Buffalo | 6:30 -9:30 p.m.
Students needing a ride can meet the van at 6:00 p.m. in the BCC parking lot for a ride to the party.

SMALL GROUPS

www.buffalocov.org/smallgroups

WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER - SMALL GROUP CHALLENGE!

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Hello Small Group Leaders & Members... As many of you know, BCC is sponsoring a Christmas Love Project to help orphans in Africa. During the month of December the goal is to raise \$7,000 to provide a chicken farm to Kind Hearts School. *The Gilbert Small Group (Reid & Terri Gilbert) have proposed a CHALLENGE to the other BCC Small Groups!* You all have been challenged to a contest to raise money for this project. The winner of this challenge will receive a "Chicken Dinner", provided by church. The money can be raised by any means your group chooses (except stealing). Deadline to turn in your money is Sunday, January 1st. Make checks payable to Buffalo Covenant, in the memo section write "Chicken Challenge" and your small group name, and turn it in to the Church Office. The Gilbert Small Group is pretty confident they are winning the Chicken Dinner. Good luck to all of you and let the challenge begin!

PSALM 133:1 — BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY!

Small groups offer a place to connect with others in fellowship, to grow in your understanding of the Bible as Jesus' own disciples did, to meet the needs of others in your group through ministry, to become equipped for evangelism, and to worship God through practicing godly behavior.

WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP?

A "Small Group" gathers together regularly to study the Bible, pray together, and enjoy friendship. Groups are from 6 to 20 people, and may be couples groups, men's groups or women's groups. Most of our Small Groups meet in homes. Small groups meet weekly or twice a month for about two hours.

Usually, the group is working through a study guide which directs the discussion and keeps the group on track. The group will have a leader who is in charge of the learning and discussion time. Groups cover a wide range of topics, from marriage and family issues, to prayer and Biblical book studies.

Some groups are ideal for people who are new to Bible study, and some groups are appropriate for long-time Bible students. The level of your participation is up to you. No one is pressured to speak, pray or read aloud if they prefer to listen.

OK. I'M CONVINCED. HOW DO I GET CONNECTED?

If you are interested in a small group and want more info on what is available, contact Small Groups Coordinator Carmen W. (ecwyatt@charter.net; 763-682-1690).

GROUPS WITH OPENINGS

Roger & Adelle Lundeen's Group

Led by Jim Landt, this group is just finishing Ephesians and will start "*The Lord's Plan for Financing the Gospel*" in January. Meets Monday at 7:00 p.m.; weekly; Openings for 6.

Doug & Elaine Squires' Group

Don Danielson is the Bible Study Leader and they are doing a study on the Minor Prophets; Meeting at various homes; Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.; weekly; Openings for 4

To sign-up, go online at www.buffalocov.org/small-group-list or contact the Small Groups Coordinator Carmen W. (ecwyatt@charter.net; 763-682-1690).

20 SOMETHING SMALL GROUP

Mondays | Various Locations | 7:00 p.m.*

We've decided to study the Book of Proverbs. For December 19th we will meet at Charissa's house (6440 Carling Ave. NE, Buffalo) and studying Proverbs 3-4. Location TBD* for the following: Proverbs 5-6 for January 2nd, Proverbs 7-8 for January 16th, and Proverbs 9-10 for January 30th. *If you are interested in hosting our small group for one of these evenings, please let Charissa Pederson (charissa.pederson@gmail.com; 612-219-1102) know! Otherwise, we'll be defaulting to Charissa's house.

CHILDREN www.buffalocov.org/children

Kids are exciting! They are in the process learning new things, trying new things, experiencing new things. Buffalo Covenant Church cares about kids.

OUR MISSION

To partner with parents in building a spiritual foundation in the lives of children, from birth through grade 5, so that they will come to know, love and serve Jesus.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS (AWANA, SUNDAY SCHOOL, PRE-SCHOOL, SPECIAL EVENTS)

PICK-UP TODAY | Table Located On Jericho Road
Please stop by the Event Sign-ups/Information Table (on Jericho Road) and get your Christmas gift from the church! We appreciate the wonderful ministry of the 175 Children's Ministry Volunteers at Buffalo Covenant Church.

A CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE JUST FOR KIDS!

The Day by Day Kid's Bible... Designed for ages 7-10 (listeners 4 and up) In manageable daily readings averaging 7 minutes a day, your child (or your whole family) can experience the entire Bible story in one year! A chronological telling of the Bible, *The Day by Day Kid's Bible* presents the events of Scripture in the order they occurred. The text has been simplified, but not fictionalized or robbed of its power, because it's straight from God's word. A colorful 14-page time line shows your child that Bible events are part of the incidents which have shaped world history. Your whole family can participate in the 2012 Bible Challenge! Bibles are \$14.00. Place your order at the Event Sign-ups/Information Table (on Jericho Road) today. If you placed your order last week, pick-up and pay today at that same table. **A PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT!**

NO AWANA WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 21 & 28

Due to Christmas-New Years break. Normal schedule resumes on Wednesday, January 4th.

NEXT CHILD DEDICATION JANUARY 15 | During Services

If you would like your child to be included, please contact Barb (barb@buffalocov.org; 763-682-1470).

NEED NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SUNDAYS, JANUARY 1 - MAY 27 11:00 Hour Nursery Care Workers...

Two people needed for the 1st Sunday of each month to care for toddlers & One person needed for the 2nd Sunday of each month to care for infants Please contact Janine (763-682-1470; janine.kruger@hotmail.com) to let her know the area you would be willing to serve in caring for our kids.

YOUTH www.buffalocov.org/youth

Students at Buffalo Covenant are on a journey discovering what they believe about God and who they are in Him. Their journey is lifelong, but hopefully their teen years will set up a solid foundation for their future.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Buffalo Covenant Youth Ministry exists that we may become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, who truly worship God. In doing this, we continually GROW in our FAITH, SUPPORT each other, and DISCOVER our individual spiritual gifts. We then use these tools to REACH and to MINISTER to others. This is the foundation of our faith that we will use throughout our lives.

CHILL OUT SUNDAYS | Youth Room | 6:30 -9:30 p.m.

For our 9th through 12th grade students, we meet in the Youth Room on Sunday nights during the school year. Each week students experience engaging worship, dynamic Bible-centered teaching, interactive small groups, and recreational activities.

HANG TIME WEDNESDAYS | Youth Room | 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

For our 6th through 8th grade students, we meet in the Youth Room on Wednesday nights during the school year. Each week students experience engaging worship, dynamic Bible-centered teaching, interactive small groups, and recreational activities.

NO HANG TIME & NO 9th GRADE CONFIRMATION

on WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 21 & 28

NO CHILL OUT on SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1

SR. HIGH-ALUMNI BROOMBALL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 | Church Rink | 8:00 p.m.

Come dressed appropriately for the weather and be ready to have some fun! There will be NO regular Chill Out on this night.

SR. HIGH WINTER RETREAT JAN. 13-16 | Adventurous Christians

A meaningful time to connect with God and other students. Cost is \$195 and a \$75 non-refundable deposit holds your spot. If you would like to leave early for the Friday Ski Day at Lutsen, the approximate cost is \$40. For complete details get a brochure from Joanie's Desk.

BUILDING BRIDGES

MISSIONARY WEEKLY UPDATE...

David and Jul Stone write: In the past six weeks, we taught courses for an Indonesian school, for our Global Interns and shared Thanksgiving dinner with our interns and site leaders. We were encouraged to see how our site leaders (all former interns who have returned for the Global Internship program) are rising to the challenge. We are still looking for an apartment in an area where we can build relationships with the local people.

Please pray:

- That we can locate an apartment, and cultivate contentment until we find one.
- That our former neighbor will see that her religion does not offer what Jesus does for her physical and emotional healing.
- That God will use us to display authentic Christianity.
- We in turn pray that God's revelation of love in Christ will encourage you anew as you celebrate Him.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | Room 105 | After 3rd Service

On January 8th, BCC will host missionary, James Tang (sounds like tongue). Pastor Tang is a Sudanese pastor in Minneapolis who works on the mission field part time. Several times a year, he visits South Sudan to encourage pastors and people in the Sudanese Covenant Church. Consider joining the Mission Commission for a light lunch on that Sunday. Please sign-up at the Event Sign-ups/Information Table (on Jericho Road).

THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY for the incredible prayer coverage for our team - we felt such peace and anticipation the whole trip and it had everything to do with knowing we were in our Lord's very hands. Thank you for keeping us there!

Also, a huge thank you for the monetary donations that we were able to bring with us through your generosity. We were able to buy simple things like oranges, bananas and bread for hundreds of kids who would not otherwise have access to them. We were able to buy 8 sheep for two different care points so they could have two feasts each! Meat is a huge blessing that they also would not have access to due to the expense. We bought and gave over 500 Bibles to the kids and staff to have in their hands the powerful Word of God. And we were able to leave money in country for shoes and to start up medical funds at two care points so children who need medical care would not need to wait to get the attention they need. All these things could not have been done without the generosity of our church family.

Thank you for being a huge part of the care we were able to give these precious children in Ethiopia! We are in anticipation of what the Lord will do with the chicken farm as well! It is exciting to think of the difference that will make for those children!

Thank you in advance from the kids in Ethiopia!
Karen Wistrom, Emmy Wistrom, Maea Wistrom,
Sarah Ramsey, Wendy Ling, and Stacy Uecker



2011 CHRISTMAS LOVE PROJECT

BUY YOUR CHICKEN HERE!

In the season of Christ's birth, we want to turn our eyes to the needs of the world. So BCC is sponsoring a Christmas Love Project to help orphans in Africa. We are partnering with Children's Hope Chest in Ethiopia to provide for them a complete Chicken Farm. BCC will continue to bless the orphanages in Ethiopia which the mission team visited. This project will provide a Chicken Farm at Kind Hearts School, the center near Addis Ababa. Now that their well is completed, they are able to raise chickens. The total cost of the project is \$7,000 and we would like to raise all of it during the month of December (final goal date January 1st). You can participate with prayer and funds. This morning, a detailed brochure on this project is available from an usher. Checks should be made payable to BCC with "Chicken Farm" in the memo. Funds can be put in the offering plate on Sundays or be dropped off during the the Church Office.

ADULTS

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER, please call Amy F. at 320-963-4012, Judy B. at 763-682-2873, the Church Office at 763-682-1470, or fill out the prayer card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30 A.M.

TODAY - DOING THE RIGHT THING

Meeting in the Choir Room | Facilitated by Stan Vander Kooi
Last of a video series featuring Chuck Colson, Britt Hume, and a panel of Christian leaders exploring the ethical and moral breakdown that is assaulting culture from all sides.

2012 BIBLE CHALLENGE

PURCHASE TODAY | Table Located On Jericho Road

For the new year of 2012 we are challenging all members of the BCC Family to read through the entire Bible in chronological order in one year! To help you do this, we have been offering One Year Chronological Bibles for you to purchase for \$13.00 a copy. Today is the last Sunday for you to purchase one at the Event Sign-ups/Information Table (on Jericho Road). This entire Bible is arranged in chronological order with daily readings posted as January 1, January 2, etc. Also available at the table will be a Chronological Bible Reading Record for you to track, if you choose to read thru your own Bible in chronological order.

NO LADIES S.N.I.P.P. GROUP TODAY, DECEMBER 18th.

SALT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 | Youth Room | 1:30 p.m.

Special guest will be Mary Marty who will be sharing some of the songs of the Christmas Season. We will also be joining in singing many of your favorite Christmas carols. Pastor Max will be sharing a special meditation on the Christmas story. Refreshments will be served. *If you are over the age of 59 plan to join us for this exciting time of Christmas sharing.*

LADIES MISSION CONNECTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 | Room 105 | 9:00 a.m.

Ladies of all ages, join us! This will be our annual Christmas-New Years Potluck. Bring a lunch or snack item to share and enjoy a time of fellowship and planning for the 2012 year.

BUFFALO BIBLE INSTITUTE WINTER-SPRING CLASSES

REGISTER TODAY | Table Located On Jericho Road

Job: Struggling to Find Light When All Seems Dark

MONDAYS, JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 13 | Choir Room | 7-8:30 p.m.

Taught by Pastor Max Frazier; Cost is \$30

The story of Job is an ancient one, yet it is a modern one as well. When tragedies occur - whether floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, notes of terminal illness, suicides, etc. - the response is to cry out, 'Why me?' A second question believers often ask is "Where is God?" Job's story helps us to understand the answers to both questions. Join in probing this exciting book as we sit in the ash heap alongside of Job and interact with his friends and with God about the issues of life.

Experience The Evidence Of The Spirit-filled Life

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 27 - APRIL 2 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Taught by Dr. Oliver Blosser; Cost is \$30

Your life can be successfully built on a solid foundation of vibrant personal virtues. These Spirit-given virtues will help you to become Christ-like and like Christ. The life-changing virtues are firmly grounded in God's Word. Put them into practice and they will produce a godly character in your life. When the Holy Spirit controls your life, He will produce the Fruit of the Spirit in your life — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Join us to study God's treasury of virtues for six weeks so that you can live beyond yourself through the Spirit's help.

JANUARY 2012 ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY SCHOOL

A detailed brochure of the whole schedule from January-May 2012 is available at our Welcome Center (located in Church Office area of Kings Highway hallway). The following is the topic, location, and time for the month of January. This class schedule is subject to change as situations and room assignments require.

JANUARY 1

BIBLICAL PROPHECY & CURRENT EVENTS

9:30 a.m. | Meeting in the Youth Room | Taught by Dennis Lingo

SUNDAYS, JAN. 8 - 29 DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

9:30 a.m. | Choir Room | Facilitated by Taylor Pack & Mike Passig

11 a.m. | Room TBD | Led by Randy Watermilller & Pastor Bill Miller

JANUARY IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

At BCC during the month of January we will be reminding ourselves of the Biblical truth, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." (Psalm 24:1) Pastor Max will be preaching through Malachi; the two Adult Sunday School classes will be teaching from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University; and most of the small groups will be studying Dr. Oliver and Mary Blosser's Bible study on Tithing. Stewardship is a spiritual growth opportunity, so we encourage you to get plugged into the various options being offered.

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | Gym | 6:00 p.m.

For all BCC Members, at this meeting we will be approving the Budget for the new year, getting staff reports, and getting updates and plans for the future. Childcare is provided for this meeting.

COMPUTER DOCTOR IS IN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 & 28 | Room 100 | 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Michael Murphy is making himself available to our church congregation for computer servicing, upgrades, virus protection, and general advice. The service is free; the only potential cost would be for any software or hardware purchases you might need. No appointment needed.

OPERATION FISHNET UPDATE...

THIS WEEK'S NEWS...
This past week parking lot lights were installed and are working (come to Living Nativity tonight to see first hand), sealer was applied to the Worship Center floor, electricians are installing dimmer pack, and carpet installation continues. This past week \$1,217.50 was given to the Building Fund.

HELP US "PREPARE THE NETS FOR MINISTRY"
We are in the midst of the remodeling our worship center and parking lot. To give to this special project, make your check payable to Buffalo Covenant Church and write "Building Fund" in the memo. For more info on our project, go to www.buffalocov.org/financing-details or talk with a staff member in the Church Office. (763-682-1470).

COMMENTS OR REQUESTS:

PRAYER NEEDS AND PRAISES: For Staff For Prayer Team [Confidentiality is maintained.] _____

I would like to be contacted for personal support & encouragement. I am facing a difficult challenge. [Confidentiality maintained.]

TODAY I... Made a decision for Christ

I'D LIKE INFORMATION ON...

- How to commit my life to Christ
- Connecting with others at BCC
- Membership Class
- Children's Ministry (age 0-5th grade)
- Student Ministry (Sr. & Jr. High)

- Care Ministry
- Trusted Friends
- Grief/Share
- Visitation
- Worship Ministry/Tek
- Opportunities to serve

- Adult Spiritual Growth:
- Sunday Education Classes
- Small Groups
- Bible Classes (BBI)
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry:
- MOPS: Mothers of Pre-schoolers

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU JOINED US TODAY! PLEASE USE THIS CARD TO COMMUNICATE W/THE CHURCH OFFICE AND THE PASTORAL STAFF. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE CLEARLY WRITE YOUR INFORMATION BELOW AND SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Date _____ New Information **I/WE ATTENDED:** 8:00 Service 9:30 Service 11:00 Service

I AM/WE ARE: Attending Regularly a Member a Visitor **I AM A GUEST OF:** _____

Mr. | Mrs. | Ms. | Miss _____

Name (Include children living at home; listing names, birth dates, and grades)

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone, Cell Phone, and/or Daytime Phone _____

E-mail Address(es) _____

MY/OUR AGE GROUP: Under 20 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-70 71+

AT BUFFALO COVENANT

THIS CHRISTMAS

*Join us for Christmas here at Buffalo Covenant Church
in the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus.*

OUTDOOR LIVING NATIVITY

TODAY, DECEMBER 18 | Church Grounds | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Free admission • Cookies & Hot chocolate served •

The Living Nativity is a walk-through event with live character portrayals of the wisemen, shepherds, soldiers, angels, Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus; AND a stable filled with live animals, including sheep, goats, a donkey, cow, horses and a real live camel! To help with this event, read Page 5 of this bulletin.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC: "TAPESTRY OF LIGHT"

TODAY, DEC. 18 | Gym | 6:45 p.m. Prelude & 7:00 p.m. Concert

Our choir will present the glory of Christmas in music. An exciting evening of great music for the whole family.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 | Gym | 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., & 6:00 p.m.

Make the Christmas Eve services at BCC a tradition in your family! Childcare is available at all services for infants thru age 5 (pre-Kindergarten). Keep Jesus at the center of your holiday celebration and come worship the KING!

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 | Gym | 10:00 a.m. Only

Christmas Day is a Sunday this year! Celebrate with your church family in one wonderful traditional worship service at 10:00 a.m. Childcare is provided for infants through age 5 (pre-Kindergarten). There will be no Sunday School for all ages on Christmas Day.