

Busti CHURCH OF GOD

Busti Beacon

Our Mission . . . To Honor Jesus With Our Lives

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November 2025

Mark your Calendar

- 11/2** *Daylight Saving Time Ends*
Rejoicing Spirits at 4 PM
- 11/8** Harvest Dinner at 5 PM
- 11/9** Annual Business Meeting 10:15 AM
- 11/11** *Veteran's Day*
- 11/16** Baby Shower for Keely Wood
- 11/22** Women's Connection Blessing
Baskets
- 11/27** *Thanksgiving Day!*
- 11/29** Small Business Vendors Event
10 AM to 4 PM

Join us for worship at 9 & 11 AM Sundays.
Our 11 AM worship service is live-streamed
on our website, app, Facebook & YouTube.

Reminders

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 2

Harvest Dinner
Saturday, November 8

Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, November 9

Baby Shower for Keely Wood
Sunday, November 16

*Women's Connection Blessing
Baskets*
Saturday, November 22

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we're reminded once again of how powerful gratitude really is. Not just the kind of thankfulness that appears once a year around the dinner table, but the deep, steady gratitude that changes how we see life every day.

When Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, he said, "*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus*" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Notice that little word—in.

Paul doesn't say to give thanks *for* all circumstances, but *in* them. Gratitude isn't about pretending everything is perfect; it's about recognizing that God is still faithful, even when life isn't easy.

A thankful heart doesn't deny the struggles—it declares that God is greater than them. It remembers that behind every blessing and even behind every burden, there is a God who is working for our good and His glory.

This season, as you gather with family or friends, take a moment to reflect not only on what you have, but on who you have. You have a Savior who loves you, a God who hears you, and a church family who walks beside you. Those are blessings worth more than anything money can buy.

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Offering & Attendance

Oct 5	General Fund	\$7,446.73*
(182)	Missions	808.10*
	Building Fund	200.00
	Upward Reg.	4,360.00
	Facility Use	100.00
	Gift of Love	20.00
	Farmer Brown's	48.00
	Total	\$12,982.83

Oct 12	General Fund	\$6,162.08*
(138)	Missions	808.10*
	Building Fund	40.00
	Youth Group	40.00
	Halloween Outreach	20.00
	Reimbursement	68.68
	Gift of Love	1,570.00
	Total	\$8,708.86

Oct 19	General Fund	\$5,863.41*
(199)	Missions	808.10*
	Building Fund	145.00
	Youth	74.00
	Facility Use	100.00
	Gift of Love	545.00
	Total	\$7,535.51

Oct 26	General Fund	\$4,689.77*
(186)	Missions	808.10*
	Building Fund	85.00
	Uganda	4.00
	Gift of Love	160.00
	Upward Reg.	830.00
	Chili Cookoff	1,361.00
	Total	\$7,937.87

*2025 Weekly Need is \$7,965.00
(General + Missions = Weekly Need)
YTD Weekly Fund: \$315,048.68
YTD Weekly Need: \$342,495

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(From the Pastor's desk continued...)

Gratitude shifts our focus. Instead of seeing only what's missing, it helps us notice what's been mercifully given. It's the difference between complaining about the rain and thanking God for watering the earth. It's choosing to see His fingerprints in the ordinary moments—a sunrise, a shared laugh, a quiet prayer answered in just the right way.

If your heart feels heavy this Thanksgiving, know this: God is still near.

The same God who provided manna in the wilderness and calmed the storm on the sea is still providing for you today. Sometimes His provision looks like strength to get through the day, peace that steadies a troubled heart, or people He places in your path to remind you that you're not alone.

Recently, in my devotional time, I read these words from Proverbs 4:23. *"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."*

I shared with my wife that God has honored the guarding of my heart simply by leading me to the places where I have lived, particularly here in Busti. God has filled my journey with beautiful people like you!

Sally then shared another verse with me from Psalm 16:6, which says, *'The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance!'*

Another reminder that when we honor God, he blesses us with an inheritance that includes so much more than monetary resources.

So as you gather around the table, before you lift your fork, take a moment to lift your heart. Thank Him for His mercy, His faithfulness, and His never-ending love. Let gratitude be more than a moment—it can be your mindset.

Because when our hearts are thankful, our lives become testimonies of God's grace. And that's something worth celebrating—not just at the end of November, but every day of the year.

From my heart to yours—Happy Thanksgiving! May you know the joy that comes from seeing God's hand in every season and trusting that His goodness never runs out.

See ya at church!

Pastor Roy



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Timi Roberts
- 2 Jean Long
Ashley Smith
Cindy Vullo
Bill Weaver
- 3 Sharon Richards
- 4 Ariana Meerdink
- 5 Tammy Dole
- 8 Chris Bohn
Emma Ferguson
- 9 Nate Whitford
- 10 Jack Kost
- 11 Tom Thompson
- 12 Gail Boardman
Joe Sanfilippo
Catie Siggins
- 13 Raven Lindsey
- 14 Matt & Dorothy Hall
Ethan Weilacher
- 17 Edna Roman
- 19 Elijah Cobb
- 20 Zuri Brooks
Bill Warner
- 22 Tiffany MacNeil
Jonathan Meerdink
Scott Smith
- 26 Larry & Cindy Peterson (54)
- 27 Bill Reynolds
Donne Sheldon
Lisa Smith
- 28 Sylvia Crippen
- 29 Noble & Darlene Livezey
- 30 Bethany Ibhawa
Keely Wood



Thursday, November 27
Church office closed November 27-28



Harvest Dinner

Saturday, November 8 AT 5 PM

BCOG's much-anticipated Harvest Dinner is just around the corner! Invite your friends and family to join us for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner (with plenty of pies!). We've also got a fun night of entertainment planned with BCOG's version of "The Match Game."

Please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer to let us know how many from your family will be attending and what food you will contribute to the meal. We also ask that you bring your own table service.

If you can help with setup, decorating, working the kitchen, or cleanup, we are in need of volunteers!

Women's Connection Blessing Baskets

Saturday, November 22 @ 2 PM

Ladies, we're meeting in the BCOG Family Life Center to assemble "Blessing Baskets" and craft cards to love on families this holiday season! If you'd like to be involved, please sign up at the Welcome Table and let us know what food item(s) you will contribute to the baskets. We are collecting shelf-stable, Thanksgiving-like foods, such as stuffing mix, canned vegetables, frozen pies, etc. We hope you'll join us in this fun opportunity to share out of our abundance with those who are less fortunate or walking through a challenging season.



2nd Annual Small Business Saturday Craft & Artisan Show

Saturday, November 29 10 AM—4 PM
Busti Church of God Family Life Center

Shop a wide variety of local crafters & artisans—vendors offering jewelry, soap, candles, handmade cards, shirts, tumblers, wood crafts, laser engraved boards & serving trays, and more!

We're requesting shoppers bring an item to donate to the church food pantry. Shoppers donating an item will be entered to win a prize package from a small, local business worth \$75!

Sponsored by Blue Dragonfly Boutique





Children's Ministry theme for November: BEDROCK Building Confidence in God Block by Block

"Those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."
Isaiah 40:31, NIV



KidZone Teaching Schedule

PK-2nd grade	3rd-6th grade
Nov 2: Dave & Vicky	Jon & Sandy
Nov 9: Pam & Shari	Hailey & Ashlyn
Nov 16: Dave & Vicky	Jon & Sandy
Nov 23: Ashley & Keely	Jon & Sandy
Nov 30: Pam & Shari	Hailey & Ashlyn



Nursery Schedule

Nov 2: Kenzie & Cindy
Nov 9: Courtney & Bethany
Nov 16: Carrie & Janet
Nov 23: Holly & Makenzie
Nov 30: Courtney & Kenzie

BCOG Youth

Fridays from 7 to 9 PM
 (Grades 7-12)

It's November already!! With Thanksgiving on our minds, we want to make sure you know how much we love and appreciate all of our students and families. Thank you for supporting the youth ministry and making our Friday nights fun and meaningful. It's a blessing to do life with you!

We are always excited to find ways to grow in our faith! This month we'll be getting a different and interesting perspective on being thankful.

Make sure you read carefully thru the calendar because we have an offsite event, a giving with purpose night and our ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PARTY!! Fun things coming up that we don't want you to miss out on:)

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (BCOG youth) or Instagram (bcog.youth).

November Youth Calendar:

Friday, 7th

Friday Night Youth Group @Norhtwest Arena, 7pm
JCC Jayhawks Hockey Game
 319 West Third Street, Jamestown, NY 14701
 Meet us at the ice arena 6:30pm
 Adult tickets \$5, students 18yrs and under are FREE

Friday, 14th

Friday Night Youth Group @BCOG, 7-9pm
For Chautauqua Project
 We want to show some love to our community by donating to the JPD Youth Closet. Thanks to a few of our parents, we will be making some tied fleece blankets and asking for donations of diapers, wipes, socks, tooth brushes or winter gloves to help combat child poverty in Jamestown. If you are unable to purchase any of these items you may instead give a few dollars towards the cost. Anything will help!

Friday, 21st

Friday Night Youth Group @BCOG, 7-9pm
"Annual Thanksgiving Party!"
 We look forward to this all year:) We'll have festive games, lots of prizes AND our crazy Turkey Bowl contest!! Bring some snacks to share and we'll provide some apple cider and other treats.

Friday, 28th

NO Youth Group
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!
 Enjoy your break with family and friends;)



Join a Small Group

Sundays during the 11 AM worship service—KidZone for kids PK-6th grade

2nd & 4th Mondays at 7 PM—
Women's Small Group at Sandie Kost's home. **(Nov 10 & 24)**

Prayer Group every other Monday **(Nov 3 & 17)** at 11 AM at the church

Mondays 6-8 PM—God's Healing for the Hurting Women's Small Group led by Donne Sheldon at her home

Tuesdays at 6 PM—co-ed small group at the home of Chris & Pat Bohn

Wednesday Night Women at 6:30 PM at the church

Wednesday Night Men at 6:30 PM at the church

Thursdays at 11:30 AM—Ladies "Bring Your Own Lunch" small group at the church

Thursdays at 6:30 PM—Men's group focused on maintaining sexual purity & dealing with issues of sexual addiction. Meets at the church

Fridays from 7 to 9 PM—BCOG Youth (grades 7-12) at the church

Ministry Opportunities

If you would be willing to serve on our plowing team this winter, please contact Walt Sheldon at (716) 489-9366.



**"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."
Matthew 28:19**

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts delight the hearts of boys and girls in more than 100 countries where Samaritan's Purse local partners deliver the boxes along with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For some children, it is their first gift ever! Many shoebox recipients also participate in our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, where they learn to know, grow in, and spread the Good News. Through these exciting evangelism and discipleship efforts, we're seeing the multiplication of believers and churches worldwide!



With just a few clicks, you can pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift online to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a boy or girl in need around the world. Simply select toys and other fun items you'd like to include from our collection, and personalize your gift with your own letter and photo. We'll pack the gift for you and send it on its way for a suggested donation of \$30.

samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline

"Every box is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

—Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse



Shoeboxes and instructions will be available in the church foyer for you to fill with fun gifts. Please add a \$10 donation to Samaritan's Purse to cover shipping costs. Return your shoebox to the church by **Sunday, November 16.**



Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, November 9
10:15 AM

We'll vote on the proposed 2026 Ministry Action Plan and the ballot for Administrative Council positions. Your vote matters and your presence demonstrates your commitment to our church.

Upward Basketball Volunteers Needed!

For Upward season:

- Basketball coaches
- Referees
- Scorekeepers
- Announcers
- Half-time speakers
- Gym monitors for practice nights
- Setting up before the games
- Cleaning up after the games

Practices begin December 1
Games begin in January!



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G.A. Family Services' *Angel Tree* Christmas Donation Program

All donations will be presented to the youth in G.A. Family Service's community-based programs as Christmas gifts from Santa.

- * Please take as few or as many tags as you would like from the tree in the foyer, using the listed items on the tags as a guide for gift buying
- * Please limit gifts to a total of **\$25** for each tag you take
- * Please return all **UNWRAPPED** gifts with the tag attached to the church by **December 1**

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Call 716-708-6161 if you're interested in becoming a foster parent.

Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 24 (tentatively)
6 PM

Do you love Christmas? Do you love to decorate? We're looking for folks in the Christmas spirit who'd like to help us decorate the church for the holiday season! We'll start off with a simple supper together, then we'll crank up the Christmas tunes, roll up our sleeves, and make the church look festive! If you plan on decorating with us, please let us know so we can plan on enough food for everyone.



Christmas poinsettia order forms will be out soon!



Pray for our Military

Garett Brown
Jared Crandall
Andrew Dalton
Jonathan Dalton
Luke DeBoer
David Jankowski
Matt Johnson
Zach LaVoice
Skyler Long
Michael Mahane
Zachery Miceli
Brent Miller
Alex Nelson
Logan Price
Charlynn Proctor-Burch
Lamonica Proctor-Burch
Shawn Reidy
Declan Roberts
Matt Rowley
Doug Sorensen
Clarissa Steel
Melissa Tubbs



Veteran's Day
Tuesday,
November 11

*Thank you to our
veterans and those
currently serving!*



You may email your prayer requests to the church at info@busticog.org or from our website or app. Let us know if you would like your request to be kept private or shared with the church family. For urgent prayer needs call the church office at 716-487-1636 or 716-488-1254 or Elaine Weaver at 716-763-1136.

Prayer Corner

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Colossians 4:2

Pastor Roy has been giving us messages about eternity and using a rope to show us just how short our lives are compared to eternity. So as I was thinking about a topic for this column, I checked out "heaven" and found many verses describing what we all should be hoping for in eternity. Just a few to share with you:

"There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" John 14:2

"For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down, we will have a house in heaven." 2 Cor 5:1

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." Rev 21:4

"He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own." Phil 3:21

"And there will be no need for light there-no need for lamps or sun-for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever." Rev 22:5

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Cor 2:9

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." John 11:25

"But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died." 1 Cor 15:20 (This is Jesus' Promise and assurance of your own resurrection to heaven and eternal life).

All verses quoted from Help Finder Bible NLT

I hope that this gave you comfort in imagining what heaven would be like. It did for me as I re-read these verses which I was familiar with before in my reading time. However, in conjunction with Pastor Roy's messages it seemed to be more relevant to me.

As we head into November, let's remember to pray for our elections that the ones who win would be who God would want to see in power. Also pray for those that may be suffering due to the Government shut-down and that food would be available to all who need supplies.

Let's give much thanks as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year!

Elaine Weaver, Prayer Coordinator





Our 11 AM service is live-streamed on our app, website (www.busticog.org), YouTube and Facebook.



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Connect Card

Whether attending in-person or online, fill out the Connect Card on our App each week and you will be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$50 gift certificate.

Did You Know...

... That Sunday, November 2, is Rejoicing Spirits at the church at 4 PM?

... That you need to turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1?

... That our annual Harvest Dinner will be held in the Family life Center on Saturday, November 8? See page 3 for more information.

... That our Annual Business Meeting will be held between services in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 9? We will be ratifying Larry Peterson as our new Chairperson, Dan Schwob as our new Grounds Deacon, and Diane Juul as Treasurer. We will also vote on the proposed budget as well as a proposal to sell the Southwestern Dr. parsonage to P. Roy and Sally.

... That Tuesday, November 11 is Veterans Day? Be sure to reach out and thank the servicemen and women that you know who have served or are currently serving!

... That the BCOG Women's Connection is hosting a baby shower for Jacob, Keely and Mayiah Wood on Sunday, November 16 at 12:30 PM in the Family Life Center?

... That the BCOG Women's Connection will be assembling "Blessing Baskets" on Saturday, November 22?

... That Thursday, November 27 is Thanksgiving?

... That there will be a Small Business Vendor event in the Family Life Center on Saturday, November 29?

... That Larry and Cindy Peterson will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on November 26? Well done!

... That there is always something exciting happening around us if we'll take the time to look?

did you know?

Please join us for a
Baby Shower

welcoming
Mayiah Grace

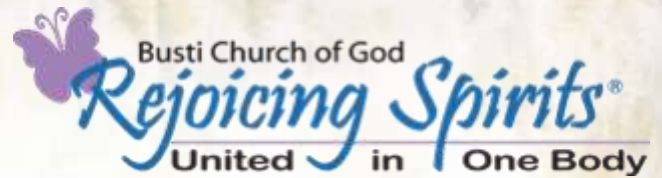
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 @ 12:30 PM

BCOG FAMILY LIFE CENTER

It's a new and exciting chapter for Jacob & Keely Wood and their sweet little Mayiah! Let's surround them with our love and support. **Please RSVP by November 9 on the Women's Connection Facebook page.** On the event page, you will also find a link to

Keely & Jacob's gift registry.

*Diapers: Huggies Little Snugglers
(currently using newborn)*



Worship With Us!

Sunday, November 2 at 4:00 PM

Specially designed to enrich the spiritual lives of people with **developmental disabilities**, their families, friends and other supportive community members.

So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. -1 Cor 12:25



Happenings at Hazeltine Library!



Do you love your library – specifically the Hazeltine Public Library? Would you like to be part of the success of the library and work to secure it's future? We anticipate openings on the Board of Directors and are accepting applications. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 PM. You do not need to live in the town of Busti, only have interest in the library. We provide training and will help you learn the rest...Call the library at 716-487-1281 or stop in and we'll be happy to talk with you. Help the library continue to be 'the best little library in Busti!'



Each winter the Hazeltine Public Library puts out a warming line – full of hats, gloves, mittens and scarfs – for anyone in need to take. Your donation helps keep this line full and available to the community. Donations can be new, hand made, gently used. Drop off your cold weather gear at the library. Thank you for helping us help the community!



November 2025

God time (every day)

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:6

Relational Connections (2-3 times per week)

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

Outside Service (at least 1 hour per week)

Jesus—*"I did not come to be served but to serve"* Matthew 20:28

Worship (Weekly)

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

