



Our Mission . . . To Honor Jesus With Our Lives

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church Family,

Welcome not only to April—but to Holy Week.

This is one of the most significant weeks in the life of the global Church, as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus and celebrate His resurrection.

This year, we will gather for worship on Maundy Thursday for communion and footwashing, and again on Good Friday. Our celebration will culminate on Resurrection Sunday, with services at 7:00 (at First Church of God, 291 Falconer St. in Jamestown), 9:00, and 11:00 AM at BCOG.

During our Maundy Thursday service, we will follow Jesus' commands to partake in the Lord's Supper and to practice footwashing. Because these ordinances may be unfamiliar to some, I'd like to briefly explain why they are so meaningful in Christ-following churches.

The Lord's Supper is an ordinance or command given by Jesus, as recorded by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:23–28. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me." It is a sacred act of remembrance—where the bread represents His body and the cup represents His blood—reminding us that His sacrifice is both the source and sustainer of our life.

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Worship With Us

Services: Sundays at 9 & 11 AM

Our 11 AM service is live-streamed on our app, website, YouTube, & Facebook

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We also practice footwashing, which Jesus instituted in John 13:14–17. This act, often observed on Maundy Thursday, is a powerful expression of humility and servant-hearted love. In a spirit of honor and modesty, participants typically serve others of the same gender by washing their feet.

Why does this matter? Because Jesus was teaching us that true leadership is not about power, but about serving others. Footwashing is not just something we do once a year—it is a picture of the life we are called to live daily as we humbly serve those around us.

My hope is that this helps you better understand these practices—and that you will join us as we remember all that Jesus has done so that we might receive eternal life.

As many of you know, Sally and I will begin a three-month sabbatical on Monday, April 6. I plan to return and worship with you again on Sunday, July 12.

During this time, we will be praying for you—that this season would be one of meaningful spiritual growth.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Mar 1	General Fund	\$10,732.70*
(190)	Missions	\$808.30*
	Building Fund	\$205.00
	Uganda	\$1,395.00
	Upward Bikes	\$300.00
	Discipleship	\$155.00
	M. R. Jordan Mem	\$100.00
	Easter Flowers	\$33.00
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Mar 8	General Fund	\$5,836.28*
(167)	Missions	\$808.30*
	Building Fund	\$40.00
	Easter Flowers	\$122.00
	Reimbursement	\$68.70
	Uganda	\$25.00
	Upward Registration	\$60.00
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Mar 15	General Fund	\$11,188.10*
(125)	Missions	\$808.30*
	Easter Flowers	\$198.00
	Uganda	\$200.00
	Upward	\$20.00
	Upward Bikes	\$390.00
	Upward Startup Funds	\$5,000.00
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		\$17,804.40

Mar 22	General Fund	\$7,924.84*
(157)	Missions	\$808.30*
	Building Fund	\$85.00
	Upward	\$400.00
	Facility Use	\$225.00
	Betty Lou DiBlasi Mem	\$50.00
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		\$9,493.14

Mar 29	General Fund	\$5,869.71*
(207)	Missions	\$808.30*
	Building Fund	\$85.00
	Discipleship (books)	\$119.00
	Easter Flowers	\$22.00
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My prayer is that you will hear from God through His Word, act on what you read, and experience the joy of serving others with humility. Because in God’s Kingdom, greatness is measured by humble service! I also encourage you to remain faithful in stewarding the resources God has entrusted to you.

We would deeply appreciate your prayers for us as well. My primary goals during this sabbatical are to grow in my prayer life and deepen my study of God’s Word in a way that renews my spirit, while also establishing healthier physical habits. These goals work together, as I seek to finish well—serving faithfully for however long God allows me to continue in ministry.

We look forward to returning in July renewed, refreshed, and ready to lead in alignment with God’s mission for His Church.

We are truly humbled and grateful for this opportunity.

Recently, I read Psalm 51 and found myself resonating deeply with David’s prayer: “Restore to me the joy of your salvation.” That is what I am trusting God to do—so that His joy in me might overflow to others.

I love you all, and—Lord willing—I look forward to seeing you again on July 12.

With gratitude and love,

Pastor Roy

*2026 Weekly Need is \$7,705
(General + Missions=Weekly Need)
YTD Weekly Fund: \$107,243.53
YTD Weekly Need: \$100,165

SUBSPLASH Giving

You can give online at busticog.org or through our app. It’s easy, fast, & secure. If you’re able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you!

BCOG LIFE



The Upward Celebration was so hyped! Bruce Crevier entertained us with his mind-blowing basketball skills and an incredible gospel message!

Thank you to everyone who made this Upward season such a success!



**UPWARD CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026**



**SANCTUARY
MARCH, 2026**



Thanks to an amazing group of volunteers, the sanctuary is looking better than ever! Thank you to all those who patched up the walls, painted, and hung the tv screens. And, of course, it's great to see the cross, backlit and back at center stage again! A great reminder to always keep Christ and the gospel message at the center of all we do here at BCOG.

Celebrating You!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4-2 Judy Truver
- 4-3 Dominick Penhollow
- 4-4 Kolson Penhollow
Katie Weilacher
- 4-5 Ron Dewey
- 4-6 Eric Hewitt
- 4-7 Steve French
- 4-8 Paul Donner
- 4-10 Renee Elifritz
- 4-11 Liam Gamble
April Steenburn
- 4-12 Priscilla Lund
- 4-15 Molly Angelo
Todd Mattson
- 4-18 Kevanna Babyak
Kenton Dahlin
- 4-19 Norma Jean Angelo
- 4-22 Jesse Robbins
- 4-23 Peyton Weilacher
- 4-24 Mark Short
- 4-25 Kimberly Reed
- 4-26 Terrie Larson
- 4-28 Tracy Hewitt
Marge Lindsey
Larry Peterson
Sid Sample
- 4-29 Dan Scwhob
Kyle Spence

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4-2 Roger & Jeanie Hall (49)
- 4-8 Paul & Marsha Donner (59)
- 4-10 Jon & Sandy Meerdink
- 4-17 Ryan & Adria Cobb
- 4-20 Walt & Carol Sheldon (41)
- 4-22 Chris & Mary Ploetz (59)
- 4-23 Tyler & Cali Lowe

Did We Miss You?

Have a birthday or anniversary this month, but didn't see it listed? Please contact the church office and let us know so we can celebrate with you!

BCOG KIDS

"Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it."

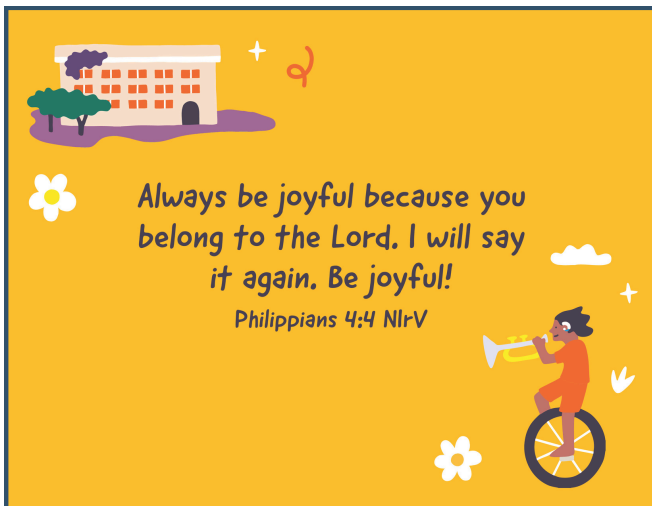
Proverbs 22:6 (CEB)

Our Children's Ministry leaders and volunteers work to develop authentic faith in each child, through fostering a love for God, His Word, and other people. We work together to ensure that each child experiences the wonder of God, discovers who God created them to be, and develops a passion for serving others.

This Month's Theme



Block Party:
Celebrating Jesus and
Joy that Never Ends



This Month's Memory Verse



**Philippians
4:4**

Each Sunday, during our 11 AM service, children PK-6th Grade are dismissed to KidZone. This program is specially designed for kids to hear exciting Bible stories, learn valuable lessons, play fun games, do crafts and build friendships with other kids! Please register your children at the Welcome Table in the lobby prior to the service.

Nursery care is also available during the 11 AM service. In addition, there is a quiet nursery upstairs and a sensory room downstairs to meet your needs.

****All children's workers are screened for your child's safety****

KidZone Teaching Schedule

PK-6th Grade

Sundays during 11 AM service

PK-2nd Grade

3rd-6th Grade

Apr 5: Keely & Ashley

Apr 5: Ashlynn & Kenzie

Apr 12: Pam & Shari

Apr 12: Hailey & Ashlyn

Apr 19: Dave & Vicky

Apr 19: Jon & Sandy

Apr 26: Dave & Vicky

Apr 26: Jon & Sandy

Nursery Schedule

Apr 5: Kenzie & Cindy

Apr 12: Courtney & Bethany

Apr 19: Carrie & Janet

Apr 26: Holly & Makenzie



This Month's Stories & "Bottom Lines"

Week 1: Jesus is alive

Bottom Line: You can have joy because Jesus is alive

Week 2: On the road to Emmaus

Bottom Line: You can have joy because there's a bigger story

Week 3: The Great Commission & Ascension

Bottom Line: You can share the good news about Jesus

Week 4: Pentecost

Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit gives you joy

BCOG YOUTH

It's April and we are so excited to begin this month with Holy Week!! We would love to invite you and your family and friends to join us as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Here is a schedule of the services this week:

Maundy Thursday (April 2): Communion & Footwashing at 6:30 PM

Good Friday (April 3): Brief Service at Noon

Easter Sunday (April 5): 9 & 11 AM Services

Something new on the calendar! Friday Family Fun, April 24th, 6pm-8pm. We are so excited to try something new!! Who is invited: YOU- Moms, Dads, brothers, sisters, Aunts, Uncles, cousins, Grandmas, Grandpas, friends, neighbors, teens, singles, couples- EVERYONE;) This will be a super fun night to hangout, eat dinner together and play games. We'll have some organized games with prizes to win and there will be time to play your own games with friends OR maybe you just want to sit and talk and meet new people, that's fine too! 2hrs of being together, come and go as you please. We just want to hangout with you! Look for more details to come!!

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

APRIL 2026 BCOGYOUTH CALENDAR:

Friday, 3rd NO Friday Night Youth
Good Friday Service @BCOG, 12pm-1pm

Sunday, 5th Come and celebrate Easter Sunday w/ us @BCOG!!

Friday, 10th Friday Night Youth @BCOG, 7-9pm
Candle Painting & Peep Tasting

Friday, 17th Friday Night Youth @BCOG, 7-9pm
Dodgeball & Dips
We'll play variations of dodgeball and snack on some chips and a variety of dips! Bring your favorite bag of chips to share.

Friday, 24th Family Fun Friday @BCOG, 6-8pm
Pizza, games, prizes and just a fun time to hangout!



Free Food Friday Every 3rd Friday of the Month

Friday, April 17
5-7 PM @ REALiFE Church

We're partnering with REALiFE Church in Jamestown to provide a free meal, once a month, to those in our community who have need. You can join us in reaching our community with the love of Jesus by donating food items, joining the team that distributes the meal, praying and sharing posts on social media.

This month's Free Food Friday is taking place from 5-7 PM on April 17. We'll be serving walking tacos! Please drop off food donations to the BCOG office no later than Thursday, April 16. Crocks of taco meat can be brought to REALiFE Church on Friday night. Thank you!





Given In Memory Of:

Jackie Cotter
 Donald & Bettyjean Franks
 Stephanie Lynn Leis
 Nancy Hayes
 Darwin Eckstrom

Austin Niles
 Corrine & Ed Hall
 My Mom (Jean Robbins)
 Otto & Shirley Hatfield
 Patrick Hoover
 Beverly Juul
 Francis & Elaine Johnson
 Our Angel Babies
 Our Grandparents
 Gordon Lund
 Dana Pavolko
 Our Parents
 Robert Smith
 John & Barbara Smith
 Lloyd & Deanna Smith
 William Spence
 Art & Mary Morris
 Karen Delahoy
 Ashley Warner & Faith Chamberlin
 Bart Smith
 John & Pauline Larson, Earl & Brenda
 Len & Ermina Weaver

Given In Honor Of:

Joann Eckstrom

Our Grandchildren
 (Jayden, Zane, Matthew, Adalynn,
 Kyra, Maddox, Annalise, Josefina,
 Genevieve, Baby Boy Rowland)

My Dad (Gordy Robbins)
 Adelynn, Elsie & Millie Juul
 Reilly & Silas Juul
 Our Daughters (Opal & Lexi)
 Our Parents
 Our Children & Grandchildren
 Our Pastors

Given By:

Shannon Anderson
 Norma Jean Angelo & Family
 Norma Jean Angelo & Family
 Maureen Arnone
 Eckstrom, Elifritz, Rowland &
 Hetrick Families
 Jayden Elifritz
 Roger & Jeanie Hall
 Lory Hatfield
 Rich Hatfield
 Mary Hoover
 Lynn & Diane Juul
 Lynn & Diane Juul
 Tyler & Cali Lowe
 Tyler & Cali Lowe
 Priscilla Lund
 Pavolko Family
 Larry & Cindy Peterson
 Tracy Pilling
 Randy & Lisa Smith
 Randy & Lisa Smith
 Spence Family
 April Steenburn
 April Steenburn
 Bill & Carna Warner
 Bill & Carna Warner
 Weaver Family
 Weaver Family

Given By:

Eckstrom, Elifritz, Rowland &
 Hetrick Families
 Jim & Ida Elifritz

Lory Hatfield
 Lynn & Diane Juul
 Lynn & Diane Juul
 Tyler & Cali Lowe
 Tyler & Cali Lowe
 Larry & Deb Stevens
 Larry & Deb Stevens

Ministry Opportunities

Considering Pastor Roy and Sally's upcoming sabbatical, this is an excellent opportunity for you to contact the church office to express your willingness to step up and help with ministries like visitation of shut-ins, sending cards to people who haven't been at recent worship services, visiting those who are hospitalized, taking food to families going through a difficult time, etc.

God has called all of us to love God with our whole personality and to love our neighbors as ourselves. So, if you're not already engaged in a ministry, take this opportunity to bless others. Funny thing is, you will find yourself blessed as well!

Council Corner

Just a reminder that our Administrative Council members are committed to providing leadership to our church in a variety of ways. Those individuals are:

Dan Schwob – Chairperson

You can contact him, along with our Pastoral staff if you have questions or concerns about what's going on at BCOG.

Diane Juul - Treasurer

You can contact her with any questions about the church's finances.

Steve Sorensen - Secretary

Courtney Spence - Trustee

You can contact her with any questions about your giving statement or about your giving in general.

Chris Bohn – Building Deacon

You can contact him if you notice anything around the building that needs maintenance of some kind.

David Whitford – Grounds Deacon

You can contact him regarding any matter that pertains to the outside property of the church.



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
Charlynn Proctor-Burch
Lamonica Proctor-Burch
Shawn Reidy
Declan Roberts
Matt Rowley
Doug Sorensen
Clarissa Steel
Melissa Tubbs

Need Prayer?

Email your prayer requests to info@busticog.org or fill out a prayer request form on our website or app. Let us know if a request is private or if it can be shared with the church family. For urgent prayer needs, call the church office at (716) 487-1636 or (716) 488-1254. You may also call Elaine Weaver at (716) 763-1136.

PRAYER CORNER

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

I hope that everyone got to meet and hear the message from Pastor Camille and Hoda Melki from Lebanon this past weekend. I think it's awesome how many Muslims have been converted to Christianity because of their ministry. Our "Seasoned Souls" dinner group had a nice chat with them as guests of Pastor Roy and Sally. It's also awesome how God has provided protection for them and their family in the midst of ongoing wars in that area of the world. They had some really close calls and for sure God was there in the midst for them.

In my daily devotion reading today, after hearing them speak in church, I was impressed that God showed me a couple verses that go right along with their lives in Lebanon. It's something to keep in mind for us here in the U.S. as well. We don't have bombs going off around us but we do have a lot of violence from angry people around us and sometimes innocent people have been killed. It makes me glad I don't live in a big city area. Although in our Chautauqua County area, there is plenty of bad stuff going on so we need to listen to God's Word and trust in Him. The verses are below:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
John 16:33

"For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a man's misery weighs heavily upon him. Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come?" Ecclesiastes 8:6-7

This world is a messy place sometimes, so let's keep God's word close to our hearts as we listen to news and read the paper.

I ask you to keep the Melki family in your prayers as they return to their homeland. Pray for God's continued protection of them and that they continue to bring thousands of Muslims to Christianity.

Our prayer team will be meeting on Mondays, April 9th and 23rd, at 11:00 AM. As always you are welcome to join or bring your requests to us to pray about on those days we meet. I pray that we all see Jesus work in our lives personally.

Have a Blessed Easter,

Elaine Weaver, Prayer Coordinator

DISCIPLESHIP

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday - April 2 @ 6:30 PM

Come join us at the Lord's Table as we celebrate communion together. This time "around the table" will remind us that we are Jesus' priority. This is revealed by his broken body and the blood which was spilled for you.

Following this brief time of teaching and worship, we will move to rooms set up for men and another for women to follow Jesus' command to wash one another's feet. Even if you don't want to participate, we invite you to come and experience the unique beauty of this service together.

Good Friday - April 3 @ Noon

We will gather in our Sanctuary for a brief time of worship where we come to understand why such a tragic day could be called good. On that day, Jesus showed us how to finish well.

Resurrection Sunday - April 5 @ 7, 9 & 11 AM

This is the day to celebrate Jesus' greatest miracle – raising himself from the dead. He did it to show that he had indeed overcome death, something no one did before or has done since!

We will begin by worshipping together for a Sunrise service with our brothers and sister at the First Church of God, 291 Falconer St. in Jamestown at 7 AM.

At 9 & 11 AM, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection at BCOG with great music! Just when all hope seemed to be gone, Jesus' showed up, not dead but alive! The greatest comeback story in history shouts to the world that regardless of your past, Jesus has you in mind and wants to restore you to new life! A life that brings hope against all odds!

Bring your family and friends for a morning that could change their lives forever!



What does it look like to live in a state of forgiveness?

LUKE 7:48

Join a BCOG Small Group!


- Sundays at 9:30 AM—The Good Grief Group in Room B8 at the church
- Sundays during 11 AM worship—KidZone for kids PK-6th Grade
- **2nd & 4th Mondays** at 7 PM—G.P.S. Women's Small Group at Sandie Kost's home (**Apr 13 & 27**)
- Prayer Group every other Monday (**Apr 6 & 20**) at 11 AM in Room B8 at the church
- Mondays 6-8 PM—*God's Healing for the Hurting* Women's Small Group led by Donne Sheldon at her home
- Mondays 6:30-8 PM—Women's Group in Room B8 at the church
- Tuesdays at 6 PM—Co-Ed Group meets at the home of Chris & Pat Bohn
- Tuesdays at 6 PM—Read Through the Bible at the home of Kenzie & John Donohue
- Wednesday Night Women's Group at 6:30 PM at the church
- Wednesday Night Men's Group at 6:30 PM at the church
- Thursdays at 11:30 AM—Women's "Bring Your Lunch" Group at the church
- Thursdays at 6:30 PM—Men's Group focused on maintaining sexual purity. Meets at the church.
- Fridays—BCOG Youth (Grades 7-12) from 7 to 9 PM at the church

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Have you heard about RightNow Media—the Netflix of Christian media? Every person at our church has FREE access to 25,000+ Bible study videos for adults, youth & kids! Scan the QR code or TEXT our keyword BUSTI to 49775 and start streaming on your favorite device today!



Follow BCOG on Social Media!

We're on Facebook, YouTube,
& Instagram! Stay connected
with your BCOG family no
matter where you are 



Mowing Volunteers Needed

We are looking for mowing
volunteers to serve on a rotational
schedule. Please contact David
Whitford at (814) 706-3746.



We are FOR families, couples, singles,
students, and children in Chautauqua
County. We want to see our community
thrive! So, we're dedicated to showing the
love of Jesus in practical ways to those in
need around us. We're also committed to
praying for local churches, businesses,
and families in our county because we
know that God moves through those
prayers to touch hearts and change lives!

Grab your very own #FORCHQ car
magnet at the Welcome Table!

DID YOU KNOW?

... That Holy Week is the first week of April? See page 8 for
more information on how to be involved!

... That we will worship with our brothers and sisters from First
Church of God at the 7 AM Sunrise Service? The service will be
held at First Church of God, located at 291 Falconer St in
Jamestown.

... That Free Food Friday is happening on April 17? See page 5
for more information.

... That the Women's Connection Spring Banquet is Saturday,
April 25? See page 9 for more information.

... That Roger & Jeanie Hall will celebrate their 49th wedding
anniversary on April 2? Congratulations!

... That Paul & Marsha Donner will celebrate their 59th wedding
anniversary on April 8? Well done!

... That Walt & Carol Sheldon will celebrate their 41st wedding
anniversary on April 20? Congratulations!

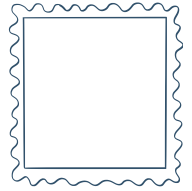
... That Chris & Mary Ploetz will celebrate their 59th wedding
anniversary on April 22? Well done!

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



Women's Connection "Spring Tea" Banquet Saturday, April 25 @ Noon

The ladies are hosting their annual Spring Banquet on Saturday,
April 25, in the BCOG Family Life Center at noon. Come for a great
time of food, fun & fellowship! Lana Keller will be sharing about her
poetry journey and her book, *Inspiration From Above*. Please bring a
favorite dish to share. The ladies will provide table service and
beverages. **The deadline to sign up is April 19.**



April 2026

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

