

Busti CHURCH OF GOD

Busti Beacon

Our Mission . . . To Honor Jesus With Our Lives

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October 2025

Mark your Calendar

- 10/2** Upward Evaluations 6-8 PM
- 10/5** *World Communion Sunday*
Rejoicing Spirits at 4 PM
- 10/11** *OCC Walk for Life* at 12 PM
- 10/18** Women's Connection Progressive
Dinner at 4 PM
- 10/19** Chili Cook-Off at 12:15 PM
- 10/25** *Seasoned Souls* Dinner at 5 PM
- 10/26** Town Hall Meeting & Tureen Lunch
at 12:15 PM
- 10/31** Fall Outreach at Sheldon's 6-8 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

Upward Registration & Evaluations
Thursday, October 2

Women's Connection Progressive
Dinner
Saturday, October 18

Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, October 19

Seasoned Souls Dinner
Saturday, October 25

Town Hall Meeting & Lunch
Sunday, October 26

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

At Busti Church of God, we are blessed with people who live out Christ's call to love and serve. This year, we are delighted to recognize two Servants of the Year and one Lifetime Service Award recipient—examples of faith in action who continue to inspire us all.

From the time they first decided to make BCOG their home church, Chris and Pat Bohn made it clear: "We want to be involved." And they have kept that promise faithfully.

They have helped us during Vacation Bible School, making children feel welcomed and loved.

Pat has been a faithful leader in our KidZone ministry, leading with compassion, and guiding our children in faith and kindness.

Chris was elected to be our building deacon, and has cared for our facilities with skill and dedication, often behind the scenes.

Pat and Chris so naturally care for others. From providing meals for grieving families to making repairs for those in need, both have served with love and quiet strength.

It was a joy to present this award at our recent church picnic on September 14. Our church is stronger because of their faithfulness. We thank God for Chris and Pat, who truly embody what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ.

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Offering & Attendance

Aug 31	General Fund	\$12,912.78*
(119)	Missions	808.10*
	Building Fund	20.00
	Kids Min	15.00
	Gaither Tickets	78.44
	Total	\$13,834.32

Sep 7	General Fund	\$7,938.70*
(213)	Missions	808.10*
	Building Fund	280.00
	Facility Use	120.00
	Farmer Brown's	36.00
	Total	\$9,182.80

Sep 14	General Fund	\$6,461.28*
(160)	Missions	808.10*
	Building Fund	40.00
	Farmer Brown's	422.00
	Reimbursement	65.31
	<u>Uganda</u>	<u>400.00</u>
	Total	\$8,196.69

Sep 21	General Fund	\$6,871.08*
(160)	Missions	808.10*
	Building Fund	85.00
	<u>Uganda</u>	<u>5.00</u>
	Total	\$7,769.18

Sep 28	General Fund	\$4,173.08*
(141)	Missions	808.10*
	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>80.00</u>
	Total	\$5,061.18

*2025 Weekly Need is \$7,965.00
(General + Missions = Weekly Need)
YTD Weekly Fund: \$287,654.29
YTD Weekly Need: \$310,635

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

This year we also recognized Betty Lou DiBlasi with a Lifetime of Service Award.

On Tuesday, September 16, Sally and I had the privilege of gathering at Betty Lou's home, along with many in her family to present this award.

As she approaches her 98th birthday, we wanted to recognize Betty Lou for her life-long example of what it means to be a servant leader.

Alongside her late husband, Rev. Jim DiBlasi, they accepted the call to become the pastor at Busti Church of God beginning in 1969. When cancer tragically took his life in 1978, Betty Lou continued as a steady pillar in our church family, serving faithfully, especially in our children's ministry, for more than three decades.

Even today, her hands remain busy blessing others through handmade crafts—baby bibs, dish cloths, and hot pads—many of which have reached around the world, including 80 dish cloths sent with our Uganda team this past year.

Her service, creativity, and love reflect the spirit of the Proverbs 31 woman: *"She is clothed with strength and dignity."* I've lost count of all the ladies who, over the years, have said, "I want to be more like Betty Lou!"

Chris, Pat, and Betty Lou remind us that true service is not about recognition but about living as the hands and feet of Christ. Their example challenges us all to step forward, serve with joy, and love without limits.

It is such a joy that every year, our staff struggle to find only one person or couple to recognize for their service. It is a blessing to serve a church filled with people who regularly make themselves available to meet the needs of others in our church and beyond!

Thank you for being such a blessing and keeping your eyes on ways that you can honor Jesus with your lives as servant leaders!

See ya at church!

Pastor Roy



October

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 *Matt Hall*
Joe Pascoe
Ethan Spence
- 2 *Lynn Smith*
- 5 Tim & Chelsea Anderson
Tim & Candy Young (51)
Shirley Brown
- 6 *Walt Sheldon*
- 7 *Stacey Billquist*
BettyLou DiBlasi (98)
- 9 Curt & Shirley Brown (70)
- 10 *Lory Hatfield*
David Roman
- 11 Nate & Kenzie Ferguson
Gene Olofson
- 13 Eric & Tracy Hewitt
- 14 *Mike Post*
- 16 *Thad Lund*
- 17 *Debbie Peirce*
- 19 Brian & Ann Harris
Gene & Kim Olofson (46)
- 20 *Ben Juul*
Leon Reed
- 21 *Elena Spence*
- 23 *Art Kennedy*
Faith Phillips
- 25 Ron & Becky Dewey (49)
Romaine Sample
- 26 *Tyler Lowe*
- 27 *Zane Elifritz*
- 29 *Phil Price*
- 31 *Don Smith*

Don't forget: October is
Pastor Appreciation Month!



Fall Outreach at the Sheldons' House

Friday, October 31 @ 6-8 PM

On Friday, October 31, from 6-8 PM, upwards of 300 trick-or-treaters will be walking past the Sheldons' house in Jamestown! Dan and Donne will be opening their home on what some would consider a dark holiday to be the Light they are called to be! They will be grilling hot dogs and lavishly handing out candy, along with an invitation to our church.

To do this, they are in need of:

- hot dogs
- buns
- mini water bottles
- candy (*lots of candy!*)

If you're able to donate items for this great outreach opportunity, please feel free to drop off your donations at the church anytime during office hours (M-F, 9:30-3:30) or at a Sunday service.

If you would like to join the team and love on families as they pass by, please contact Donne Sheldon (641-831-3660 / donnesheldon@gmail.com). Thank you for partnering with us to shine the light and love of Jesus into the darkness!



Women's Connection Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 18 @ 4 PM

The BCOG Women's Connection is hosting a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, October 18. The ladies will start off with salads in the BCOG Family Life Center at 4 PM. Then they'll progress to other locations for the remaining courses: appetizers at Joyce's, main dish at Nichole's, and dessert at Debbie's! Yum! At each location, Alicia will share a thought-provoking devotion. She will focus on specific women from the Bible and the choices they made, emphasizing the importance of our daily decisions and how they ought to glorify God!

Please sign up on the app or at the Welcome Table by October 5 so the ladies can plan how much food to prepare.





Children's Ministry theme for October:
WISDOMLAND God Can Help You Make the Wise Choice

"It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver."

Proverbs 16:16, NIV



KidZone Teaching Schedule

PK-2nd grade

3rd-6th grade

Oct 5: Dave & Vicky

Ashlynn & Pat

Oct 12: Pam & Shari

Hailey & Ashlyn

Oct 19: Dave & Vicky

Jon & Sandy

Oct 26: Mary & Keely

Jon & Sandy



Nursery Schedule

Oct 5: Kenzie & Cindy

Oct 12: Courtney & Bethany

Oct 19: Carrie & Janet

Oct 26: Holly & Makenzie

BCOG Youth

Fridays from 7 to 9 PM

(Grades 7-12)

It's back to school AND back to Friday Night Youth Group!! We had a super fun summer and made lots of good memories. Let's keep it going as we head into fall! Same time, same place, just a different night ;) We're excited to kick off the school year with a great Bible study series called, "CHOICES." Middle school and high school is basically a constant decision-making marathon, from "Do I hit snooze again?" to "Should I really eat that questionable cafeteria burrito?" And in between, students are making choices about friends, school, activities, and faith. This series teaches students how the decisions we make shape our lives and how to involve God in those decisions. Here are some of the truths we'll be learning about:

- Even small choices add up to big results
- The loudest voice in their life should be God's
- Their choices show the world who they really are
- It's never too late to make the right choice

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

October Youth Calendar:

Friday, 3rd

Friday Night Youth Group @ BCOG, 7-9 PM

"Favorite Flannel Night!"

Wear your fav flannel & get a gift when you get to youth group :)

Friday, 10th

No Youth Group

(Scott & Danika's son is getting married!!)

Friday, 17th

Friday Night Youth Group @ BCOG, 7-9 PM

"Cider Season"

Cider donuts & apple cider, what a perfect pair, YUM! Don't miss out on this seasonal treat ;)

Friday, 24th

Friday Night Youth Group @ BCOG, 7-9 PM

"Pumpkin Everything"

Bring a treat or snack that is pumpkin-themed or flavored! We'll provide pumpkins for teams to carve & enter into our carving contest :) We'll provide the carving tools but start thinking now of a design or items you might want to bring to decorate & enhance your team's pumpkin!

Friday, 31st

Friday Night Youth Group @ BCOG, 7-9 PM

"CLUE Costume Party"

Come dressed as one of the CLUE characters & get a gift & be entered into the costume contest! Come dressed in the color of the character or go all out and surprise us ;) Prize for the most creative & best representation of character. Also, we'll play a live game of CLUE!! Invite a friend & join us for another super fun night at youth group ;)



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. **(Oct 13 & 27)**

Prayer Group every other Monday
(Oct 6 & 20) 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.



OCC Annual Walk for Life

Saturday, October 11 @ 12 PM

Walk packets, posters, and sponsor packets are all available at www.friendsofocc.com/events (a few forms are also available at the Welcome Table). Participants may register and fundraise online if they wish. Registration will begin at 11 AM, then we walk at noon! Mystic Smoke food truck will be present before and after for participants to purchase lunch. 9% of the proceeds will be donated back to OCC! If it looks like rain, bring an umbrella, because we will still walk the full two miles!

Questions? Feel free to contact OCC at 716-664-5459.



Town Hall Meeting & Tureen Lunch

Sunday, October 26 @ 12:15 PM

Every fall, prior to our Annual Business Meeting, we come together as a congregation to discuss the next year's proposed Ministry Action Plan (budget) and proposed ballot for open Administrative Council positions. We ask that you make every effort to be present for this meeting, as we are all a vital part of the Busti Church of God family and it takes *all* of us to fulfill the mission and vision God has for our church!

Before our meeting, we will enjoy a tureen lunch together. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Council Corner

Please pray as we seek God's will regarding filling the Council positions that we will vote on at our Annual Business Meeting on November 9.

This year we will be voting on Grounds Deacon, Treasurer and Chairperson.

Upward Basketball Volunteers needed!

For Evaluation Nights:

- Registrations & Payments
- Skills Stations—need people to run drills, count, run stopwatch, rebound

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



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2025-2026 Season

The 2025-2026 Upward Basketball & Cheerleading season is under way! Registration is open through October 2. Cost is \$110 per child.

Want to register your child for basketball or cheerleading? Follow this link: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW88951>

Want to register as a volunteer? Follow this link: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW88951/volunteer>

Evaluations will be taking place in the BCOG gym on the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 30 @ 6-8 PM
- Thursday, October 2 @ 6-8 PM

BCOG Youth Chili Cook-Off & Bake Sale!

Sunday, October 19 @ 12:15 PM

The BCOG Youth are hosting their annual Chili Cook-Off and Bake Sale on Sunday, October 19 at 12:15 PM (right after the 2nd service). Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! The cost to attend is \$8 per person or \$35 for a family of 5 or more (immediate family members). This includes a tasting of all chilis, cornbread, drink, and tickets to vote. We will also have a bake sale with lots of homemade goodies to choose from! If you're able to donate items to the bake sale, please sign up at the Welcome Table.



Sign up at the Welcome Table to enter your award-winning (or at least family-favorite) chili in the cook-off! The cost is \$10 to enter. You just might place first and win a prize in one of four categories: Most Traditional, Most Creative, People's Choice, and Judges Choice!

All proceeds for this fundraiser go to our youth small group ministry.





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



You may email your prayer requests to the church at info@busticog.org or from our website: www.busticog.org or on our 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

Life is hard! Life isn't always fair! Jesus said it wouldn't be always easy though, didn't He? It seems lately there's been an awful lot of unfairness and hardship in our lives, no matter where we reside, we can't escape it. It happens! In Psalms, peace is spoken frequently. Psalm 29:11 says, "The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace." In Isaiah 26:3 it says, "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you." To quote a section in Help Finders Bible: "At the heart of peace is harmony. To be at peace.....is to be in a harmonious relationship" (whether with others or with God). Also, I see many times when tragic things happen, that we can also see where God works for the good of others. I especially have seen this recently with the death of Charlie Kirk. He, in death, has started a revival of Christianity among our people! I pray that this revival stays and is lasting in our country. We need change of this kind! Charlie's organization, *Turning Point, USA*, has a goal of starting chapters in every high school and college in America. It's a high goal, but let's pray that this can be successfully implemented! Maybe sanity will make a comeback again!

Our prayer team has had a lot to pray over lately. I know God hears our prayers because now and then we get a card sent back telling us how they were blessed from our prayers. We love hearing that! Sometimes our prayers are for ourselves too and those aren't always in the church bulletin, but we pray and God is good to answer! You can always ask us personally to pray for you if you'd like. Each one of us would gladly bring your concerns to our group (a list of our names will be at the bottom). In October we will be meeting on Mondays, the 6th & 20th, at 11:00 in Room B8. Would you like to join us?

Prayerfully yours,

Elaine Weaver, Joy Smith, Carol Sheldon, Jeanie Hall, Lynn Smith, Carol Post, Debbie Stevens, Bonnie Moore, Deborah Reynolds

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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Did You Know...

... That Upward registration and evaluations will be held on September 30 and October 2 from 6-8 PM? See page 6 for more information.

... That Sunday, October 5, is Rejoicing Spirits at the church at 4 PM? It's also the 17th Anniversary of Rejoicing Spirits this month! Come celebrate with us!

... That Sunday, October 5, is also *World-Wide Communion Sunday*?

... That Options Care Center is sponsoring their annual Walk for Life on Saturday, October 11? See page 5 for more information.

... That the BCOG Women's Connection is organizing a Progressive Dinner for Saturday, October 18? See page 3 for more information.

... That Sunday, October 19 is the day of the Annual Chili Cook-Off? Don't worry, the Bills aren't playing that day! For more information, see page 6.

... That our Annual Town Hall meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26 after the 11 AM service? Please bring a dish to pass and table service. This is an important meeting where the Administrative Council will walk us through the 2026 proposed budget. See page 5 for more information.

... That Dan & Donne Sheldon will again host a Fall outreach at their home on Friday, October 31? See page 3 for more information.

... That Betty Lou DiBlasi will be 98 years old on October 7?

... That Tim & Candy Young will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on October 5? Well done!

... That Curt & Shirley Brown will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on October 9? Amazing! Well done

... That Gene & Kim Olofson will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary on October 19? Congratulations!

... That Ron & Becky Dewey will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary on October 25? Way to go!

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

did you know?

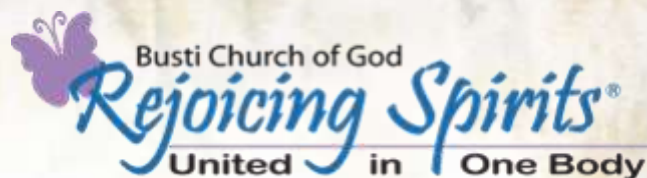


Seasoned Souls Senior Dinner

Saturday, October 25 @ 5 PM

The *Seasoned Souls* are gathering for their next dinner outing at La Cocina restaurant in Lakewood, NY (273 E. Fairmount Ave) on Saturday, October 25 at 5 PM. **Please sign up on the app or at the Welcome Table by October 19.**

Questions? Contact Elaine Weaver or Tim Anderson.



Worship With Us!

Sunday, October 5 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



*This month marks the 17th
Anniversary of Rejoicing Spirits!
Come celebrate with us!*

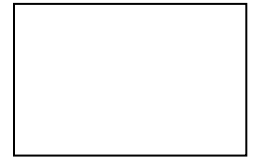


World Communion Sunday — October 5

The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. When we surrender our hearts to Jesus, we become a part of Christ's body—the Church. What a fitting reminder as we observe World Communion Sunday in October.

On that day, Christians all over the world will gather at the Lord's Table to partake of communion. The word "communion" itself refers to the unity we have, as believers, with God and other Christians. Every believer, from across the globe, is invited to sit at the same table—the table of grace. And as we gather to partake of the Lord's Supper, we do so knowing our brothers and sisters around the world are joining us.

The New Testament shows us there's no such thing as a solitary Christian. We are all members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30) and "belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10, NIV). Let us thank God for "our common salvation" (Jude 3, ESV) and never forget the importance of being united in Christ!



October 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

