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**Presented by**  
The Buffalo Christian Center

**What:** TEEN FUNNIGHT

**When:** Every 1st Saturday:  
May 3rd - June 7th - July 5th  
from 6 - 9p.m.

**Where:** Held at the Buffalo Christian Center 512 Pearl St.  
(Downtown Bflo.)

**\$5 per person**  
Basketball, Swimming, Putt-Putt & Skating.  
Followed by the Teen Talk Show that you don't want to miss!  
This MINISTRY event has a Live DJ, Live Band and Live Performances.

For more info. Call 716.602.9669 or 716.856.7495  
or visit [www.thebcc.org](http://www.thebcc.org)

In the next few days, the above post card will be passed out to teens all over the City of Buffalo. Teen FuNight is a program run by Carlos Spencer, the newly appointed Youth Director at the Buffalo Christian Center. Carlos is a former assistant chaplain of Gateway Longview. While assisting as chaplain, he would help troubled children in placement. During that time of his life Carlos was called to help young people "in the system". Now looking forward, Carlos is excited about the opportunity he has to help young people stay "out of the system". This program goes right along with the saying that stays near and dear to Carlos' heart. "I want to leave a fingerprint that leads to God". Below are some questions we asked him concerning the program.

## What are the hours of the teen fun nights and what will the teens do?

The hours are from 6-9 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. the teens will take part in whatever activity they choose from, skating, putt-putt, basketball and swimming. Between the hours of 8-9 p.m. the youth will come to the theatre to take part in a youth ministry talk show called Urban Faith. During this ministry there will be a live Christian DJ, live music, poetry, singing, dancing and conversations that center on topics that are relevant to teens in this day and age. The teens will also be given a chance to share their gifts, thoughts and input

## Why is there a need to reach out to youth?

This generation seems to be lost but this is a generation looking for something to be a part of. We are providing a positive environment as well as adding positive morals and values to the lives

of young people. There are so many negative things that our youth can and are participating in but the Christian Center is still offering hope!

## Why do you think it is important to bring together urban and suburban youth?

I believe that our youth need to experience more of what this world has to offer and what better place to start than the church.

## Can the teens be involved in leading?

Yes they can. There is an immediate opportunity for a group of 10-12 teens to be in leadership during these youth nights. They will be a part of the idea process as well as being a part of carrying out the ideas.

## What has been your involvement in the past with youth?

As mentioned above, I was the assistant chaplain at Gateway Longview for 4 years working with troubled youth. With this ministry I have had the pleasure of preventing children from going into care.



Carlos (left) playing basketball with a teen at the After Party

## Bills Night Out "After Party"

by Jim Swearingen

Ever wonder what happens to all the people that go forward at big events to receive Christ?

The apostle Paul calls those he leads to Christ his "spiritual children" in 1 Thes. 2:7, "but we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children." In Galatians 4:19, Paul says, "My children, with whom

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Carol Greetham and Diana Hills, who run Teen MOPS, a program that reaches out to teens coping as single moms, has helped about 25 young moms since its inception three years ago. “It’s growing slowly, organically,” said Hills. “I’m not disappointed with where we are. But there are so many more girls out there.”

At bimonthly meetings, these teen mothers get a chance to eat dinner together, socialize and learn from guest speakers and other educational programs at Teen Mops.

Mothering matters to the future of these children. The teen moms receive information about many topics to help them be better mothers at our meetings, helping them mold the souls and hands of their children. In order to do this, we need to get them to our meetings. The Teen MOPS leaders are running out of space in their cars. Each of us took a step of boldness when we said we would drive. We left our comfort zone and travelled into unknown neighborhoods. As a result, we are providing a listening ear, building relationship, and understanding struggles.

God is doing remarkable things in this ministry. We are growing, we are stretching and we are trusting in His provision.



## The Center Bookstore

Store Hours: Tue. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
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Jane and Alan Forbes in the 60's

## 60 Years of ministry and still going strong!

Congratulations to our founders at the BCC and thanks to God for his blessing on their lives and ministry!

❖ February 20<sup>th</sup> was the 60th anniversary of Alan Forbes ordination to the gospel ministry... And Alan and Jane are still continuing to minister.

Alan says “With the good measure of health and strength we enjoy, our ministry continues in message and/or music at Briny Breezes and Lakeside Village and over radio on WDCX FM Buffalo.....each week!”

Cards, letters of congratulation and remembrance can be sent to the Forbes’s at their home in Florida.

Rev. and Mrs. Alan Forbes  
7824 Cloverfield Circle  
Boca Raton FL 33433



## CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a graduating high schooler or a college student who wants to serve Jesus? Then **WHY NOT** become an intern at the BCC this Summer? We have a variety of jobs that are fun and exciting and will challenge you as you serve Jesus Christ.

We still need help in the following areas: Bible study, Music, Drama, Arts and Crafts, Recreation, Sports and Education for our summer camp. If you are interested in changing the lives of inner-city kids and watching God teach you what you can only learn on the mission field, call Melanie Glover at (716) 856-7495 for more information.

## Committed to reaching souls for Christ

Our “**S**alvation, **O**utreach, **U**nity, **L**eadership, **S**ervice” measures will give you an appreciation for all the ways that your investment is reaching those in western NY through the BCC.

Jan. 08 - Mar. 08	<b>S</b>	1,901
	<b>O</b>	3,067
	<b>U</b>	212
	<b>L</b>	2,152
	<b>S</b>	584
	<b>Total</b>	7,916



Brad Butler leads discussion with a small group

**Follow up event gets up close and personal** *cont'd from page 1*

I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you." Paul wasn't satisfied to just lead people to Christ, he labored to help them mature in Christ.

It is in this spirit that Fred Raines (Athletes in Action director) and I discussed having a follow up event for all the kids that were responding at the Bills Night Out event in November of 2007.

With over 100 kids indicating they received Christ, we were anxious to see them grow in their faith. We sent out invitations to the families of kids who had filled out response cards at the Bills Night Out and invited those that were 12 -17 to come to the "After Party".

The night started out with Pizza, salad and drinks – with plenty of food for all.

We then broke down into 3 boys and 2 girls small groups. With the Bills being in the off-season, we were not able to have as many players involved but still had plenty lead the small



## WILL YOU VOLUNTEER?

Last year's summer camp was a huge hit. God blessed us with 70 children on our roll and this year we are opting for 120 children to participate. In order to make this year a success, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We need people who

are willing to pass out lunches, take attendance and type information into databases. In addition, we need people who have a heart for children, those who would be willing to help out on field trips, and lead or assist in classes, such as, healthy snacks, arts and crafts, sports, Bible study, drama/music, recreation and worship.

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Melanie Glover at 856-7495.

**We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. We can do no great things, only small things with great love.** *Mother Teresa*

groups. Coming out to reach out to the teens was Ryan and Dawn Neufeld, Brad Butler, John Wendling and his fiancé, Angie Hellbaum. In addition, there were several volunteers to help out. Each leader of the small group gave a short talk and opened up a discussion time.

This was followed by game time with a choice of going to the game room - where there was pool, ping pong, foosball, putt-putt or air hockey – or to the basketball court for a variety of games.

This was a chance to challenge the players, their wives and fiancés.

The night ended with a short talk in the theatre by Fred Raines, Carlos Spencer and myself. Each youth was given a "Quiet Time" book designed to help develop their relationship with God.

Carlos invited all the teens to the NEW monthly Teen FuNights (see page 1), where there will be an opportunity for further spiritual growth. *The "Quiet Time" book was donated by the Chapel at Crossroads.*

**Isa 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.**

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### Our Mission Statement

The Buffalo Christian Center's mission is to facilitate the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel and the training of disciples of Jesus Christ, by serving the church and reaching the city for Christ.

The Center is in need of many items and services. Some big, some small. If you or your group have the means to provide any of these items, please call 856-7495.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR UpComing Events

### Honeymoon in VEGAS

#### Encore Performance

at the Forbes Theater, 512 Pearl St., Buffalo

Fri. & Sat., May 9 & 10

Showtime 6:30 p.m.

\$10 in advance\*, \$12 at the door

\*Sold at the BCC Bookstore or Doris Records, 286 E. Ferry

### Teen FuNights

Sat., May 3, June 7 & July 5

From 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Call Carlos Spencer at 856-7495 for more info.

# The BCC Wish List

### GAME ROOM NEEDS:

- |                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Pool table       | Air Hockey tables         |
| Foos ball tables | Ping Pong table & paddles |
| Ping Pong balls  | Pool cues                 |
| Golf putters     | Large sofas (3 seaters)   |

### OFFICE NEEDS:

- Copy Paper
  - Notebook computer
  - 2 Notebook computer bags
  - Desktop computers
- A very Special Thanks to Canon Design & Advance 2000 for the donation of 4 computers and monitors**

### THEATER NEEDS

- Air Conditioning
- Video Projector

### OTHER NEEDS

- 5 car seats for children 20 - 40 lbs.
- Arts & Craft supplies for Summer camp, call for a list of needs
- A Lift for in the front foyer
- Licensed Plumber for odd jobs
- Contractor for repairs
- Monetary Donations-please use the envelope enclosed to make a donation**
- Tools - drills, pliers, screw driers, etc.
- Digital Camera



## Leave A Legacy

People from all walks of life can “make a difference in the lives that follow” through a charitable bequest. If you deem the Buffalo Christian Center deserving of your support, please consider leaving a lasting testimony by including us in your will.

Please check with your attorney or financial advisor before making any charitable gift to the Buffalo Christian Center or any other charitable organization.



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