



# The BCC Connection

August  
2024

Bancroft Congregational Church  
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## Sunday Worship Hours

Christian Education Hour 9:45 am

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

*There are Nursery and Jr. church programs available for children during our worship service.*

# Worship through the names of God

## God, You are:

The Creator of Heaven and Earth  
The Eternal King  
El Sabaoth [*Lord of Hosts*]  
El Shaddai [*God Almighty*]  
Adonai [*Lord*]  
Jehovah [*God*]  
Lord God Almighty  
My Shepherd  
The Rock of my Salvation  
Sovereign Lord  
King of Glory  
My Sanctuary  
God Most High  
My Maker  
My Rock  
My Savior  
My Stronghold  
The Only Wise God  
My Dwelling Place  
My Judge  
My Lawgiver  
My Defender  
My Leader  
The One Who Comforts all Hearts  
Our Great, Mighty and Awesome God



My Strength  
My Comforter  
The God of Grace & Hope  
The God of All Truth  
The One Who Avenges Me  
My Helper  
My Hiding Place  
My Rock and My Redeemer  
My Refuge in Times of Trouble  
A Faithful God Who Does No Wrong  
A Forgiving God  
A Fortress of Salvation  
The Master of Heaven  
A Refuge for Your people  
A Refuge for the needy in distress  
A Refuge for the oppressed  
A Refuge for the poor  
A Shade from the heat  
A Shade from the storm  
My Source of Strength  
My Stronghold in times of trouble  
An Ever-present help in times of trouble  
The Defender of Widows  
My Song  
My Strong Deliverer  
The One Who hears my prayers  
The Strength of my heart  
My very Great Reward



From Your Favorite Pastor

Here we are, heading toward Labor Day weekend and the end of summer. (I know, summer just started!). Many people use that weekend as an opportunity to take one last trip to enjoy the warm weather. But do you know where Labor Day comes from? Labor Day came out of the Industrial Revolution, becoming an official holiday in 1894. It came out of a work culture that often required the average American to work 12-hour days and seven-day work weeks. Despite some rudimentary laws, children as young as 5 worked in mills, factories, and mines. There is much more to the history of the holiday, but the main idea is that it came out of a tough culture aiming to celebrate the working man for one day even as they work all the days around it.

No matter where we are in life, we are working people. It doesn't matter if you are retired, a part-timer, or work crazy hours. But we are working people for something greater than a paycheck; we are working in everything for God. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters..." I Corinthians 10:31 says, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." We are not only workers, but we are to be hard workers in everything at all times. But our work may be different depending on our stage in life. Our work may be representing Christ in our current work place and family, but it may also be doing work for Christ because we are retired and have those opportunities. Our job is to find what that work for God is, and then give it our all.

So enjoy the upcoming holiday, and praise God that we live in a country where we can do all sorts of things for Him no matter our position and place in life.

Be blessed & be a blessing!

P.T.



# Twisted Scripture

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**Psalm 45:3-5**

*Pg 575 Apologetics Bible*

***Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.  
In your majesty ride forth victoriously  
in the cause of truth, humility and justice;  
let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.  
Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;  
let the nations fall beneath your feet.***

*Although Muslims accept the Qur'an (a.k.a. the Koran) as the only authoritative holy book of Islam, some Muslim apologists have said that Psalm 45:3-5 prophesied the life and work of the prophet Muhammad. The basis of this argument is that Muhammad was popularly known as the 'prophet with the sword'. However, as with all other passages in the Bible, the context is very important for determining meaning. Verse 6 shows that verses 3-5 actually refer to God Himself, not a mere human prophet. Furthermore, Hebrews 1:8-9 indicates that the Psalms passage ultimately refers to Jesus, who is God in the flesh. This makes sense considering that the overall theme of Psalm 45 is a royal wedding song that the Bible calls Jesus the bridegroom culminates in the marriage fest of the Lamb in Revelation 19:6-10. Thus, it is Jesus, not Muhammad, who is referenced in Psalm 45, and someday He will return to earth and fulfill this passage.*

**Isaiah 53:5**

*Pg 745 Apologetics Bible*

***But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.***

*Prosperity gospel teachers say this verse promises that believers will receive physical healing if only they'll ask God in faith. However, Isaiah is referring to forgiveness from sin, not a promise of miraculous healing. Quoting Isaiah, Peter said of Jesus, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; you have been healed by His wounds" (I Peter 2:24). While God is certainly able to heal sickness and disease, this is not always part of His plan for us. Paul prayed to God for the elimination of a 'thorn in the flesh,' yet he was not healed (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). He realized that suffering helped him understand that his weaknesses actually made him strong as he learned to depend on God. Many biblical passages (e.g. Philippians 4:6; I Thessalonians 5:17; James 4:2) encourage us to continually ask God to meet our needs, but we must never suppose that God will always see fit to answer in the way we think best.*

# The blessing of Community

## August



- Day 1: Psalm 133:1
- Day 2: Matthew 7:12
- Day 3: Matthew 18:19-20
- Day 4: Matthew 22:37-39
- Day 5: John 13:34-35
- Day 6: Proverbs 17:17
- Day 7: Proverbs 27:10
- Day 8: Proverbs 27:17
- Day 9: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
- Day 10: Leviticus 19:18
- Day 11: Acts 2:44-45
- Day 12: Acts 2:46-47
- Day 13: Romans 12:3
- Day 14: Romans 12:4-5
- Day 15: Romans 12:15
- Day 16: 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Day 17: Colossians 3:12-13
- Day 18: Colossians 3:14-15
- Day 19: Galatians 6:2
- Day 20: 1 John 1:7
- Day 21: 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Day 22: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15
- Day 23: James 5:14-15
- Day 24: James 5:16
- Day 25: John 15:12-13
- Day 26: Hebrews 10:24-25
- Day 27: 1 Corinthians 12:12
- Day 28: 1 Corinthians 12:13-14
- Day 29: 1 Corinthians 12:20-22
- Day 30: 1 Corinthians 12:23-24
- Day 31: 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

Kingdom Bloggers



## Weekly Service Schedule for August 2024

Service	4	11	18	25
Greeter	Walt Reed	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Marion Reed	[Paula Wahl]	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed
Nursery	Brian Reed	Cathy Taber	Tracie Zander	Jenny Habermehl
Nursery	Karla Reed	Laurie Valade	Patty Hewitt	Paula Wahl
Sound	Matt Post	Isaac Zander	Matt Post	Maddie Bias
Computer	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke	Sara Bias	Matt Post
Call to Worship & Prayer	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Prayer Elder	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl
Jr. Church Teacher	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	Amber Bias	Diane Lepior
Jr. Church Helper	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Volunteer needed
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Guest Speaker	Sharon Lewis Daniel 5:1-6	Maddie Bias Daniel 6:4-5	Guest Speaker
Benediction	Layne Valade	Pastor ?	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	Dan Bryant	Brian Reed	James Huguelet	Matt Post
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Communion		James Huguelet		

Please remember if for any reason you are unable to meet your scheduled obligation, **please contact someone from your team to take your place as soon as you know you are unable to fulfill your obligation.** The changes however, will not be printed in the bulletin.

***Thank you for your service to our church!***



## HEALINGS BY JESUS

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*Provide the answers for these events.*

1. Jesus healed the servant of this military leader.
2. At Capernaum Jesus healed this person's mother-in-law.
3. This man's daughter was raised from the dead.
4. Jesus healed this blind man at Jericho.
5. This person was healed after Peter cut off his ear.
6. This person touched Jesus's robe and was healed.
7. Jesus healed this disease when He "reached out and touched the man" then told him not to tell anyone about it except the priest.
8. Jesus healed this withered body part in the synagogue on the Sabbath.
9. What was the marital status of the woman whose son Jesus raised in Nain?
10. The paralyzed man in Bethseda was trying to get into this to be healed before Jesus came and healed him.

Answers on page 11

# This Month's Cause for Celebration!

CANUTE	WES	5-Aug
BRYANT	DAN	7-Aug
EVANS	WANDA	9-Aug
POST	MATT	20-Aug
ZANDER	AARON	20-Aug
ZIEBA	VICKI	21-Aug
LEITHAUSER	DOUG	26-Aug
SIDDENS	SEAN	27-Aug
VALADE,	DAPHNE	30-Aug



**speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**Ephesians 5:19-20**



1	Mike & Jackie	McDonald
5	Jon & Gail	Love

# Kids Corner

## NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

WATER



ACORN



PINECONE



BIRD



BUSH



INSECT



PRINTS



ANT



BERRIES



STUMP



SAND



ROCKS



LEAF



MUSHROOM



NEST



TWIG



BARK



GRASS



TREE



FLOWER





# Grandma's Kitchen



## Cauliflower Garlic Bread

(Makes 12 servings) Each serving provides: ½ green 1 healthy fat  
3 condiments

### Ingredients:

- 3 cups cauliflower rice
- 6 eggs
- 1 ¼ cups almond flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tablespoon thyme
- 1 tablespoon parsley

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350. and line 9x5 loaf pan with parchment paper. lightly spray the parchment paper with nonstick spray. In a bowl microwave cauliflower for 3-4 minutes or till soft. Let cool. when its cooled transfer a tea towel and wring out all the water. In a mixing bowl, beat egg whites till stiff peaks form. set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk together almond flour, baking powder, salt, egg yolks, melted butter, garlic, and 1/4 of your whipped egg whites. Stir till well combined, then stir in microwaved cauliflower. Fold in the remaining egg whites till all are incorporated. Be gentle for the mixture should remain fluffy. Fold in thyme and parsley. Transfer batter to the lined loaf pan and bake till the top is golden, approximately 45-50 minutes. let cool completely before slicing. If you caught yourself being tempted to eat too much when making the loaf. Do it this way then it's all divided out in 12. Freeze after completely cooled then you can pull on out when you want it. Spray muffin tins with a little nonstick spray or you could use muffin liners and omit the spray. Cook time this way is about 18 minutes at 350. Just like you do with a cake insert a toothpick or knife in the middle to see if it comes out clean; then you know it's done. [Editor's note: I would not complain if someone made this recipe and gifted it to me! LOL]

## LEAN & GREEN

## ZUCCHINI SPINACH MANICOTTI

YIELD: 4 SERVINGS

PER SERVING: 1 LEAN | 3 GREEN | 1 CONDIMENT

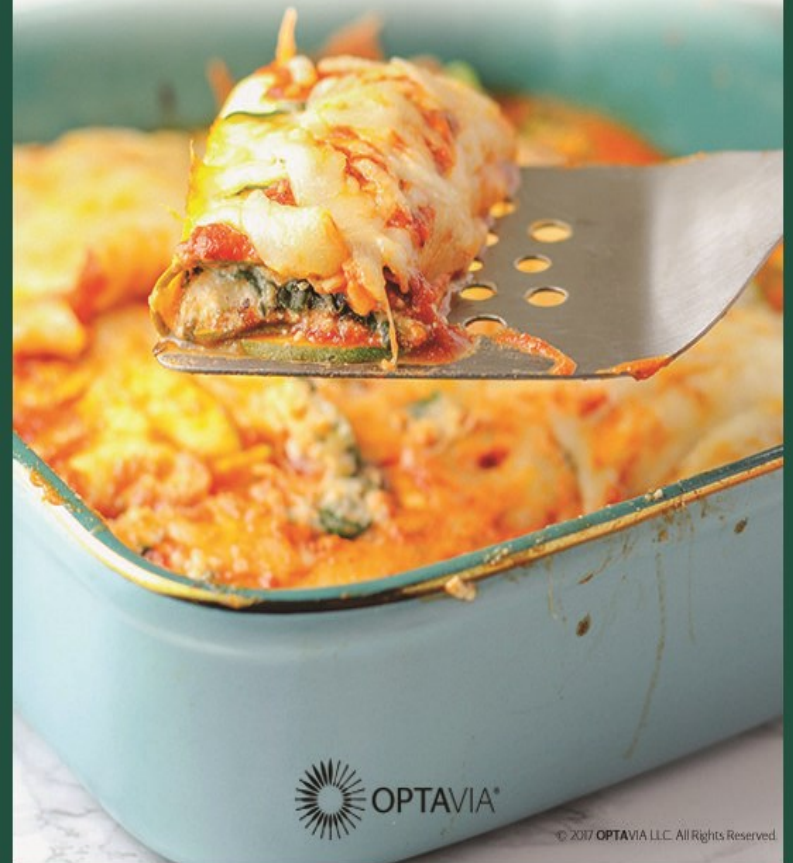
TOTAL TIME: 45 MINUTES

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large zucchini
- 1 ½ cups part-skim ricotta
- 1 egg
- 1 cup frozen spinach, thawed and patted dry
- 1 ½ cups reduced-fat, shredded mozzarella, divided
- ¼ cup grated parmesan
- 1/8 tsp salt
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1 cup low-sugar tomato sauce

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375 °F.
2. Using a mandoline slicer, slice zucchini lengthwise into 1/8-inch thick slices; set aside.
3. In a medium-sized bowl, combine ricotta, egg, spinach, ½ cup mozzarella, parmesan, salt, and nutmeg.
4. Layer three slices of zucchini parallel to each other, and so that they are slightly overlapping one another. Place a large spoonful of ricotta mixture on one end of the zucchini slices, and roll up the zucchini. Place the stuffed zucchini next to each other into a lightly-greased 9x9-inch baking dish.
5. Pour tomato sauce over top of zucchini, and then sprinkle with cheese.
6. Bake for 25 minutes.



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# Mission News!

## FILL THEM WITH



This month we are focusing on “Operation Christmas Child” boxes. Please take green plastic box in the overflow area along with a red cover and fill a box for a needy child. Please keep in mind that the child you would like to fill the box with items that would be appropriate for them. First, decide if you want to fill a box for a girl or a boy. Next decide what age group you would like to fill your box for: ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Also, please include these items in every box: pencils, paper, pencil sharpeners, crayons, comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, and a WOW item, a note from you, and remember to pray for your box. We have packed some other items: coloring books, a water cup, small toys or games, sunglasses, socks, stuffed animals, die-cast metal cars, dolls with clothing, calculators, zippered pouches or backpacks, etc. If you need help, we can help you. Just talk with Karla Reed or Sandy Braid.

### *Food Pantry News*

We have continued serving an average of 25 families this summer. Usually, our numbers fall back during the summer months. But this year we can tell the need is great and are so happy to help the families that come. The cost of groceries has increased so much that families are hurting and truly need help. We give food and pray with them once a month. People are so appreciative! They love praying with Wes, affectionately called 'pastor' Wes by many! Families are so thankful for the food.



We appreciate your help supporting our food pantry with money, donations, and prayers.

In August and September, we have a few regular helpers who will be gone on vacation, so can use extra help. If you're interested, please let Karla Reed, Laurie Valade, Vicki Zieba, or Cathy Taber know.

Again, we are so thankful for the support you give to our pantry. Thank you!  
Karla Reed

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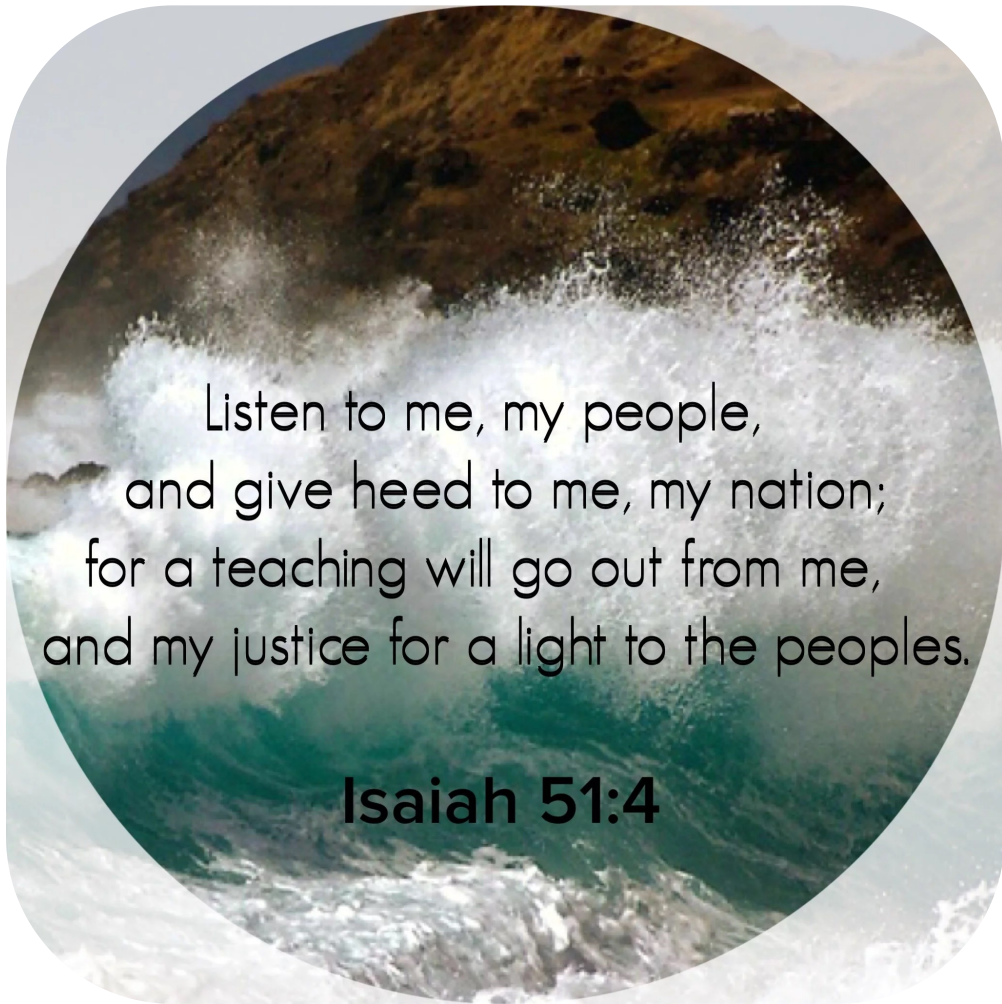
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 8 am  Men's Prayer Breakfast
11  Communion	12 Missions Mtg 10 am  CE Meeting 6 pm	13	14 Ladies Fellow- ship 10 am  Elder's Mtg 7 pm	15	16	17 Food Pantry 10 am to Noon 
18 Child Protection class following worship service	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		



Answers to 'Healings By Jesus'

1. Centurion
2. Peter
3. Jairus
4. Bartimaeus
5. Malchus, servant of the high priest
6. Woman with 12-year illness
7. leprosy

8. hand
9. widow
10. a pool of water



Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

**Isaiah 51:4**



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