



The BCC Connection

September
2024

Bancroft Congregational Church
Pastor Todd Evans

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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.

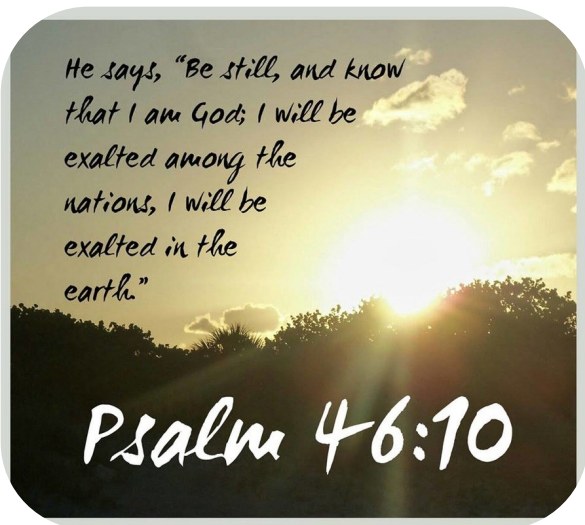
Ladies'

LUNCHEON

Saturday, September 7th

10 am to Noon

See Laurie Valade for details



From Your Favorite Pastor



As I write this it has been a pretty crazy summer when it comes to significant events in history. We saw the conviction in a New York court of a former president, the worst performance in history in a debate by a presidential candidate, attempted assassination of a former president/current presidential candidate, Ukraine starting to attack Russian soil, a sitting president withdraw from seeking reelection, a presidential candidate get a major party nomination without winning a single state primary vote, Israel be attacked directly from Iran, Israel take out a major terrorist that was being protected by Iran, and France/Olympics put on the most disgusting opening ceremonies that have probably ever been seen- mocking God in the process. I don't even think I got everything!

Several months ago the Elders started praying with me over the possibility of starting a **once-a-month Sunday evening service**. As I have continued to pray through that, I also prayed for what I would be speaking on these nights, as I didn't want it to be a repeat of Sunday morning. All of those events I listed above, as well as many I have forgotten about, and my being asked to teach a current events course at a local co-op brought me to my answer. We're going to take these monthly studies and look at current events from a Biblical worldview. These evenings will include some songs, prayers, and looking at the most recent world events from a Biblical perspective.

Why is this important to do? I believe that the church in America is at the crossroads that it is because of our unwillingness to have a Biblical worldview. George Barna research says that the number of the U.S. population who see everything through a Biblical worldview (everything through the lens of Scripture or what the Bible says about it) has dropped to 4%! Want the worse news?! Among evangelicals who attend church, it has dropped to 14%. Let's understand this, only 14% of those who attend any evangelical church in America see the world through Biblical glasses! Why isn't that 100%? (BTW, in the Catholic church it is 1%)

This led me to the understanding that it is the leadership of the church. We aren't teaching people how to look at the world through the Bible nor are we teaching that the Bible has something to say about what is going on in the world around us. Our Sunday evenings each month will seek to help you learn what is going on in the world and what the Bible says about it. We do this with the purpose of then bringing people to a knowledge of Christ and the Good News (Gospel).

Our first Sunday together will be **September 8 at 7pm**. I pray you will consider joining us for this with a heart to hear from God about what He says about the world around us. Oh Yeah, the topics for almost every month won't be determined until that month since we don't know what will be happening.

From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take. 1 Chronicles 12:32

Twisted Scripture



Numbers 23:19

*“God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfill?”*

Does God change His mind? Some skeptics point to certain passages – including the book of Jonah – to argue that God randomly changes His mind. They say this contradicts this present verse. The Bible says God is omniscient (“all-knowing”) and is surprised by nothing. From a human point of view, it may appear that God has changed His mind, but He hasn’t changed it from His perspective. Rather, He has responded to changing human attitudes that He foreknew would occur. In Jeremiah 18:7-10, God said through Jeremiah that when He announces judgment on a nation, it will happen unless the nation “turns from its evil.” If the nation repents, said God, then “I will relent concerning the disaster I had planned to do to it.” The same is true for the benefits that God promises. If we disobey Him, He may choose to withhold some of the good of which He has spoken. These conditional promises set up possible scenarios in which God may choose to do something other than what He previously spoke, whether it was a blessing or a curse.

1 Samuel 28:5-20

Some people have pointed to this passage as justification for participating in seances or other dealing with spirits and the dead. Yet even if it is possible to communicate with the dead, the Bible very clearly says that attempting to do so is wrong (Leviticus 19:31; 20:27; Deuteronomy 18:10-12; Isaiah 8:19). The consequences for disobeying God in this matter were sometimes very dramatic. 1 Chronicles 10:13-14 explains that Saul’s unfaithfulness in this matter ended up costing his life. As Ephesians 6:12 puts it, we are not in a battle against flesh and blood but rather “spiritual forces of evil”. For the time being, this earth is essentially Satan’s territory. Satan is not to be trusted, as he is likened to a roaring lion on the prowl, looking for easy targets and new victims (1 Peter 5:8). By getting involved with witchcraft, Ouija boards, and other demonic practices, we open ourselves up to a world that is much more dark and dangerous than we could ever imagine.



Fruits of the Spirit

September



- Day 1: Galatians 5:22-23
- Day 2: Zephaniah 3:17
- Day 3: John 3:16-17
- Day 4: John 15:9-10
- Day 5: John 15:12-13
- Day 6: Habakkuk 3:17-18
- Day 7: 1 Peter 1:8-9
- Day 8: Luke 15:7
- Day 9: Psalm 30:5
- Day 10: 1 Peter 3:11
- Day 11: James 3:18
- Day 12: Psalm 29:11
- Day 13: Romans 12:18
- Day 14: Exodus 34:6-7
- Day 15: James 1:2-4
- Day 16: Romans 5:1-2
- Day 17: Romans 5:3-4
- Day 18: Proverbs 31:20
- Day 19: Colossians 3:12
- Day 20: Titus 3:1-2
- Day 21: Ephesians 4:1-2
- Day 22: 2 Peter 1:5-6
- Day 23: 2 Peter 1:7-8
- Day 24: Hebrews 11:1-2
- Day 25: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 26: Romans 14:19
- Day 27: Proverbs 25:28
- Day 28: Proverbs 16:32
- Day 29: Titus 2:11-14
- Day 30: Philippians 4:8

Kingdom Bloggers

Weekly Service Schedule for September 2024



| Service | 1st | 8th | 15th | 22nd | 29th |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Greeter | Chris Adolf | Walt Reed | Tom Wahl | Lee Habermehl | Brian Reed |
| Greeter | Charlotte Adolf | Marion Reed | Paula Wahl | Cyndy Habermehl | Karla Reed |
| Nursery | Patty Hewitt | Cathy Taber | Brian Reed | Layne Valade | Patty Hewitt |
| Nursery | Shana Post | Laurie Valade | Karla Reed | Daphne Valade | Shana Post |
| Sound | Matt Post | Aaron Zander | Matt Post | Matt Post | Aaron Zander |
| Computer | Sarah Bias | Isaac Zander | Maddie Bias | Sarah Bias | Isaac Zander |
| Call to Worship & Prayer | Brian Reed | Carl Cooke | James Huguelet | Matt Post | Lee Habermehl |
| Prayer Elder | Carl Cooke | Brian Reed | Layne Valade | Lee Habermehl | Carl Cooke |
| Jr. Church Teacher | Becky Durling | Amber Bias | Charlotte Adolf | Paula Wahl | Diane Lepior |
| Jr. Church Helper | Cathy Taber | Shana Post | Chris Adolf | Jenny Habermehl | Volunteer needed |
| Scripture Reader Message Prayer | Dan Bryant Daniel 6:10 | Sandy Braid Daniel 7:1 | Carl Cooke Daniel 8:15 | Laurie Valade Dan 9:1-3 | Layne Valade Daniel 9:20-23 |
| Benediction | Pastor | James Huguelet | Layne Valade | Carl Cooke | Lee Habermehl |
| Financial Team | | Tom Wahl | James Huguelet | Brian Reed | Tom Wahl |
| Financial Team | Matt Post | Carl Cooke | Layne Valade | Lee Habermehl | Matt Post |
| 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!

JESUS QUOTE FILL-IN

Fill in the blank.

1. "Do not think that I have come to _____ the Law or the Prophets; . . . but to _____ them" (Matthew 5:17).
2. "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and _____" (Matthew 12:50).
3. "If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him _____ miles" (Matthew 5:41).
4. "No one can serve two _____, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:24 ESV).
5. "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a _____ man who built his house on the _____" (Matthew 7:24).
6. "Do not put the Lord your God to the _____" Luke 4:12.
7. "_____, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17).
8. "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are _____" (John 3:3).
9. "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never _____" (John 4:14).
10. "The work of God is this: to _____ in the one he has sent" (John 6:29).

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



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| BIAS, | SARAH | 6-Sep |
| ZANDER, | ISAAC | 11-Sep |
| PRICE | DEBBIE | 11-Sep |
| RANCOUR | PEGGY | 14-Sep |
| VALADE, | CEVIN | 17-Sep |
| HEWITT, | PATTY | 25-Sep |
| HUGUELET, | KAREN | 25-Sep |

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| 6 | Al & Amber | Bias |
| 12 | Brian & Karla | Reed |
| 18 | Mike & Karen | Heiple |
| 30 | Doug & Loretta | Leithauser |



Kids

Kool-Aid Lip Gloss



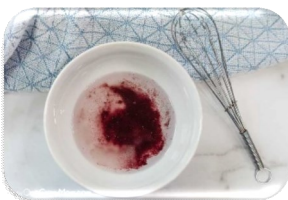
Ingredients for Kool-Aid lip gloss:

- 4 Tablespoon [Coconut Oil](#)
- 1 Packet of Kool-Aid Mix
- 1 Tablespoon of Water
- 2 teaspoon of sugar
- [Lip Balm Containers](#)



How to make homemade lip gloss with Kool-Aid:

- In a small cup mix the Kool-Aid packet, sugar and water until the Kool-Aid and sugar is dissolved.



- Then put the [coconut oil](#) in a small microwave-safe bowl. It will need to be slightly melted but not completely melted. Microwave the coconut oil for 10-15 seconds to soften it, but not fully melt it.
- Then mix in the Kool-Aid mixture until it's well combined with the [coconut oil](#). Don't be afraid to use some elbow grease to get this mixture to form a paste.

Corner

- Once combined, place the mixture into the lip balm containers and store it in the refrigerator until the coconut oil is fully solidified again.

I prefer this method as the lip balm will be a vibrant color. You can also mix the sugar and Kool-Aid mixture directly with the coconut oil (no water), but the color will be more pastel. You choose your favorite way! Remember to be careful when crafting with Kool-Aid as it can stain clothes and fingertips.



How to store Kool-Aid lip balm:

You can order [containers for lip balm on Amazon](#). You can pick them up anywhere but the best deals are on Amazon. Order several at once for a good price. These make excellent gifts, so I like to make a couple of batches. The [clear containers here](#) are perfect for this lip gloss and you can see the vibrant colors of the lip gloss.





Mission News!

Here we are at the end of August! Where did summer go? We hope all of you enjoyed a nice summer. Now we are focusing on what will be coming up soon in missions.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are out and we invite everyone to take 1 or 2 boxes or as many as you would like. Also, we have an OCC collection box for supplies for people who would prefer to bring in items that can be used for packing boxes, this collection box is located in front of the church office. This is a great time to catch sales on back-to-school supplies. Right now, we are finding sales on: notebooks, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, zippered pouches and backpacks. Please keep in mind we will be asking all filled OCC boxes to be returned to the church by **October 6th**. As your mission team, we need time to prepare the boxes for delivery to a church in Owosso for shipment. We need to pay for postage, make sure all the boxes are full and we include a letter if one is not already in the box. Several of us get together to prepare the boxes, if you would like to help with this opportunity, please talk to Sandy Braid or Karla Reed and we will let you know when that will happen.

We are also planning to host our annual Halloween Outreach in October, be watching!

NEWS FROM TWO OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Kathleen Curtis sent us a letter recently. Kathy had to leave her work at Camp Barakel when her father passed away. She needed to assist with her mother's care who is 89 and just recently had a total hip replacement. She helps her mother in getting her to medical appointments, meals, shopping, lawn work, gardening and everything that goes along with caring for an aging parent. Kathy very much appreciates our prayers and gifts, and it is a great encouragement to her.

Kathy Coon also recently sent us a letter. Kathy shares how much she has enjoyed God's bounty that comes in the summer with juicy plump tomatoes, sweet corn, peaches, cherries, strawberries, melons, blueberries and rhubarb and shares with other. She also shared from Paul's letter to the Philippians in the first chapter verses 9-11: "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you will be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God" (NIV). She is thankful for the Holy Spirit's work in her life and is thrilled to see it in the lives of others. In Mid-June she received an influx of OMS folks from all over the world, and greatly enjoyed the chapel service. Kathy also shared she has a new pet named Sophie, who is just 4 months old, weighed in at just over 5 lbs. and is ALL puppy!

It is great to hear from our missionaries and I will be posting these letters on our mission bulletin board after our Missions Meeting scheduled for September 9th at 10:00 am. Would you like to hear more about our missionaries? We invite you to attend our meeting from your mission team: Sandy Braid, Chair, Cathy Taber Co-Chair, Tom Wahl, treasurer and Karla Reed, Co-Treasurer.

Grandma's Kitchen



Caramelized Onion Spaghetti Squash Casserole

YIELD: 5 Serving

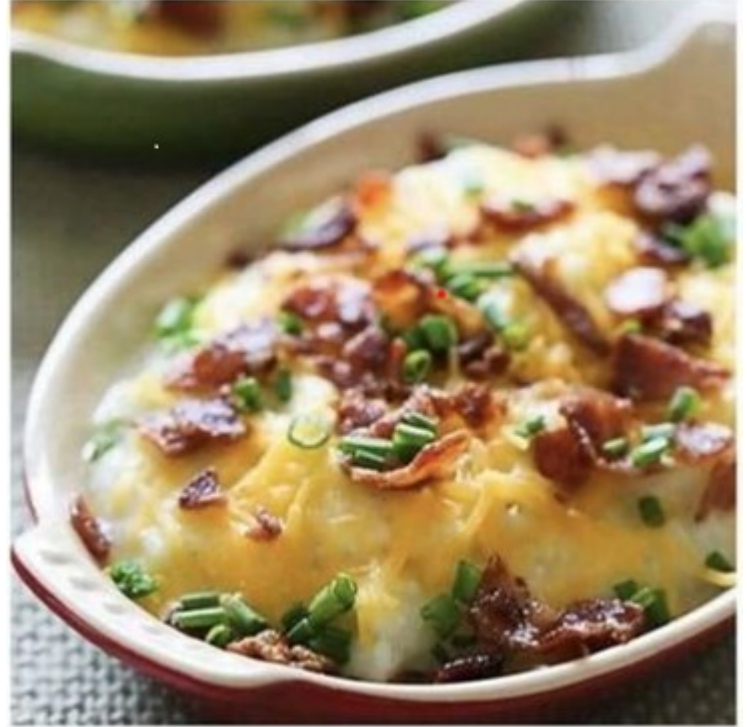
PER SERVING: ½ ounce Protein, 3 Green, 1 Condiment & 1 ¼ Fat

INGREDIENTS:

Pam
2 1/2 cups cooked spaghetti squash
2 cups chopped scallions
1 cup chopped baby Portobello mushrooms
1 cup Rao's Marinara sauce
1/2 cup water
2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil + extra to coat pan
1 tsp garlic powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
3 eggs, whisked

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400. Grease 8x8 casserole w/pam.
Prepare spaghetti squash by oven or microwave.
In skillet heat, olive oil over medium-high heat, add scallions and mushrooms. Lower to medium cook 10 minutes or until browned.
Add water, stir, cook 8-10 minutes, until water's gone.
In bowl mix squash, mushrooms mix, marinara, garlic, and eggs until well mixed.
Pour into casserole dish.
Bake 1 hour, until crust on top, and edges are browned. Rest 10 minutes.



Loaded Cauliflower "Mash" Bake

YIELD: 4 servings

PER SERVING: ¼ oz lean, 3 greens, 3 condiments, ¼ healthy fat

INGREDIENTS:

4 slices Jennie-O Extra Lean Turkey bacon
6 cups cauliflower florets
3 cloves crushed garlic
1/3 cup 1% buttermilk
1 tbsp whipped butter
¼ tsp salt
½ tsp black pepper
2 tbsp minced fresh chives, divided
¼ cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Cook the turkey bacon in a skillet until crisp; set aside on a paper towel then crumble.
Fill a large pot with water, bring to a boil and add cauliflower and garlic. Boil until the cauliflower is soft, about 15-20 minutes.
Drain, and return to the pot.
Preheat the oven to 350°F.
Add the buttermilk, butter, salt, and pepper to the cauliflower and purée with a hand blender. If you don't own a hand blender, a regular blender would work fine as well. Mix in 1 Tbsp of the chives and transfer to 4 individual casseroles (3/4 cups each) or one 8 x 8 casserole dish and top with cheddar and crumbled bacon. Bake in the oven until the cheese melts, about 5 minutes then top with remaining chives.

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Call ahead please,
most days the office works offsite
Tuesdays by appointment
Please use the church phone or Facebook

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  10-Noon Fellowship Room |
| 8 Evening Service—7PM | 9 Missions Mtg 10 am CE Mtg 6 pm | 10 | 11 Ladies Fellowship 10 am Elder's Mtg 7pm | 12 | 13 | 14  8 am Summer Fest Noon to 6 pm |
| 15 Awana & Youth Group Begin 6 pm | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21  Pantry 10 am to Noon |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Movie Night 7 PM Bring your own snacks | 30 | | | | | |

Weekly activities: Wednesdays: 10am Adult Bible Study
 Tuesdays Karate
 Thursdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group

JESUS QUOTE FILL-IN

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| 1. abolish, fulfill | 6. test |
| 2. mother | 7. repent |
| 3. two | 8. born again |
| 4. masters | 9. thirst |
| 5. wise, rock | 10. believe |



*I will run
in the way of
your commandments
when you
enlarge my heart*

Psalm 119:32



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