



The BCC Connection

November
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.



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***Please talk to Sandy Braid if you can help with any of the above
or call her at #989-277-0566.***



From Your Favorite Pastor

Thanksgiving is a time of year when people usually start to assess their lives. While doing that assessment, they start to see the good things that they actually have. People will sit around tables with their family and give thanks for all the “stuff” around them, they will give thanks for their families and friends, and for the food on the table. All of those are well and good, but they miss what true thanksgiving actually is and what it should be for the believer in Jesus Christ.

The Scriptures are loaded with passages about giving thanks, but very few are about giving thanks for anything on the list I have above. Here are just a few examples: 2 Corinthians 4:15 *All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.*; 1 Chronicles 16:34 *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.*; Ephesians 5:19-20 *speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*; Psalm 95:2-3 *Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.*; Psalm 107:8-9 *Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.* There are a lot more than this, and most focus on giving God thanks for His love, mercy, and grace and not for the stuff He gives us.

Even as we face uncertain times through elections, wars, or natural disasters we are to still give God thanks. This Thanksgiving shake things up a bit and give Him thanks for who He is and what He has done for our eternity, instead of the “stuff” we have been given because He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and none of that changes based on our physical situation in life.

Whatever we face as individuals, as a church, or as a nation, let us give Him thanks!

This month’s challenge: find more verses that deal with thanksgiving and write them down.

Be blessed & be a blessing

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Twisted Scripture



Pg 1005 Apologetics Bible

Matthew 3:15-17

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Members of cults and non-Christian religions take issue with Christian teaching about God's nature, particularly the doctrine of the trinity. Critics point to this passage as evidence that the New Testament teaches tri-theism (three gods). After all, it is argued, there are three distinct divinities referenced here: the Father, whose voice comes out of heaven, the Son, who is being baptized by John the Baptist; and the Holy Spirit, who came down upon Jesus as a dove. Therefore, how can Christians speak of God as one when this clearly shows He is three?

The answer is that God is One in essence (Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29), yet three in Person: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That is no contradiction, for God is One in one thing (what He is – His unified, divine essence) and three in another (*who* He is – three individual Persons making up the Trinity). Each member is distinct from the others, and so they are described as distinct, and yet they share equally and eternally in the divine essence, making them fundamentally unified.

Pg 1024 Apologetics Bible

Matthew 18:19-20

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Some Christians take this verse to mean that the Spirit of Jesus comes around only if two or three Christians are gathered together. However, context indicates that this is a mistaken conclusion. The topic of Matthew 18 is church discipline, where an errant Christian is confronted about his or her ongoing sin. Jesus promised in verse 17 that He would be present whenever the church leaders met together to resolve difficult situations such as these (also see 1 Corinthians 5:4). Later, Jesus told His disciples that He would be with them always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20). He did not say it would take two or more of them to make this a reality. If Matthew 8:19-20 really did say that two or three believers are needed for Christ to be present, by implication we should never read our Bible alone or pray by ourselves. Yet Jesus emphasized the importance of privately coming to God (Matthew 6:6), and so we know He is present with us even when we are alone.





A Heart of Thanksgiving

November



- Day 1: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- Day 2: Colossians 3:15
- Day 3: Colossians 3:16-17
- Day 4: 1 Chronicles 29:10-11
- Day 5: 1 Chronicles 29:12-13
- Day 6: 1 Chronicles 29:14-15
- Day 7: Psalm 9:1-2
- Day 8: Psalm 69:30
- Day 9: Psalm 79:13
- Day 10: Psalm 106:1-2
- Day 11: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 12: Ephesians 5:19-20
- Day 13: Colossians 1:12-14
- Day 14: Colossians 2:6-7
- Day 15: Colossians 4:2
- Day 16: Jonah 2:9
- Day 17: 1 Chronicles 16:8-9
- Day 18: 1 Chronicles 16:34
- Day 19: Psalm 118:1-2
- Day 20: Psalm 118:3-4
- Day 21: Psalm 118:5-6
- Day 22: Psalm 118:28-29
- Day 23: Psalm 136:1-2
- Day 24: Psalm 136:23-24
- Day 25: Psalm 136:25-26
- Day 26: Psalm 100:1-3
- Day 27: Psalm 100:4-5
- Day 28: Hebrews 13:15
- Day 29: Revelation 5:11-12
- Day 30: Revelations 5:13-14

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Kingdom Bloggers

Weekly Service Schedule for November 2024

| Service | 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Greeter | Chris Adolf | Tom Wahl | Lee Habermehl. | Brian Reed |
| Greeter | Charlotte Adolf | | Cyndy Habermehl | Karla Reed |
| Nursery | Cathy Taber | Brian Reed | Shana Post | Cathy Taber |
| Nursery | Laurie Valade | Karla Reed | Patty Hewitt | Laurie Valade |
| Sound | Sarah Bias | Aaron Zander | Maddie Bias | Sarah Bias |
| Computer | Matt Post | Isaac Zander | Vaeh Cooke | Matt Post |
| Call to Worship & Prayer | Lee Habermehl | Matt Post | James Huguelet | Layne Valade |
| Prayer Elder | Brian Reed | Carl Cooke | Lee Habermehl | Matt Post |
| Jr. Church Teacher | Charlotte Adolf | Amber Bias | Becky Durling | Jenny Habermehl |
| Jr. Church Helper | Chris Adolf | Shana Post | Cathy Taber | Paula Wahl |
| Scripture Reader Message Prayer | Carl Cooke Acts 4:16-18 | Na | Vaeh Cooke Revelation 4:8-11 | Layne Valade 1 John 2:6 |
| Benediction | Pastor | Carl Cooke | Lee Habermehl | Matt Post |
| Financial Team | Dan Bryant | Carl Cooke | Lee Habermehl | Matt Post |
| Financial Team | Tom Wahl | Layne Valade | Brian Reed | James Huguelet |
| Communion | Matt Post | | | |

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!



SPELL CHECK

Select the proper spelling for the following biblical names or terms.

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| ___ 1. a. Amelakites b. Amellekites c. Amalekites | ___ 7. a. malisious b. malishious c. malicious |
| ___ 2. a. Messpatamia b. Mesopotamia c. Mesopatamia | ___ 8. a. Abendago b. Abbenego c. Abednego |
| ___ 3. a. Jehoshaphat b. Jehasafat c. Jehosephat | ___ 9. a. Saducees b. Sadducees c. Sadduces |
| ___ 4. a. syngogue b. synagogue c. synegogue | ___ 10. a. Abimilek b. Abemelech c. Abimelek |
| ___ 5. a. genneology b. genealogy c. genyalogy | ___ 11. a. Philippians b. Phillipians c. Philippiuns |
| ___ 6. a. Epaphroditus b. Epafrodties c. Ephaphratitus | ___ 12. a. Eccleseastes b. Eclesiastes c. Ecclesiastes |

Answers on page 11

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



MCDONALD,
ZANDER,
EVANS
HEWITT,
EVANS

DAVID
HANNAH
GARY
MIKE
JORDAN

11-Nov
18-Nov
23-Nov
25-Nov
28-Nov

Anniversary

9th Clyde & Sharon Lewis

9th Wes & Sue Canute

Mission News!

We are really busy with Missions activities as fall rolls in. And once again we call upon the people attending at our church to help us out.

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WE HAVE A PRAISE!

ISAAC ZANDER HAS RAISED HIS FULL SUPPORT TO BECOME A FULL TIME RESIDENT MISSIONARY STAFF AT CAMP BARAKEL!!! Please join us in giving thanks for this blessing.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (shoeboxes update)

We need everyone to be bringing in your filled OCC boxes

We will be packing additional boxes with items from our collection box on **Thursday, November 7th at 9 am**. Please join us if you would like help out.

OCC boxes will be delivered to the First Church of Christ in Owosso most likely on **Monday, November 18th in the morning**. **Once again, join us if you'd like to help!**

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS JAR

– We will be sending \$100 checks to all of our missionaries shortly after our Missions meeting November 11th. Right now, we are substantially behind where we need to be financially. Could you help us out?

Our missionary board will once again be turned into a Christmas Card Greeting Board. We are asking everyone to consider bringing in one card to wish everyone in our congregation a Merry Christmas. And with the \$\$ you save, would you consider donating a \$5, \$10 or whatever you feel to missions?

Kids Corner



Cranberry Florida Orange Snack Mix

Ingredients

- ¼ cup Florida Orange Juice
- 3 cups of a wheat-based cereal or pretzels
- 4 tbsp. butter
- ¼ cup coconut sugar
- 5 oz. dried cranberries
- 8 oz. sliced almonds

Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 300° F.
2. Combine cereal or pretzels and almonds on a large roasting pan and set aside.
3. In a microwave-safe bowl, combine Florida Orange Juice, melted butter and coconut sugar. Microwave the mixture on high for 30 seconds.
4. Stir the mixture and pour it over the cereal, mixing until evenly coated.
5. Bake for 30 minutes, mixing occasionally.
6. Remove from oven and add in dried cranberries and sliced almonds. Allow it to cool completely.
7. Serve as a snack or package into Mason jars as a fun on-the-go treat.

Helpful Tip:

- As a fully customizable snack, you can switch out the cereals, nuts or dried berries based on specific tastes or dietary restrictions.

Try using different types of wheat-based cereals or pretzels.



Grandma's Kitchen



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

Yield: 24 cookies

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 25 minutes

Perfect Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies recipe! Soft, spiced, and loaded with semi-sweet morsels.

Bottom of Form

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)
- 1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C) and line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar, and vanilla extract until smooth.
3. Mix in the pumpkin puree.
4. In another bowl, whisk together the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves.
5. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, mixing just until combined.
6. Fold in the chocolate chips.
7. Drop dough by rounded tablespoons onto the prepared baking sheets.
8. Flatten slightly with the back of a spoon.
9. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned.

Remove from the oven and let cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Notes

- For a richer flavor, consider using dark chocolate chips.
- Ensure you use pumpkin puree and not pumpkin pie filling, which has added spices and sugar.
- Chilling the dough for 30 minutes before baking can help the cookies maintain their shape.

Nutrition Information:

Yield: 24 Serving Size: 1

Amount Per Serving: Calories: 87 Total Fat: 5g Saturated Fat: 3g Trans Fat: 0g Unsaturated

Fat: 2g Cholesterol: 10mg Sodium: 42mg Carbohydrates: 1g Fiber: 0g Sugar: 8g Protein: 1g

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Tuesdays by appointment
Please use the church phone or Facebook

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 OCC box packing 9 am | 8 | 9 8 am  Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Food Pantry 10 am to Noon  |
| 17 Awana Youth Group 6-7:30 pm | 18 OCC boxes delivery to Owosso | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

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

SPELL CHECK

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| 2. b. | 6. a | 10. c |
| 3. a | 7. c | 11. a |
| 4. b | 8. c | 12. c |

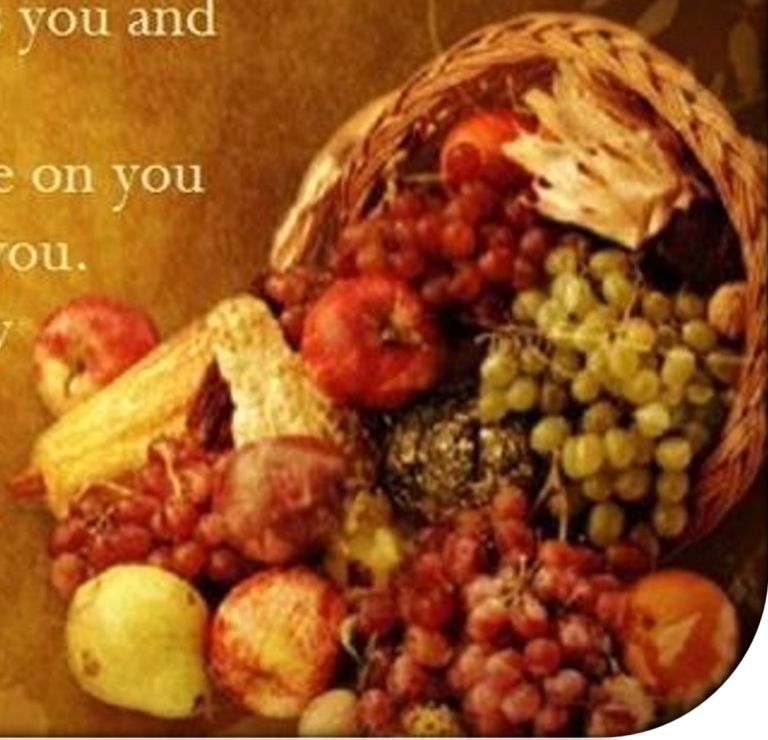
NOVEMBER BLESSINGS

May the LORD bless you and
protect you.

May the LORD smile on you
and be gracious to you.

May the LORD show
you His favor and
give you His peace.

NUMBERS 6:24-26



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