



# The BCC Connection

October  
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.*

## ***Halloween Outreach October 31, 2024***

Please bring in your bags of candy! Last year 300 bags of trick-o-treat bags were filled.

If you would like to help, please see Sandy Braid for details regarding what time you will need to be at the church for filling bags and working on Halloween night.





From your favorite Pastor!

In the upcoming election we are seeing an incredible amount of commercials because Michigan is a battleground state. One thing that has really stood out to me is what the campaigns are attacking about their opponents, in particular those that I tend to support. If you attended our first Sunday evening service (another one coming up on October 6 @ 7pm), you heard my case for Biblical voting. One of the main issues I brought up was life, in particular being pro-life and that we need to consider a candidate's position on this when we vote.

The stance for life entails more than just one part of life, as most people consider abortion to be the issue of life. While it is obviously crucial, it is only one part of it as voting for life also includes infanticide and physician assisted suicide/euthanasia. The Bible clearly states that we are to be pro-life and that there is no choice for mankind to have in this area. God tells us that we are from Him from conception, that He created us (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Isaiah 49:1; Luke 1:41-44; Galatians 1:15). He also told us that every life is in His hands (Exodus 20:13; Exodus 23:7; 2 Kings 8:12; Matthew 18:10; Mark 10:14-16). Every life matters from the moment of conception to the moment of death and that those events are providentially controlled by God.

Alright, back to my original thing. Every commercial I see that opposes candidates I support focuses on their pro-life beliefs. Almost every celebrity I hear endorse a candidate says they are doing so because they support "reproductive rights," which is a not-so-subtle pro-death support. These are the same people that stand at rallies screaming how proud they are of the abortions they've had, while lecturing pro-life people about how hateful we are for wanting to save those lives. Understand me, this is a spiritual battle that we as believers need to engage in.

One way we are trying to help you do that is by hosting a movie night on Sept. 29 @ 7pm. We will be showing "The 1916 Project" by Seth Gruber, the founder of White Rose Resistance. This movie gives us the history of Planned Parenthood and the pro-death movement of the last century. I highly encourage you to attend and invite someone to come with you. You can also go on our YouTube channel and watch the Sunday night service from September 8.

Know your values, vote with the Bible, and share with others why you stand where you do.

Be blessed & be a blessing

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# Twisted Scripture



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## **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.

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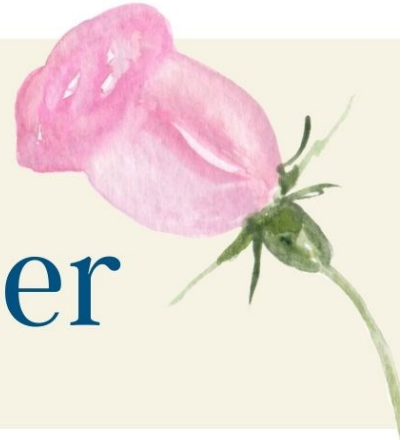
## **Matthew 18:19-20**

***"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.

# Overcoming Fear

## October



- Day 1: Isaiah 43:1-2
- Day 2: Isaiah 35:4
- Day 3: Joshua 1:9
- Day 4: Zephaniah 3:16-17
- Day 5: Deuteronomy 3:22
- Day 6: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 7: Psalm 23:4
- Day 8: Psalm 34:4
- Day 9: Psalm 27:14
- Day 10: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 11: Mark 4:39-40
- Day 12: Mark 5:35-36
- Day 13: John 14:27
- Day 14: Romans 8:31
- Day 15: Romans 8:38-39
- Day 16: 1 Peter 3:13-14
- Day 17: 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Day 18: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 19: Philippians 4:13
- Day 20: 2 Timothy 1:7
- Day 21: 1 John 4:17-18
- Day 22: Psalm 19:14
- Day 23: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 24: Psalm 55:22
- Day 25: Psalm 118:6-7
- Day 26: Proverbs 14:26-27
- Day 27: Proverbs 1:7
- Day 28: Proverbs 15:33
- Day 29: Proverbs 19:23
- Day 30: Psalm 128:1-2
- Day 31: Psalm 128:3-4



Kingdom Bloggers



## Weekly Service Schedule for October 2024

Service	6	13	20	27
Greeter	Chris Adolf	Walt Reed	Tom Wahl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Charlotte Adolf	Marion Reed	Volunteer needed	Karla Reed
Nursery	Cathy Taber	Brian Reed	Jenny Habermehl	Patty Hewitt
Nursery	Laurie Valade	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl	Shana Post
Sound	Matt Post	Matt Post	Aaron Zander	Matt Post
Computer	Maddie Bias	Sarah Bias	Isaac Zander	Maddie Bias
Call to Worship & Prayer	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Carl Cooke
Prayer Elder	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Jr. Church Teacher	Amber Bias	Charlotte Adolf	Becky Durling	Paula Wahl
Jr. Church Helper	Shana Post	Chris Adolf	Cathy Taber	Jenny Habermehl
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Sharon Lewis Daniel 10:1	Maddie Bias TBD	Dan Bryant Daniel 11:45	Sandy Braid Daniel 12:13
Benediction	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Brian Reed
Financial Team	James Huguelet	Tom Wahl	Dan Bryant	Lee Habermehl
Financial Team	Layne Valade	Carl Cooke	Brian Reed	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!***

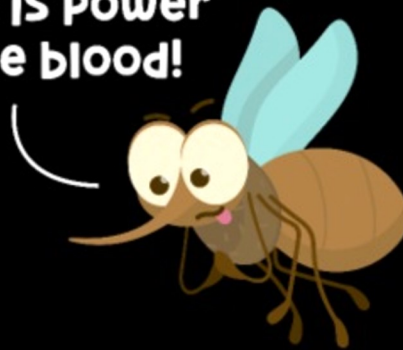


- 1) Is the book of Mordecai in the Old Testament, the New Testament, or neither?  
Testament, or neither?
- 2) Who interpreted the handwriting on the wall when Belshazzar held a great feast?  
David, Joseph, Daniel, Belshazzar
- 3) Where did Jesus live as a boy?  
Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Bethany
- 4) How many days and nights of solitude, prayer, and fasting did Jesus spend in the wilderness?  
Three, ten, twenty, forty
- 5) Where did the Lord tell Jonah to go?  
Jericho, Ninevah, Jerusalem, Israel
- 6) Which of Jesus' disciples walked on the water with him?  
Andrew, Peter, James, John

Answers on pg 11

**i WANT TO BE SO FULL  
• OF CHRIST THAT IF •  
A MOSQUITO BITES ME  
IT FLIES AWAY SINGiNG**

**there is power  
in the blood!**



# This Month's Cause for Celebration!



REED,	BRIAN	2-Oct
RANCOUR	GRACE	3- Oct
MCDONALD,	MICHAEL	7-Oct
TABER,	CATHY	7-Oct
CURITS	KATHY	9-Oct
HOPPE	DOTTIE	10-Oct
LOVE,	GAIL	12-Oct
HABERMEHL,	LEE	14-Oct
WITTERS,	JOYCE	14-Oct
ZANDER	TRACIE	18-Oct
HEIPLE,	KAREN	31-Oct



9	John & Beth	Rumery
12	Lee & Cyndy	Habermehl

# Kids Corner



**Supplies for DIY Glass Cracked Gems and Stones** Clear, flat backed glass gems size large and size small.

Nail polish -various colors

- Baking sheet
- Bowl for ice water

Necklace cord (optional)

Pendant hanger (optional)

Ring blanks for jewelry making (optional)

E6000 glue (optional)

## **Directions for Making DIY Cracked Glass Stones and Gems**

Step 1: Place glass gems on a baking sheet and put them into the oven, heated to 425 degrees, for 20 minutes.

Step 2. A few minutes before the gems are done baking, put some water and ice in a bowl.

Step 3. As soon as the stones are done baking put them into the ice water. The gems will crack immediately. **CAUTION:** Wear protective eyewear in the rare case a gem explodes when you put it into the water. It's highly unlikely this would happen, but always good to be cautious.

Step 4. On the flat side of the cracked stones, paint with nail polish.

Step 5. To create jewelry glue a finished cracked glass gem onto to a ring blank or for necklaces, glue to a pendant hanger and add to a necklace cord. If you don't want to use the glass-cracked gems for jewelry, you can use them for other craft projects. Turn them into magnets or use them as embellishments and decor on wooden boxes and canvases. They would also make beautiful vase filler.



# Mission News!

**UPDATE ON ISAAC ZANDER** – As you know Isaac is working on raising funding to become a full-time Resident Missionary Staff for Camp Barakel. When I talked to Isaac recently he was on a tractor at Camp Barakel working. Right now he is at 75% support. Currently he is working as seasonal to help out at Camp Barakel. He is hoping to be at 100% by the end of fall retreats Lord willing. Will you be in prayer for Isaac so he can be at 100% support soon?

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES** – We keep putting more boxes out in the overflow area. If the supply is gone and you would like to pick up a green shoebox with a red lid, please try to find: Karla Reed, Cathy Tabor, Sandy Braid or Laurie Valade. We have several boxes available. After you have filled an OCC box, please tape a note to the top of the shoebox indicating whether it is for a girl or a boy and the age it would be appropriate for: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Please be bringing in your filled shoeboxes now. If you are interested in packing OCC boxes using items from our collection box, please let us know and we will contact you when we schedule an OCC box packing time get together.

**FILL THEM WITH**



**HALLOWEEN OUTREACH** –



At this time we are planning to have our regular Halloween outreach. Please be collecting bags of candy that you will be able to bring in. As in the past, we plan to put several pieces of candy in a Ziplock bag along with a Christian tract to give out to the kids. We also plan to have hot chocolate, cider, and doughnut holes as we have done in the past. It is a fun night to see all the trick or treaters and it is our opportunity to show our community that we are a friendly church.

# 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.



## Skillet Cheesy Chicken & Veggie "Rice"

**YIELD:** 2 Serving

**PER SERVING:** 1 Leaner Protein, 3 Greens, 2 ½ Condiments, 1 Fat

### INGREDIENTS:

13-ounces chicken breast, cubed small  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp garlic powder  
¼ pepper  
2 tsp olive oil  
2 cloves crushed garlic  
1/4 cup chopped green onion  
12 ounces riced cauliflower and broccoli  
(Try Green Giant Riced Cauliflower Broccoli)  
1/2 cup reduced fat sharp cheddar

### DIRECTIONS:

Season chicken w/1/4 tsp salt, garlic powder, and pepper.  
Heat skillet over high heat. Add 1 tsp oil and half the chicken.  
Cook 2-3 minutes, until no pink in center and browned on the edges. Set aside.  
Repeat w/remaining chicken.  
On medium-heat cook remaining 1 tsp oil, onion and garlic 2 minutes. Add vegetables, 1/4 tsp salt, and pepper cook 5-6 minutes.  
Add chicken and cheese cover. Cook on low 2-3 minutes.

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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
		1	2	3	4	5
6  Evening Service 7 pm	7	8	9 Ladies Fellowship 10 am  Elders 7 pm	10	11	12  Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am
13	14 Missions 10 am  CE 6 pm	15	16	17	18	19 10 am—Noon 
20 Awana Youth Group 6-7:30 pm	21	22	23	24	25	26  5:15 pm
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween outreach		This weekend! 

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

**ANSWERS:**

- 1) Neither. (Mordecai was the son of Jair and a cousin of Esther.)
- 2) Daniel (Daniel 5:17 – 28).
- 3) Nazareth (Luke 2:39 – 40).
- 4) Forty (Luke 4:1 – 2).
- 5) Ninevah (Jonah 1:1 – 2).
- 6) Peter (Matthew 14:28 – 29).



*And God's peace, which is far  
beyond human understanding, will  
keep your hearts and minds safe in  
union with Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7



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