



The BCC Connection

June
2022

Bancroft Congregational Church
Pastor Todd Evans

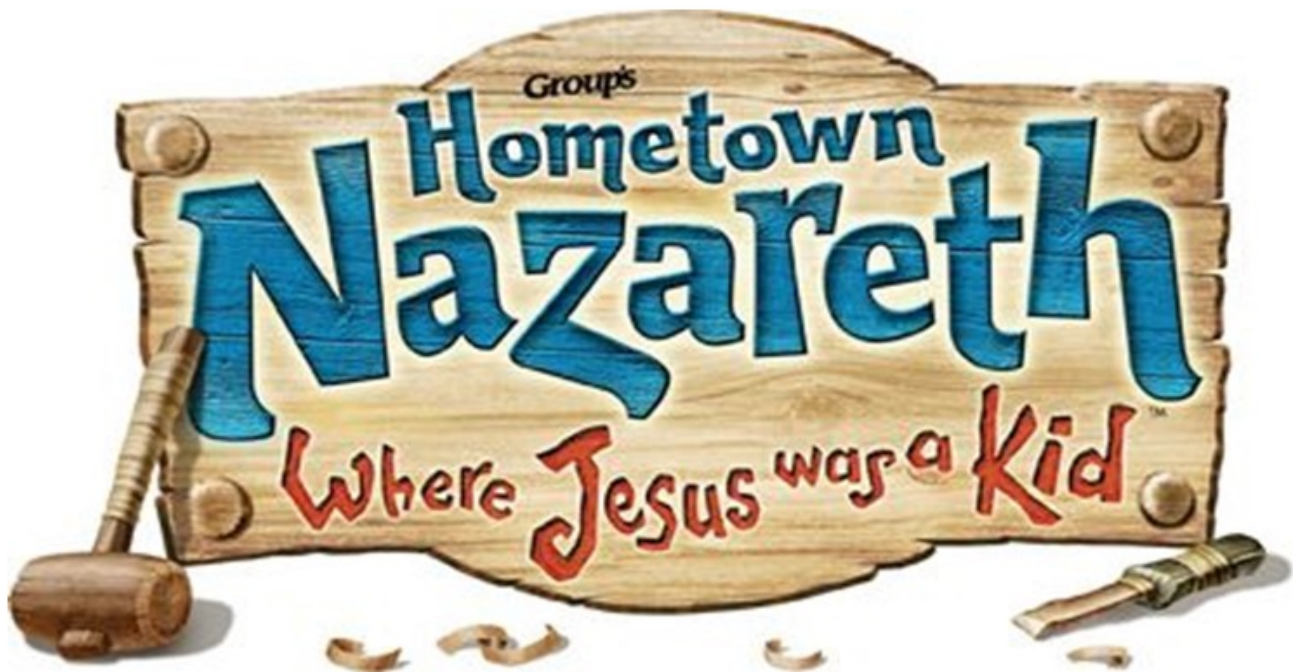
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Sunday Worship Hours

Christian Education Hour 9:45 am

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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



Kids will step back in time to when Jesus was a kid and explore the culture of Jesus' boyhood. They will have an amazing adventure as they play outside games, eat refreshing snacks, create cool crafts, and experience some great learning times. They will visit Mary, Jesus' mother along with her nosey, unbelieving neighbor Eunice. As Mary tries to help Eunice discover the truth about Jesus, the kids will have opportunity to voice their beliefs and invite her to join them in our Celebration times.

Check out the donation board and sign up sheet in the overflow room!

June 26 — June 30
Sunday — Thursday
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm



From Your Favorite Pastor

As we head into summer, many people start thinking about vacation or getting away to cabins and retreats. For churches, we start thinking about VBS. This ministry is one that impacts the church in a great deal of ways. A recent study showed that VBS is one of the most effective ways to reach youth in the community surrounding the local church. It's also one of the most effective ways of getting a lot of people in the church involved in ministry. The study went on to show that VBS had a lasting impact on the kids and families that attended that were unchurched. This is one of the most important things to take away from this: *the unchurched*.

The largest segment in our population today are those that have no experience in church! These are people who weren't raised in a church, typically don't even have family members in church, and don't even set foot in one for weddings or funerals. In Michigan, the largest *religious affiliation* group is the "nones" (unchurched): 23.5% of the population. As we know from our study in Acts a while back, the church has a mission: Love God, love others, and make disciples. We also know from studies that our chances to reach the unchurched youth in our communities decreases rapidly after age 13. In fact, the studies show that over 90% of believers make that choice BEFORE age 13!

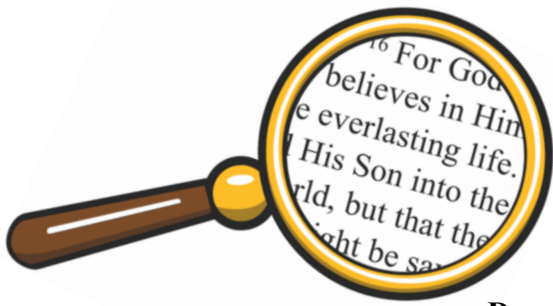
VBS is one of the biggest opportunities we have to reach the kids in our local community. It is one of the few chances we have as a church to teach them about Christ and possibly lead them to their eternal salvation through Him. As we head toward our VBS this June, remember we need everyone in the church participating in one of the most important ministries that we have, one that Jesus called us to during His time here on earth.

Read Luke 18:16; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14.

In the meantime, have a wonderful Memorial Day!!

Be blessed & be a blessing

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Apologetics

Does the Bible Demean Women?

By Marla Alupoice
Apologetics Bible pg. 507

The Bible does not demean women. Scripture honors women of all walks of life, including single women, widows, wives, mothers, homemakers, businesswomen, and spiritual leaders like Deborah. Unfortunately, many people have taken Bible passages out of context in order to control and abuse women. This exploitation contradicts the Lord's plan for His people and deeply grieves His heart.

God created Eve as the finishing touch of His creation. He took one of Adam's ribs and specially crafted Eve from it as a helper suitable for Adam, a perfect counterpart for him (Genesis 2:18, 21-22). The Bible says God created men and women in His image, according to His likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). Men and women are equal in God's kingdom; yet they possess distinct roles and strengths.

In the Garden of Eden, the serpent deceived Eve, and she ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam ate also. As part of the curse for this sin, God announced to Eve, "Your desire will be for your husband, yet he will dominate you" (Genesis 3:16). Throughout history, passages like this have been wrongly used to suggest that women are inferior to men. Commonly abused texts include:

"the man is the head of the woman" (I Corinthians 11:3)

"It is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church meeting" (I Corinthians 14:35)

"Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22)

"I do not allow a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; instead, she is to be silent" (I Timothy 2:12)

While wives are instructed to respect and submit to their husbands, husbands are also instructed to love, lead, protect, and provide for their wives. The husband's leadership is not to be domineering, but loving, as Christ loves the church and gave His life for it. Sharon James notes, "The Bible explains the meaning behind gender distinctions. Masculine strength can be protection and provision. Many women are gifted with a 'helper design' – relational capacities to nurture and care" (Does the Bible Demean Women?" in the Apologetics Study Bible).

The Bible mentions many influential, godly women who held crucial roles in ministry. Some from the Old Testament such as Rahab and Esther, played crucial roles in helping God's people. From the New Testament, some women supported Jesus and the disciples; others furthered the gospel through prayer, financial support, acts of mercy, and other ministries. All of these women were commended for their important contributions to God's kingdom work. They include:

Ana (Luke 2:36-38)

Phoebe (Romans 16:1)

Tabitha (Dorcas) [Acts 9:36-41]

Lydia (Acts 16:13-15)

Joanna (Luke 8:3)

Susanna (Luke 8:3)

Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)

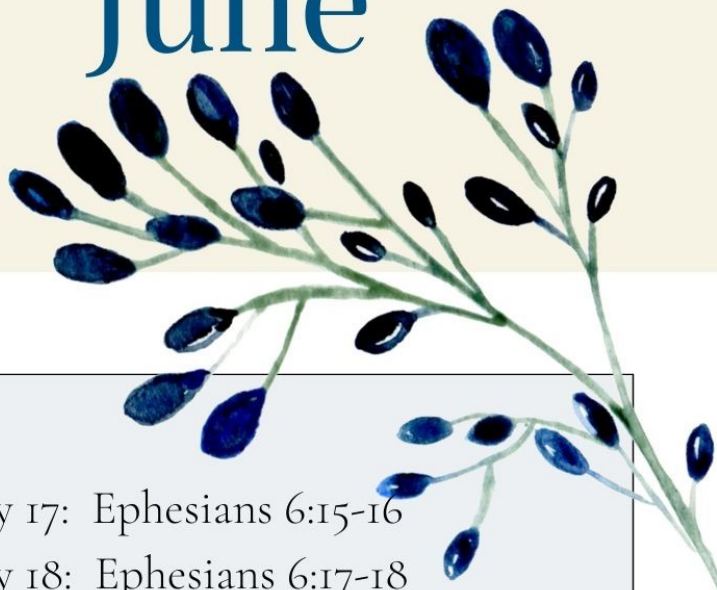
Lois and Eunice, Timothy's grandmother and mother (2 Timothy 1:5)



To fully answer the question, "Does the Bible demean women?" we really must ask, "Did Jesus demean women?" As God incarnate, He did not demean women. Rather, He powerfully affirmed their worth. He demonstrated love and compassion to women and engaged them in discussions about relationships and other significant issues (Matthew 9:22; John 4:7-29). In fact, the level of interaction He had with women shocked His disciples and the religious leaders of His day. Jesus Christ valued and affirmed women, and He is our ultimate example.

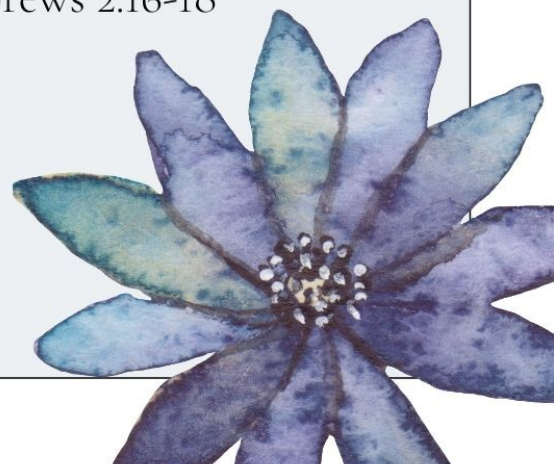
Dealing with the Adversary

June



- Day 1: Isaiah 14:12-14
- Day 2: Ezekiel 28:12-13
- Day 3: Ezekiel 28:14-15
- Day 4: Ezekiel 28:16-17
- Day 5: Ezekiel 28:18-19
- Day 6: Genesis 3:1
- Day 7: Genesis 3:4-5
- Day 8: Genesis 3:15
- Day 9: Job 1:6-7
- Day 10: 1 Peter 5:8-9
- Day 11: Matthew 4:1-2
- Day 12: Matthew 4:3-4
- Day 13: Matthew 4:5-7
- Day 14: Matthew 4:8-10
- Day 15: Ephesians 6:12
- Day 16: Ephesians 6:13-14
- Day 17: Ephesians 6:15-16
- Day 18: Ephesians 6:17-18
- Day 19: 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- Day 20: Hebrews 4:14-16
- Day 21: James 1:12-13
- Day 22: Matthew 26:41
- Day 23: James 4:7
- Day 24: Galatians 5:16-17
- Day 25: 2 Corinthians 10:3
- Day 26: 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- Day 27: Psalm 119:11
- Day 28: Psalm 97:10
- Day 29: Hebrews 2:14-15
- Day 30: Hebrews 2:16-18

Pastors Bible reading for this month: Read Luke 18:16;
Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14.



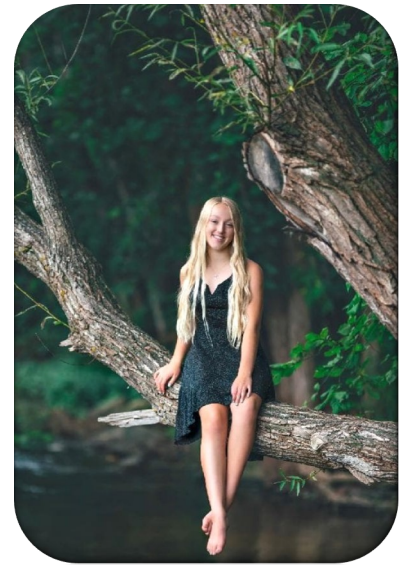


Christian graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelors degree in neuroscience and psychology and an associates in cognitive science.

He will be taking a 'gap' year to intern in his field. He plans to enter grad school to pursue a doctorate in the fall of 23 or 24.



During Sydney's time in bootcamp she had the privilege of serving as Recruit Religious Petty Officer. God provided many opportunities for Sydne to not only share the gospel and encourage her fellow recruits but also grow in her own faith and trust in God's divine plan. She has a few amazing examples of God clearly and boldly working in specific situations and answering prayers. Sydne will be in Pensacola FL for the next 3-6 months where she will be completing her A school for Cryptologic Technician (CTR). Once completed and top security clearance granted she will receive orders for where she will be stationed. During this time Sydne plans to submit a request to enter the Navy's STA-21 program that will allow her to complete her bachelors degree while enlisted and become a commissioned officer. This program is only offered to a select few and requires top academic achievements and an Officers recommendation as well as many other specific qualifications.



Jade is continuing her education with the fifth year program this year through LCC. She then plans to attend a four year university, and although undecided at the moment, she is looking into College of the Ozarks in Missouri.

Congratulations Grads!

Weekly Service Schedule for June 2022

Service	5th Youth Sunday	12th Communion	19th Father's Day	26th
Greeter	Youth Group	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Youth Group	Jr. Love	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed
Nursery	Brian Reed	Jenny Habermehl	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade
Nursery	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade
Sound	Youth Group	Jazz Evans	Matt Post	Isaac Zander
Computer	Youth Group	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke
Welcome/Call to Worship	Youth Group	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post
Prayer Elder	Youth Group	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl
Jr. Church Teacher	Charlotte Adolf	Becky Durling	Diane Lepior	Sharon Lewis
Jr. Church Helper	Lee Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Amber Bias
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Youth Group	Shad Deal	Layne Valade James 4:11-12	Sharon Lewis James 4:13-17
Benediction	Youth Group	Matt Post	Layne Valade	Brian Reed
Financial Team	Dan Bryant	Tom Wahl	Dan Bryant	Carl Cooke
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Communion		Tom Wahl		

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!

Worker Schedule for July 2022

Service	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Greeter	Walt Reed	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed
Greeter	Marion Reed	Jr. Love	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed	Marion Reed
Nursery	Cathy Taber	Brian Reed	Jenny Habermehl	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade
Nursery	Laurie Valade	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade
Sound	Matt Post	Jade Evans	Jazz Evans	Matt Post	Isaac Zander
Computer	Kaylee Siddens	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke
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Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Sandy Braid James 5:1-12	Maddie Bias James 5:13-20	Dan Bryant Psalm 46:1	Jordan Owens TBD	Carl Cooke TBD
Benediction	Pastor	Carl	Lee	Matt	Layne
Financial Team	Layne	Tom	Lee	Brian	Carl
Financial Team	James	Brian	Matt	Dan	Layne
Communion	Carl Cooke				

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



3rd Sally Mahar
5th Dennis Malloy
8th Janice Hoshal
16th Walt Reed
18th Missy Tribley
19th Karla Reed
20th Loretta Leithauser
21st Mike Heiple

...singing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs among yourselves,
and making music
to the Lord in your hearts.
Ephesians 5:19

4th Todd & Lisa Deering
18th Layne & Daphne Valade
20th Ray & Sharon Blair
21st Gary & Sue Hammond
23rd Skip & Cathy Taber



Tweethearts

Kids Corner



Totally Radical 80's Friendship Pins



Beading Tip: When you are working with beads it is a good idea to work on top of a towel. Using a towel will keep the beads from rolling all right off your work surface. The little beads will be caught in the towel loops...so make sure it isn't a smooth towel. This really helps when you're working on pattern designs – keeps your patterns in order.

WHAT YOU NEED TO MAKE FRIENDSHIP PINS WITH BEADS

an assortment of beads

an assortment of safety pins

graph paper

Graph your design



Fill your pins with beads then find a cool place to pin them!



Easy Rag Flip Flops

Cut strips of fabric in colors you love. Make sure they are about 6" in length. Tie them on to the straps of your flip flops. Tie as many as you'd like to make your flip flops as full as you are comfortable with. Enjoy!



Mission News!

FILL THEM WITH



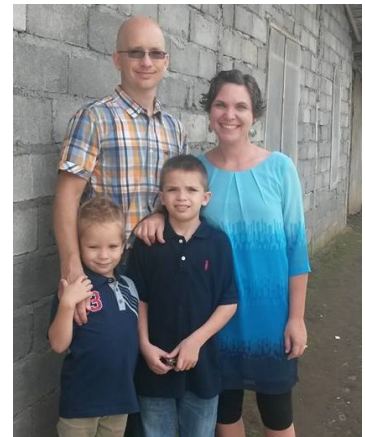
Our goal this year is to pack 130 boxes for needy children around the globe. Predicably, the price of shipping has gone up this year to \$10. As you know, the children who receive these gift boxes have NEVER gotten a gift of any kind in their lives! Can you image your child or grandchild living is such poverty that they have never received a gift...birthday, Christmas or otherwise?



Not only do these gift boxes delight these children, they speak volumes of the love of Christ to their whole community! The children are also invited to attend classes where they learn about Jesus and are invited to ask Him to be their Savior...and MANY do!

Please help us bless these children and their communities across the globe!

Don't forget! Shad and Sarah Deal will be with us for Worship Hour on Sunday, June 12th. Their sons Brandon and Brice will be with them as well and they have grown so much since they were here last! We will also enjoy a potluck dinner following the service. This will be a great time to get to know this wonderful family and hear more about the important ministry they do.



Community Hands

We already have identified a few people who need help around their home. Some need general yard care, some will need outside painting done and still others need more skilled help with plumbing, electrical, drywall and mudding, concrete removal and etc. If you have any of these skill or know someone who does and are willing to help, please contact the church [989-634-5724] M-F 9am to 2pm and let us know what you can help with! Thanks!

There will not be a regular meeting in June, but be watching for organizational meetings for Community Hands...



Grandma's Kitchen

HOT HAM AND PINEAPPLE CAMPFIRE SANDWICHES



These Hot Ham and Pineapple Campfire Sandwiches are a delicious and easy tin foil recipe. Plus cleanup is a breeze! (You can even bake these in the oven too!)

INGREDIENTS

- ◆ 6 Rhodes Artisan French Rolls, thawed to room temperature
- ◆ 9 oz deli sliced ham
- ◆ 6 pineapple rings, cut in half if desired
- ◆ 6 slices cheddar cheese
- ◆ 2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- ◆ 1 Tbsp honey

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut rolls in half. Mix the Dijon mustard with the honey and spread the bottom of each roll with some of the honey-mustard mixture.
2. Layer each sandwich as follows: Fold a few pieces of ham and place it on top of the honey-mustard. Top the ham with a pineapple ring, cut in half, if desired. Top pineapple with a slice of cheddar cheese, and the top half of the roll.
3. Wrap each sandwich well with heavy-duty aluminum foil. Place the sandwiches over hot coals or a grill rack until hot, about 20 minutes depending upon the temperature of your fire. Alternatively, you can bake these sandwiches directly on top of the center rack in a 400 degree Fahrenheit oven for 15 minutes. Carefully unwrap and enjoy!



Bacon Ranch Chicken Foil Packets

INGREDIENTS

- 6 tablespoons butter melted
- 2 tablespoons ranch seasoning powder
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 medium sized chicken breasts approximately 4 ounces each
- 1 pound small red potatoes halved or quartered
- nonstick cooking spray
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 slices bacon cooked and crumbled
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees or a grill over medium high heat. In a small bowl whisk together the butter, ranch seasoning, and salt and pepper to taste.
2. Coat 4 large squares of foil with cooking spray.
3. Place the potatoes in a bowl and drizzle with 4 tablespoons of the ranch butter over the top. Toss to coat evenly.
4. Place a chicken breast onto each of the foil squares and season with salt and pepper to taste. Divide the potatoes evenly among the 4 foil squares and arrange them around the chicken.
5. Drizzle the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter over the chicken breasts. Fold the edges of the foil over the chicken and potatoes to make a packet.
6. Bake for 45 minutes or grill for 30 minutes. Open the packets and sprinkle the cheese over the chicken and potatoes. Leave the packets open and return to the oven or grill for 2-3 minutes or until cheese melts. Sprinkle with bacon and parsley and serve.

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 Tuesdays by appointment
*Please use the church phone or Facebook
 to contact the office during office hours.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 	6	7	8 7 pm - Ladies Fellowship Elders	9	10 Youth Group— End of the Year Bash	11 8 am 
12  Young Adults Bible Study 5pm	13 No Missions or CE Meetings this month	14  Flag Day	15	16	17	18 10 am—Noon 
19 	20	21 	22	23	24	25
26 6pm to 8pm ←	27	28 	29	30 Sun—Thurs →		
Weekly activities: Wednesday: 10am Adult Bible Study Wednesdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group Thursday: 6:00pm Karate						

Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12



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