



The BCC Connection

May
2023

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.

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal,
forward or backward, and may overlap.

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ABIGAIL
ANNA
BATHSHEBA
CHLOE
CLAUDIA
DEBORAH

ESTHER
EUNICE
HANNAH
JAELE
JEMIMAH
JUDITH

KEZIAH
LEAH
LOIS
LYDIA
MARTHA
MARY

NAOMI
PHOEBE
RACHEL
RAHAB
RUTH
ZIPPORAH



From your Favorite Pastor



The 5th New York Volunteer Infantry, "Duryée's Zouaves," was one of the most renowned fighting regiments of the American Civil War. Their colorful Zouave uniform, precise maneuvers, effectiveness in combat and steady bearing under fire, won them universal respect and recognition. "I doubt whether it had an equal," General George Sykes said of the 5th New York. On the afternoon of August 30, 1862, the third day of the Second Battle of Manassas, John Bell Hood's famed "Texas Brigade" launched a massive attack. There were few Union troops to meet the onslaught, among those, were two Zouave regiments: the 5th and 10th New York. In less than 10 minutes, 85 lives of approximately 525 men of the 5th New York were lost.

Brevet Brigadier General Hiram Duryea, former commander of the 5th New York, would later comment on that fateful day in a Memorial Day tribute at Manassas in 1907, on land he had purchased for the erection of a monument to his beloved Zouaves: *"We stand on holy ground! For this field was the altar of God. The Master said, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' Here, our comrades laid down their lives for love of country, for human right, for the love and service of man. We sorrow at their loss, but we rejoice at their glorious death and achievements. God grant that the fruits of their sacrifice be preserved to our country."* As we approach Memorial Day, we remember and celebrate the sacrifice of the over 1.3 million deaths and over 38,000 missing soldiers that have served to protect this nation. That sacrifice gave us the freedom to worship God in this amazing country, and we are to honor that sacrifice.

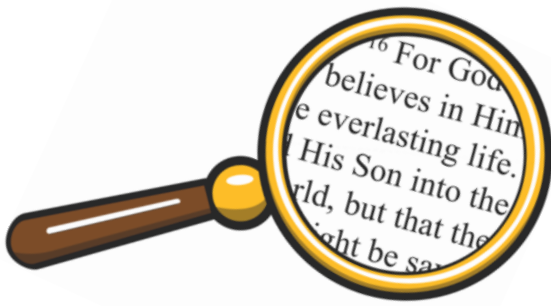
We honor that as believers in Christ by doing what Jesus called us to. Brigadier General Duryea quoted John 15:13 above. But when we look at the context of that passage in v.9-17, we see that Jesus was calling us to something specific with that. First, He tells us that we are His friends when we follow Him and do what He calls us to. As our friends, He gave the ultimate sacrifice for us by dying on the cross. (v.13-14) Then in v.16 He goes on to tell us how we honor that sacrifice, "...go and produce lasting fruit..." That fruit is sharing the message of hope that only Jesus gives, the hope of salvation through Him alone. Jesus finishes the passage with the command that will help us accomplish that: "love each other." (v.17) Love people sacrificially through serving them, helping them, giving generously, and standing by them through the trials of life.

This Memorial Day pray for the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, pray for the salvation of all those serving now, and go love others to Christ- fulfilling His command. Read John 15:1-17 this month and pray about what He says to you there.

Happy summer!!

In Christ's love,

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Apologetics

What is the Core of the Biblical Worldview?

By Bayard Taylor

Apologetics Bible pg. 1323

With all the doctrinal disagreements between people who name themselves Christian and with all the shifts in attitudes and changes various churches have made through history, is it possible to identify a single, core biblical worldview that unites all Christians?

This question is pressing because too often Christians expend a lot of effort disputing minor points of doctrine. It's all the more pressing because, in the marketplace of ideas in which worldviews, religions, and philosophies vie for public approval, many Christians don't have the foggiest notion of what distinguishes the Christian faith from alternatives.

Let's first consider what the core *isn't*. It isn't church tradition. Church traditions, whether represented by the Eastern Orthodox churches, the Roman Catholic church, Protestants of all stripes, the Anglican Communion, or the Pentecostal churches and their offshoots are not the core; they are only interpretations of the core, an attempt to live Christlike in a lost world. Private opinions on non-essential issues or issues about which the Bible is silent are not the core, though some people mistakenly take them to be so. These are ways of being Christian, but they do not define the core Christian worldview.

So, what *is* the core? What have Christians through the ages believed and taught as most important? To begin with, the core of the biblical worldview emphasizes major things like God as the sole Creator of heaven and earth; God as holy; God as One who communicates His existence and character; and people as made in God's image for a relationship with Him (Genesis 1:26-27). The basic framework is summarized well in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Both affirm Jesus Christ as God's Son and Savior; His death on the cross for our sins; His literal resurrection from the dead; the Holy Spirit as God; and the urgency of salvation.

The core of the biblical worldview also includes acceptance of the Bible as God's authoritative revelation. We need to remember, however, that not everything in the Bible is of equal weight or importance; some things are central and abide through the centuries (like the moral principles of the Ten Commandments); others are bound to time and culture (like the Old Testament sacrificial system).

Reciting creeds or having correct knowledge about God is important but it's not a genuine experience of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The core biblical worldview has never been about arid philosophical knowledge; it's always been about knowing God, following God, following Christ, and being attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. It's always been about living the truth in your daily lifestyle not just knowing it as a set of data in your head. In fact, the Bible teaches that unless you're doing the truth, you don't really know the truth. As the Apostle John wrote to his fellow believer Gaius, "I was very glad when some brothers came and testified to your faithfulness to the truth—how are you walking in the truth, I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in the truth" (3 John 3-4). Learning to do the truth—to walk in the truth—is a daily process, and that puts all of us in a constant learning mode rather than a having-it-all-figures-out mode.

Learning to Trust

May

- Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 2: Psalm 9:9-10
- Day 3: Psalm 20:7-8
- Day 4: Psalm 112:7
- Day 5: Psalm 28:7
- Day 6: Proverbs 29:25
- Day 7: Proverbs 15:20
- Day 8: Joshua 1:9
- Day 9: Jeremiah 17:5-6
- Day 10: Jeremiah 17:7-8
- Day 11: Psalm 31:1-2
- Day 12: Psalm 37:3-4
- Day 13: Psalm 37:5
- Day 14: Psalm 55:22
- Day 15: Isaiah 26:3-4
- Day 16: Isaiah 40:28-29
- Day 17: Isaiah 40:30-31
- Day 18: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 19: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 20: Psalm 118:8-9
- Day 21: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 22: Psalm 32:10-11
- Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 24: John 10:27-28
- Day 25: John 14:1
- Day 26: John 16:33
- Day 27: Luke 8:48
- Day 28: Luke 11:9-10
- Day 29: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 30: Romans 8:28
- Day 31: 1 John 5:14-15

Kingdom Bloggers



June 25th - June 30th

6:00 –8:30pm

Sandy Braid—Director

We still need several people to cover all our areas. Seeing a child or an adult receive Christ as their Savior is a very rewarding experience. That's what VBS is all about—pointing people to Christ. It brings such joy to see that happen, the experience never gets old! This is our opportunity to be a part of making that happen.

Will you say “YES” to help with VBS? We do understand if you have physical limitations or work commitments that prevent you from being a part, but could you pray for us? It would be such an encouragement to our VBS team to know our church is behind us and praying for us. Please let me (Sandy Braid) know if you are praying for this outreach. You can text/call me at 989-277-0566 or drop a note in my mailbox saying, “I am starting NOW to pray for VBS”. And I will share that with the VBS team.

Currently, we have these needs:

- ⇒ -We need a celebration leader to lead us in song and motions on Thursday (our last day, Jenny needs to work)
 - ⇒ -We need 1 more Tribe Leader
 - ⇒ -We need a photographer
- ⇒ -We need 2 people to help with games, 1 can be a teen and the other an adult that is Child Protection Certified
 - ⇒ -We need men to volunteer for short 5–8-minute dramas
 - ⇒ Please let me know if you can help us out, thanks!



Weekly Service Schedule for May 2023

Service	7th	14th Mother's Day	21st	28th
Greeter	Walt Reed	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Marion Reed	Jr. Love	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed
Nursery	Laurie Valade	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade	Brian Reed
Nursery	Cathy Taber	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade	Karla Reed
Sound	Matt Post	Isaac Zander	Matt Post	Jade Evans
Computer	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke	Kaylee Siddens	Sarah Bias
Call to Worship & Prayer	Layne Valade	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Prayer Elder	Matt Post	Carl Cooke	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Jr. Church Teacher	Diane Lepior	Sharon Lewis	Charlotte Adolf	Paula Wahl
Jr. Church Helper	Shana Post	Amber Bias	Cevin Valade	Jenny Cooke
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Sandy Braid	Carl Cooke	Laurie Valade	Carl Cooke
Benediction	Pastor	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Dan Bryant
Financial Team	Gary Hammond	Tom Wahl	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
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!



Weekly Service Schedule for June 2023

Service	4th	11th	18th	25th
Greeter	Youth Sunday	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Youth Sunday	Jr. Love	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed
Nursery	Jenny Habermehl	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade	Cathy Taber
Nursery	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade	Laurie Valade
Sound	Youth Sunday	Matt Post	Isaac Zander	Matt Post
Computer	Youth Sunday	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke	Kaylee Siddens
Call to Worship & Prayer	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Prayer Elder	Youth Sunday	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post
Jr. Church Teacher	Becky Durling	Diane Lepior	Sharon Lewis	Charlotte Adolf
Jr. Church Helper	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Amber Bias	Cevin Valade
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Youth Sunday	Layne Valade TBD	Laurie Valade TBD	Jade Evans Rev 13:16-18
Benediction	Pastor	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet
Financial Team	Dan Bryant	Gary Hammond	Tom Wahl	Layne Valade
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This Month's Cause for Celebration!

4th	Maddie Bias
6th	Alex Malloy
8th	Al Bias
13th	Tom Wahl
14th	Clyde Lewis
15th	Sue Canute
18th	Amber Evans
18th	Jazz Evans
19th	Diane Lepior
21st	Christian Valade
29th	David Zander
30th	Matthew Zander



2nd Tom & Paula Wahl



Kids Corner



At Home Challenge

IMAGINE	MOVE	CHALLENGE	CREATE	LEARN
1 MAKE YOUR OWN JOKE BOOK	2 SET UP AN OBSTACLE COURSE	3 NO FIGHTING WITH SIBLINGS CHALLENGE	4 MAKE A CRAFT OUT OF A TOILET PAPER ROLL	5 READ 20 PAGES FROM A NEW BOOK
6 WRITE A FUNNY STORY	7 COMPLETE SUPER FUN WORKOUT	8 COMPLETE A SCAVENGER HUNT!	9 MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE OR POEM AND MAKE A PICTURE OF IT	10 LEARN HOW TO COUNT TO 10 IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE
11 CREATE A SECRET HANDSHAKE TOGETHER	12 MAKE UP YOUR OWN DANCE ROUTINE	13 NO ELECTRONICS ALL DAY CHALLENGE	14 MAKE A DINNER COURSE OR DESSERT	15 VIDEO CHAT FAMILY & HAVE THEM TEACH SOMETHING
16 WRITE A SONG	17 FAMILY CHARADES	18 VIDEO CHAT WITH GRANDPARENTS	19 TRY A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT	20 WATCH A VIDEO ABOUT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO LEARN
21 WRITE A LETTER TO A FAMILY MEMBER	22 ALPHABET SCAVENGER HUNT	23 TONGUE TWISTERS	24 DRAW YOUR OWN COMIC BOOK	25 PLAY A BOARD GAME
26 CREATE YOUR OWN RECIPE	27 SPEND TIME IN THE BACKYARD	28 ORGANIZE YOUR ROOM	29 DO A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS	30 DO A WORD SEARCH

Mission News!

EASTER BREAKFAST – I would like to thank all those who helped with the Easter Breakfast. We had people who set up tables and chairs and put the tablecloths and flowers on the tables. We had several people helping to get the food on the table Easter morning and several people who made all the delicious food we ate for our Easter Breakfast. And we had several people who stayed after and helped clean up. If I tried to list everyone who helped I know I would miss someone. So, I will just say a huge THANK YOU to all who helped. You were a blessing to me. We collected \$226 in our baskets on the tables and that will go towards a mission trip.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM GARAGE SALE GOING TO “Operation Christmas Child” shoeboxes. The sale has been set for May 12 & 13 from 9 am to 4 pm both days. The sale be held at the home of Tom and Sandy Braid at 3142 E. Newburg Rd. Durand. Please call Sandy at 989-277-0566 for information or to arrange for dropping off items after May 6th to be put in the sale. If you have any extra Garage Sale signs I can have or borrow, I would greatly appreciate it. I plan to be placing an ad in The Independent and Argus Press. But I will also make a post on Facebook and I am asking if you see it to repost on your Facebook page so all your friends can see it. This will be free advertising for this event and hopefully, we can raise \$\$ for “Operation Christmas Child”. Thank you in advance for all your help and donations.

OPERTION CHRISTMAS CHILD donation box is in the overflow area by the Mission bulletin board. Please let us know if you find a good price for stuffed animals. We normally put one in every box we send. But of course, we need all the other items also. Lots of ideas were in the April newsletter of items you can put in the shoeboxes. But if you need help, please call me, I am always happy to help, thanks!

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS JAR – We have this jar out collecting \$\$ so we can send a ``Christmas gift to our missionaries. We have 10 missionaries that we send \$100 each in November. We decided to leave this jar out all year long so as several ministries are winding down around the end of October, for example, OCC, Halloween Outreach, and Missionary Christmas, it just helps out financially. When dividing \$1,000 by twelve, we need to be taking in around \$83.33 monthly to stay on track, so we do not need a lot of money by the end of October. Currently, we should have \$499.98 by the end of April. At this time, we are behind by \$134.98. Our Missions treasurer, Tom Wahl said we accept cash or checks designated to our Missionary Christmas Jar, thank you for your consideration. The jar is located in the belltower by our mailboxes.

PLEASE JOIN OUR MISSION TEAM - We invite you to join our Mission meeting. Our next meeting is Monday, May 8th at 10 am. We meet at the church, normally in the little room beside our pantry. But sometimes we move to another location in the church. But we will be there someplace! Come join us.



Grandma's Kitchen



Cheesy Broccoli Bites

INGREDIENTS:

6 cups steam-in-bag frozen broccoli
¼ cup thinly sliced scallions
4 large eggs
2 cups 1% cottage cheese
1 ¼ cups shredded, moderate-fat mozzarella cheese
¼ cup parmesan cheese
2 tsp olive oil
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
Cooking Spray

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375° F.
2. Cook broccoli according to package directions.
3. Once cooled, add broccoli to food processor and blend until finely chopped.
4. Add scallions, eggs, cottage cheese, mozzarella, parmesan, olive oil, garlic, and salt to broccoli, and blend until well combined.
5. Scoop mixture into 20 to 24 slots of two, standard-size, lightly-greased muffin tins, and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until the filling is set and golden brown.

YIELD: 4 servings, (5 – 6 bites per serving)

Egg Roll in a Bowl!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 pound ground turkey breast
- 12 ounces shredded cabbage
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ginger, minced
- ½ cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a small bowl, combine the garlic, ginger, soy sauce and sesame oil. Set aside.
2. In a large skillet, brown the turkey over medium-high heat.
3. Add the shredded cabbage and stir to combine.
4. Add the sauce mixture to the meat and veggies. Stir and cook for about 3 to 5 minutes, until the cabbage has just begun to wilt but is still crunchy.

Yields: 3 servings

Per serving: 1 Lean Protein | 3 vegetables | 3 condiments | 1 healthy fat



Youth Group trip to Camp Barakel



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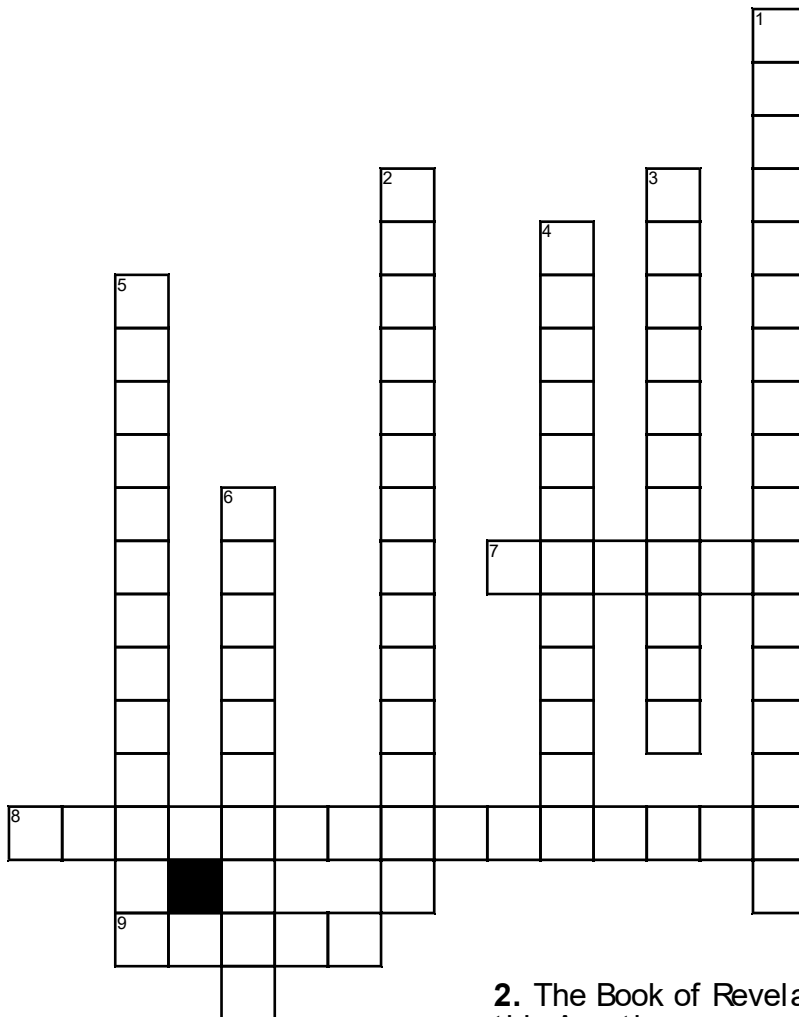
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Secretary: Diane Lepior
Office Hours: 9-2 daily
Call ahead please,
most days the office works offsite
Tuesdays by appointment
Please use the church phone or Face-

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 	8	9	10	11	12 CCCC Rally in Allegan, MI	13  <i>Men's Prayer Breakfast</i> 8 am
14 	15	16	17	18	19  6:30-8:30 Game Night Birthday Party	20 Food Pantry 10 am—Noon 
21 Y. G. Movie Night 6-8 pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 	30	31			

Weekly Activities:

- Tuesdays—Karate
- Wednesdays: 10 am Adult Bible Study
- Thursday: 6:30 pm Adult Small Group Bible Study

REVELATION - Chapters 1-11



Across

7. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the _____ saith unto the churches
 8. Ch 3: 12 The name of the City of God
 9. What is Sealed with seven seals
 10. The last book of the Bible

Down

1. Ch 7 What did those who came out of great tribulation wash their robes with

2. The Book of Revelations was written by this Apostle

3. The only one who could make Heavenly Father's plan possible

4. The place where John the Divine wrote the Book of Revelations

5. Another name for the Lord Jesus Christ in Rev. 1:8

6. Chapter 3: 20 Behold I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and _____, I will come in to him"

*May God
bless you far more
abundantly than all you can
even ask or think
Eph 3:20*



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