



# The BCC Connection

June  
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.*

## **WHERE IS THAT STORY IN THE BIBLE?**

In what book of the Bible would you look to find the following stories?

1. Saul becoming Israel's first king
2. Peter getting out of prison while his friends were praying for him
3. Jesus teaching in the temple at age twelve
4. Abraham leaving his homeland at God's request
5. The giving of the Ten Commandments
6. Elijah being taken to heaven in a "chariot of fire"
7. King Belshazzar's banquet where the people saw the handwriting on the wall
8. Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana
9. Achan taking what didn't belong to him at Jericho, leading to a stunning defeat for Israel at Ai
10. Deborah and her leadership in the battle against Sisera



*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!

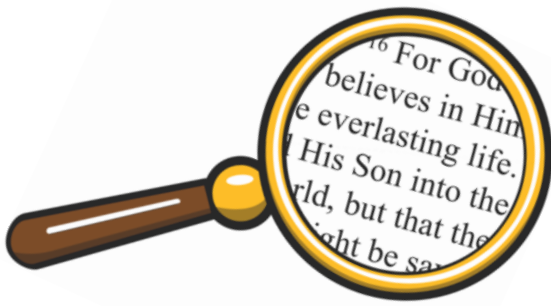
VBS is one of the biggest opportunities we have to reach the kids in our local community. It is one of the few chances we have as a church to teach them about Christ and possibly lead them to their eternal salvation through Him. As we head toward our VBS this June, remember we need everyone in the church 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

## ***Evidence for God: DNA***

*By Frank Turek*

*Apologetics Bible pg. 728*

I once read of an atheist on the Internet who was complaining that there was not enough evidence to believe in God. When a Christian asked him what kind of evidence he would need to believe, he said he would believe if he looked up right now and saw written in the sky, HEY, ROGER! THIS IS GOD. I CERTAINLY DO EXIST!

The immediacy and specificity of such a message would rule out a skywriter. Roger certainly couldn't explain it away as a chance collection of cloud material or an unusual cloud formation, nor would he say that, given enough time, the clouds would form that way naturally due to some kind of cloud "evolution". A message such as this would have to be the product of intelligence. Why? Because natural laws don't create specific, complex messages. In our experience, intelligent minds are the only forces we see creating specific complex messages. Natural forces never do it.

That's why when you're walking down the beach and you see *John loves Mary* scribbled in the sand, you know a human being had been there. You don't assume a crab crawled out of the water and wrote that. Or the lapping waves somehow produced the message. Only minds produce messages. This is why archaeologists know that the inscriptions they dig up from the ground were made by ancient humans, not natural forces.

Well, it turns out that all life forms contain messages that are far more specified and complex than the message the atheist above says he'd like to see in the sky or any messages found scribbled on beaches or ancient tablets.

How much more?

The simplest independent life we know about – the amoeba – is a miniature machine of astonishing complexity. Even the ardent Darwinist, Richard Dawkins, admits that the amount of information in this one-celled life form has as much information in its DNA as 1,000 complete sets of an encyclopedia – that's 30 volumes x 1,000 in a call that's much smaller than a grain of salt. Now, believing that 30,000 books came into existence from non-living chemicals by natural law without any intelligent intervention is like believing that an entire library resulted from an explosion in a printing shop! I don't have enough faith to believe that!

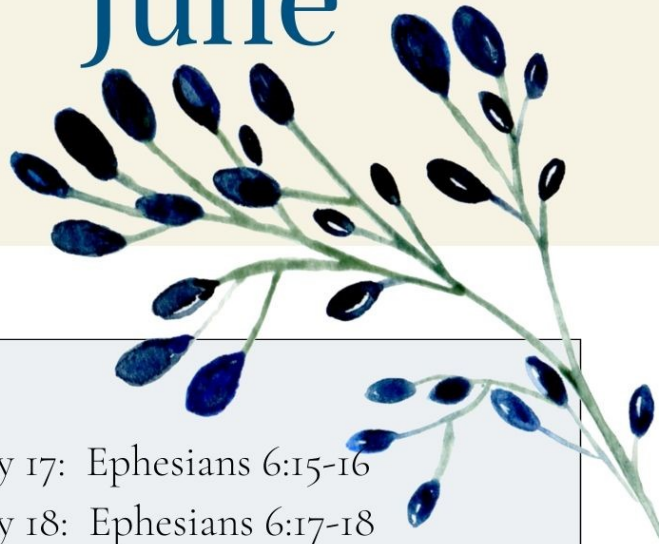
This is not a God-of-the-Gaps argument, which is a kind of argument that says God must be the explanation for things we don't know or understand. We don't simply lack a natural explanation for the complexity of DNA. Rather, evidence for the complexity of DNA is positive and empirically detectable, and it points to the work of the intelligent Creator. No natural force that can create such a message, especially one 30,000 books long. Messages only come from minds.

In summary, DNA points to a supreme intelligence. This is why Francis Collins, former head of the human genome project, calls DNA the language of God. "Do you not know? Have you not heard? Yahweh is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never grows faint or weary; there is no limit to His understanding" (Isaiah 40:28).

To paraphrase noted French philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal: God never performed a miracle to convince an atheist, because His ordinary works provide sufficient evidence. One of those ordinary works is DNA.

# 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

Pastor's suggested readings: Luke 18:16; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14



Kingdom Bloggers

## Weekly Service Schedule for June

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		Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post
Jr. Church Teacher	Becky Durling	Diane Lepior	Sharon Lewis	Becky Durling
Jr. Church Helper	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Amber Bias	Cevin Valade
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Youth Sunday	Layne Valade TBD	Laurie Valade TBD	Vaeh Cooke Rev 13:16-18
Benediction	Pastor	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet
Financial Team			Tom Wahl	Layne Valade
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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 2023

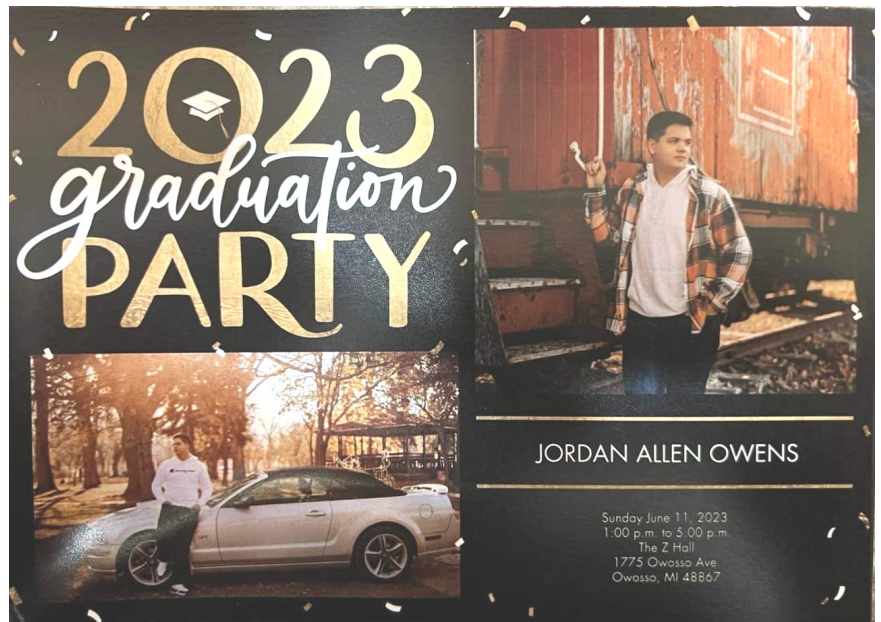
Service	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Greeter	Walt Reed	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed
Greeter	Marion Reed	Jr. Love	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed	Marion Reed
Nursery	Brian Reed	Jenny Habermehl	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade	Cathy Taber
Nursery	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade	Laurie Valade
Sound	Jazz Evans	Jade Evans	Matt Post	Isaac Zander	Matt Post
Computer	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke	Kaylee Siddens
Call to Worship & Prayer	Carl Cooke	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet
Prayer Elder	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post
Jr. Church Teacher	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	Diane Lepior	Sharon Lewis	Becky Durling
Jr. Church Helper	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Amber Bias	Cevin Valade
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Sharon Lewis Revelation 14:14-20	Maddie Bias Revelation 15:1-4	Jordan Owens Revelation 16:9	Sandy Braid Revelation 17:1-4	Carl Cooke Revelation 18:1-3
Benediction	Pastor	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Financial Team	Lee Habermehl	Layne Valade		James Huguelet	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	Tom Wahl	Matt Post	Brian Reed	Tom Wahl	Layne Valade
Communion	Carl Cooke				

# You're Invited!

## Graduates of 2023



Join us on Saturday, June  
10th, from 1-4pm at  
10401 E. Lovejoy Rd.  
Perry, Mi.



Sunday, June 11, 2023 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Z hall;  
1775 Owosso Ave. Owosso Mi. 48867



# This Month's Cause for Celebration!



SALLY	MAHAR	3-Jun
DENNIS	MALLOY	5-Jun
JANICE	HOSHAL	8-Jun
WALT	REED,	16-Jun
KARLA	REED	19-Jun
JOHN	RUMERY	19-Jun
LORETTA	LEITHAUSER	20-Jun
MIKE	HEIPLE	21-Jun



## June

18	Layne & Daphne	Valade
23	Skip & Cathy	Taber



# Kids Corner

## 30 Days of Summer Fun

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1 go on a bike ride	2 eat ice pops	3 walk downtown	4 put together a puzzle	5 catch fireflies
6 VISIT A FARM	7 grow flowers	8 blow bubbles	9 MAKE SHAVED ICE	10  drink lemonade
11 go swimming 	12 make sock puppets	13 go hiking	14 read in the sun	15 make a life-size chalk drawing
16 experiment with watercolors	17  visit a farmer's market	18 make no-bake cookies	19 write poems 	20 fly a kite
21 build a fort	22 visit the beach 	23 put together a scrapbook	24 make s'mores	25 ride a four wheeler
26 water fight!	27 go on a nature walk	28 make a music video	29 visit a water park	30 MAKE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM 

# Mission News!



OCC” GARAGE SALE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS – We had our sale dates of May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and we also opened the garage sale up on May 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> (we were hoping to catch some of the Railroad Days traffic). We had made a little over \$1,600 when we closed on May 13<sup>th</sup>. When we closed on May 20<sup>th</sup> our total is over \$2,020. We had about 16 families donate items to our sale and several ladies helped set up for the sale. We also had several people help during the sale which was also appreciated. Thank you for all you did to help make this sale so successful. We want to thank Tom Braid who went to the church with to help haul 18 tables up from the basement. Now we need to haul the tables back to the church. For those who do not know Tom is a farmer and this is a very busy time for him, we’re so thankful he was so willingly help. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped.

THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY DONATING TO OUR “OCC” donation box located in the overflow area. We appreciate your donations! We need lots of crayons, notebooks, toothbrushes, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, combs, hairbrushes, coloring books, stuffed animals, soccer balls and air pumps just to mention a few items. Our church has been so good to help us send many Christmas Shoeboxes every year. We are so thankful for the generosity of our church. What a blessing you are!



GOOD NEWS! Our MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS JAR – Is on track for the end of April! We are so thankful for your giving in this area. Keep up the good work Bancroft Congregational Church!!! We were so excited to see those numbers at our last Missions meeting. But we need to stay on track with our giving in this area, which is about \$83.34 monthly. Thank you for your giving to our Missionary Christmas Jar that sets on the ledge by our mailboxes.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YARD WORK? If you do, please contact your elder or our Mission team and we will do our best to help you out.



CHRISTMAS CARDS – I know this is early to be talking about this, but some of you make your own Christmas cards. The elders will have a bulletin board set aside so you can bring in ONE Christmas card wishing our entire Congregation a Merry Christmas. That saves the expense and time involved in doing a card for every person who has a mailbox. In light of that maybe you would consider giving an extra \$5 or whatever you might spend on cards with a financial gift to missions? It is just something we are asking you to consider?

PLEASE JOIN OUR MISSION TEAM - We invite you to join our Mission meeting. Our next meeting is Monday, June 12th, at 10 am. We meet at the church, normally in the classroom beside the pantry.

Come join us!

# Grandma's Kitchen



## Baked Cinnamon Jicama (Apples)

### **Ingredients:**

- 3 cups (13.74 oz) jicama peeled and cubed, smaller cubes better, or sliced thin (6 Greens)
- 3 tbsp light Land O' Lakes Butter, melted (3 Healthy Fats)
- 1/4 tsp apple pie spice (1/2 Condiment)
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon (1/2 Condiment)
- 3 packets stevia in the raw (3 Condiments)

### *Optional Toppings:*

- 2 tbsp Walden Farms caramel syrup (1 Condiment)
- 2 tbsp Fat Free Reddi Whip (1 Condiment)

### **Directions:**

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a cookie sheet or baking pan with non-stick foil.
- Mix jicama with melted butter in a medium sized bowl. Add cinnamon, apple pie spice, and stevia stirring until combined. Pour onto a foil lined pan. Cover with foil. Bake for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 15 minutes. The jicama will not get completely soft when baking. Expect to have a slight crisp center when eating and a slightly sweetened taste. Enjoy!

Makes 3 (1 cup) servings:

### **Per Serving:**

2 Greens, 2 Condiments and 1 Healthy Fat



## Chicken Zucchini poppers

### **Ingredients:**

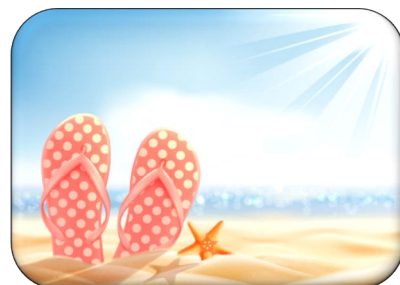
- 12 oz. ground chicken breast
- 2 cups grated zucchini (leave peel on)
- 1 cup green onion, sliced
- 3 TBSP cilantro, minced
- 1 Clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 TSP salt
- 1/2 TSP pepper

### **Directions:**

1. Mix ground chicken and remaining ingredients in large mixing bowl.
2. Grab a frying pan or skillet and sprayed with olive oil spray. From the bowl spoon out 8-10 nugget sized pieces onto the skillet.
3. Over medium heat, cook the chicken poppers for five minutes on each side.

2 Servings; Per Serving:

1 Lean. 3 Greens. 3 Condiments



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Call ahead please,  
most days the office works offsite  
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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4  <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10 8:00 am  <b>Jazz's open house 1-4</b>
11 <b>Jordan's open house 1-5 JCBZ hall</b>	12	13	14	15	16 <b>Youth Group End of the Year Event</b>	17 10 am—Noon  <b>Kaylee's Open House 2-4</b>
18	19	20	21 	22	23	24 <b>VBS setup</b>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
 <b>6:00 to 8:00 pm</b>						

### Where Is That Story in the Bible?

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|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. 1 Samuel<br>(See chapter 10) | 5. Exodus<br>(See chapter 20)<br>and Deuteronomy<br>(See chapter 5) | 8. John<br>(See chapter 2)    |
| 2. Acts<br>(See chapter 12)     | 6. 2 Kings<br>(See chapter 2)                                       | 9. Joshua<br>(See chapter 7)  |
| 3. Luke (See chapter 2:41-52)   | 7. Daniel<br>(See chapter 5)  | 10. Judges<br>(See chapter 4) |
| 4. Genesis<br>(See chapter 12)  |   |                               |



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