



The BCC Connection

July
2023

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.

Who invented fireworks?

Chinese

Who sewed the first American flag?

Betsy Ross

Who was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence?

John Hancock

When did Congress declare the 4th of July a national holiday?

1870

Which country gave the US the Statue of Liberty?

France

What are first words of the Declaration of Independence?

"When in the course of human events..."

How many people lived in America on July 4, 1776.

2.5 million

According to legend, the Liberty Bell sounded on what day in 1776 to call people for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence?

July 8

In 1778, George Washington issued his soldiers a double ration of what to celebrate the 4th of July?

Rum

The Declaration of Independence declares "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights". What are those rights?

Life, liberty, pursuit of happiness

In what city of the Declaration of Independence signed?

Philadelphia

The Liberty Bell is tapped how many times every 4th of July?

13 (in honor of the original colonies)

The White House held its first 4th of July party in what year?

1801

Americans eat approximately how many hot dogs each July 4th?

150 million

Who was the last person to sign the Declaration of Independence?

Thomas McKean

From your Favorite Pastor
(living)

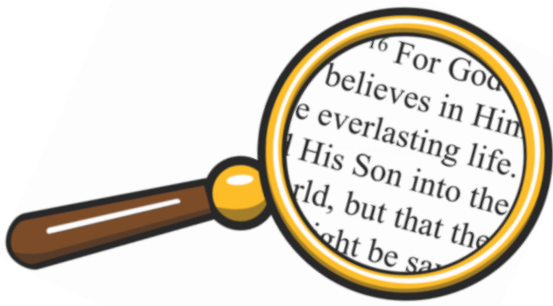


We are about to celebrate the birth of our nation and have just had the 79th anniversary of the D-Day invasion landings that were part of Operation Overlord. Most people know the basics of the invasion: 156,000 troops landed on 5 beaches, 7,000 ships involved, 10,000 vehicles, 4,400 allied forces died, and this was all just on June 6. The troops involved had been training for several months in secret, most of them not entirely sure what they were training for. They knew what everyone around the world knew, that the allies were going to invade Western Europe at some point if they were to defeat the Nazi's. While the invasion of Italy had already happened, most agreed that the turning point in the war were the Normandy landings. There are thousands of stories that have never been heard of about incredible feats men accomplished that day to secure a foothold in Europe. Most people also know of the bloodiness of the invasion, seeing it in movies and pictures. But did you know that most of the blood spilt that day was on one beach? Around 4,000 men were killed or wounded on Omaha beach, with one unit in the initial landing losing 90%. To contrast that, the casualties on Gold beach were 80% lower. The really difficult part of the entire invasion was the understanding that it was just the first day and that the battle had just begun (the continued movement into Europe took significantly longer than anticipated).

While all this was going on, the news of the invasion was starting to reach the states. Time magazine put it this way, "Across the land, generally, the mood was solemn. There was no sudden fear, as on that September morning in 1939 when the Germans marched into Poland; no sudden hate, as on Pearl Harbor day. This time, moved by a common impulse, the casual churchgoers as well as the devout went to pray. The U.S. people had wondered for weeks how they would behave on D-day. When it came, they went about their regular business. Race tracks called off their programs for the day; many stores closed at noon. The citizens stuck to their radios, read newspaper extras as they rolled off the presses, sat and thought, stood and drank, knelt and prayed." This invasion was impacting the entire world just as the war had been. But everyone knew it was necessary to defeat the evil that was trying to take over everything people held dear. So why do I bring this up?

I believe we are in a similar battle today. The enemy, Satan, is trying to conquer and destroy all that we hold dear. He wants to keep our kids, spouses, parents, neighbors, friends, and co-workers from Jesus. This is being done through an evil onslaught of the culture that hasn't really been seen before through the woke culture, human trafficking, and the LGBT activists. Every believer in Jesus Christ is being called to duty to fight this battle for the sharing of the message of the Gospel. In Ephesians 6, Paul lays out what we need to do to take this on. *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."* Ephesians 6:10-18

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Apologetics

Are UFOs Real?

By Mark Matlock

Apologetics Bible pg. 840

Yes, UFOs are real. But before we go any further, let me define UFO. A UFO is an Unidentified Flying Object, where *unidentified* simply means the eyewitnesses could not identify what they saw! With today's advanced technology, it's no surprise that people sometimes see unidentified objects. This probably isn't what you had in mind though. To most people, a UFO sighting implies visitors from another planet. In the past, you would have been labeled crazy for claiming to have seen a UFO, but today it is more acceptable to believe in life on other planets, making the UFO question important for Christians. Here are some points to consider.

First, the Bible doesn't speak about life on other planets. Any time the Bible is silent on an issue, I take notice. If God wanted us to know whether life exists elsewhere, He would have revealed it in His Word. His silence on this topic should cause us all to be humble and cautious when forming an opinion. The Bible is the story of God's redemption of humankind. It is not meant to be the source of all knowledge.

Some have interpreted certain passages to give the impression that UFOs are indeed mentioned in the Bible. In Exodus God led the people of Israel via a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21-22). Some UFO enthusiasts suggest these were spacecraft! Still others say passages in Ezekiel describing a vision of wheels within a wheel (Ezekiel 1:15-21) refers to flying saucers. Proper methods of interpretation do not allow these passages to be interpreted this way.

Second, if there were proof that life exists on other planets, it would not harm Christian beliefs. While biblical silence about life beyond earth may suggest it's unlikely, this does not rule out with certainty that life exists elsewhere. If it does, we know that this life, too, was created by God, for God is the Creator of the entire universe, not just our small corner of it.

Scripture is silent about many created beings we humans have discovered in recent centuries such as creatures living in the dark depths of the ocean. Furthermore, angels exist, but they are not usually part of our plane of existence. What is important is the possibility of life elsewhere is not inconsistent with the Christian faith.

Third, the Bible tells us that Satan 'is disguised as an angel of light' (2 Corinthians 11:14). In the garden of Eden, he disguised himself as a serpent (Genesis 3). For this reason, we must be cautious. If ever we do encounter aliens from another planet, we must bear in mind that Satan and demons may disguise themselves in order to deceive us. So, just as we do with any angel or human being we encounter, we must be sure his message is consistent with the message of the gospel (Galatians 1:8)



Standing on the Promises

July

- Day 1: Deuteronomy 31:6
- Day 2: 1 Chronicles 28:20
- Day 3: Joshua 1:9
- Day 4: Exodus 14:14
- Day 5: Psalm 91:9-10
- Day 6: Psalm 91:11-12
- Day 7: Psalm 91:13-14
- Day 8: Psalm 91:15-16
- Day 9: Isaiah 54:17
- Day 10: Isaiah 43:1-2
- Day 11: Jeremiah 29:11
- Day 12: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 13: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 14: Psalm 27:1
- Day 15: Psalm 34:17
- Day 16: Psalm 50:15
- Day 17: Matthew 6:25-26
- Day 18: Matthew 6:31-33
- Day 19: Matthew 7:7-8
- Day 20: Matthew 7:9-11
- Day 21: Phillipians 4:19
- Day 22: Isaiah 1:18
- Day 23: John 3:16
- Day 24: 1 John 1:9
- Day 25: 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Day 26: Acts 2:21
- Day 27: Romans 10:13
- Day 28: John 14:13-14
- Day 29: Hebrews 13:5-6
- Day 30: Romans 8:28
- Day 31: Revelation 3:5

Pastor's Memory work for this month: meditate daily on Ephesians 6:10-18;
Matthew 28:19-20

Weekly Service Schedule for July

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		Jenny Habermehl	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade	Cathy Taber
Nursery		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		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	Dan Bryant	James Huguelet	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	Tom Wahl	Matt Post	Brian Reed	Tom Wahl	Layne Valade
Communion	Carl Cooke				

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!

Service for August:	6th	13th	20th	27th
Greeter	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed
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Jr. Church Helper	Need a volunteer	Sharon Lewis	Cevin Valade	Jenny Habermehl
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Layne Valade Revelation 19:11-16	Vaeh Cooke Revelation 20:1-3	Sharon Lewis Revelation 20:11-13	Layne Valade Revelation 21:1-2
Benediction	Pastor	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Financial Team	Tom Wahl	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post
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Communion	Layne Valade			

ANIMALS AND OTHER BIBLE CRITTERS WORD SEARCH

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FISH	LEVIATHAN	SHEEP	
FOX	LION	SNAKE	

This Month's Cause for Celebration!

BIAS	AMBER	5-Jul
HABERMEHL	CYNDY	8-Jul
SIDDENS	PATRICK	10-Jul
MALLOY	LINDA	11-Jul
RANCOUR	KARLI	21-Jul
BRYANT	ROSE	27-Jul
COMPTON	BARB	28-Jul
COOKE	VAEH	29-Jul



...Be filled in spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord.

Eph. 5:18-19



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July
18
21

Todd & Amber
Patrick & Jill

Evans
Siddens

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 smores	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!



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YARD WORK? - Once again, our mission team is asking if anyone in our church needs help with yard work? We would be happy to try to help you. If you need help, please contact your elder or our mission team. Here is a list of your mission team: Tom Wahl, Sharon Lewis, Cathy Taber, Karla Reed, Sandy Braid and Pastor Todd.



“OCC” - We have a collection box in the overflow area for donations for OCC Christmas Shoeboxes in the overflow area. Please be looking for sales for “Back to School” items such as: notebooks, crayons, pencils, pencil erasers, and pencil sharpeners. For those of you who like to fill 1, 2, or more shoeboxes, we will have the OCC shoeboxes out for your convenience after VBS. You will be able to start thinking about and filling a shoebox.



THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING OUR MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS JAR – This jar allows us to send a Christmas gift to all of our missionaries around the first part of November. We try to collect all year long, because we have a lot of ministries finishing up the end of October. We have our “OCC” shoeboxes that need to be sent. We have our Halloween Outreach and the checks for Missionary Christmas get put in the mail.



CHRISTMAS CARDS – I know it 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 without the expense and time involved in doing a card for every person who has a mailbox. And maybe, would you 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, July 10, at 10 am. We meet at the church, normally in the C.E. room beside our pantry. Come join us.

Grandma's Kitchen



Cauliflower "potato" salad

Ingredients:

1. 2 1/2 cup cauliflower, cooked and chopped (5 Greens)
2. 1/2 cup celery, chopped (1 Green)
3. 2 hard boiled egg, chopped (2/3 Lean)
4. 3 tbsp light mayo (2 Healthy Fats)
5. 2 tsp dijon mustard (2 Condiments)
6. 1/4 tsp salt (1 Condiment)
7. 1/4 tsp onion powder (1/2 Condiment)
8. 1/8 tsp black pepper (1/4 Condiment)
9. sprinkle of paprika

Directions:

- ◆ Steam cauliflower until it reaches the same texture as cooked potatoes.
- ◆ Rinse in cold water to cool; pat with paper towel until dry.
- ◆ Chop the cauliflower into small bites. Mix into a bowl with celery and eggs, Add mayo, mustard, salt onion powder, and pepper. Mix well. Sprinkle with paprika.
 - ◆ Chill for 1 hour.

2 Servings [each serving = 1/3 Lean, 3 Greens, 2 Condiments, and 1 Healthy Fat]

Pickle Juice Air Fried Chicken

Ingredients for 1 serving:

1. Leftover pickle juice
2. 9.1 oz Chicken breast (to yield 6 oz cooked- 1 leaner)
3. 3 Tbsp liquid egg substitute (1 condiment)
4. 1.5 Tbsp Almond flour (1 healthy fat)
5. 2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese (2 condiments)
6. Pepper

Directions:

The day before, place Raw chicken in a bowl and fill it with pickle juice. Make sure it covers the breast.

Marinate in refrigerator overnight.

Preheat the air fryer to 400 for 5 min.

Mix the pepper, almond flour, and parmesan cheese in a bowl.

Place the egg substitute in another bowl.

Take each piece of chicken and pat dry.

Dip the chicken in the egg wash and let drain off a bit.

Then batter the chicken in the mixture of almond flour and cheese.

Spray a piece of parchment paper with nonstick spray and place the chicken on it then into the air fryer.

Air Fry at 400 degrees for 15-18 min flipping when about 5 min left.

1 Serving: 1 Leaner, 3 condiments, and 1 healthy fat

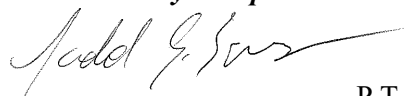
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3	4	5 Elders 7 pm	6	7	8  8:00 am Prayer Walk 10 am
9	10 Missions 10 am C.E. 6:30 pm	11	12	13	14	15 10 am—Noon
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Game night 5pm
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Ladies Fellowship 10am-2pm

We are to stand strong for God, not being afraid to speak His Truth to the world around us. To do that we armor up with all the gear God has given us so that we can survive the battle and win against the enemy. This battle is even greater than D-Day as it is for people's eternal destination. Read this passage regularly, taking encouragement and motivation from it. And always remember that even when we "walk through the valley of the shadow of death" we are not alone (Matthew 28:20). **Scripture work this month: meditate daily on Ephesians 6:10-18; Matthew 28:19-20**

Be blessed and be a blessing



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