



# The BCC Connection

August  
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.*



**Community Hands**

## Community Hands Ministry Outreach

### **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 and 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.*





From Your Favorite Pastor

Here in Michigan, we get to experience an amazing thing of God's creation- the fall colors. As the Pure Michigan ad campaigns state, it is like a curtain is lifted throughout the state for a beautiful picture. It is an annual event that brings people from all over the country to see it happen at different stages, all at the same time. This natural change is representative of just about everyone's life at this time of year as well. Kids are going into new grades at school, people are getting back into the regular swing of life after summer vacations, some are sending kids off to college for the first time (like the Evans household), and sometimes new jobs or homes.

This also is indicative of our lives until we get to heaven. We experience all sorts of change in all sorts of ways at all sorts of times. But there is something to remember through it all, God never changes. His salvation promise to those who believe never changes. His promise to be there for us never changes.

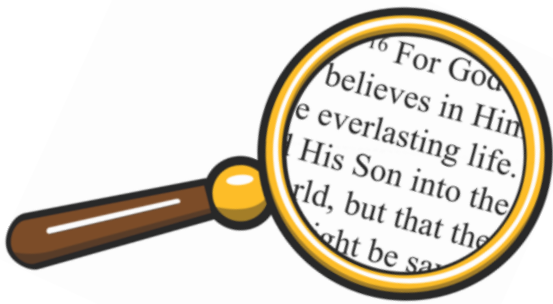
Here are just a couple of passages that show us that: Hebrews 6:17 "*God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that He would never change His mind.*"; James 1:17 "*Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.*" His character will never change forever, no matter what happens anywhere. This is to give us great comfort and peace to help us through anything we face in life. We can face down anything the world, or the enemy throws at us because we have the God of the universe- who never changes, carrying us!

So as our lives go into changing yet again with the changing of the season, remember that you can lean on Him through all things. Read Hebrews 6 and James 1 this month and pray about all that it teaches us.

Happy fall!

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# Apologetics

## ***Evidence for God: Biochemistry***

*By Sean McDowell*

*Apologetics Bible pg. 520*

Charles Darwin offered a test that would disprove his theory of evolution, he said, “If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down” (On the Origin of Species, 1859). According to Darwinism, all the complexity and diversity in the biological world result from natural selection acting on random mutation by teeny-tiny steps over long periods of time. Evolution would be false if a complex system was found that could not have formed in this manner, according to Darwin himself.

In 1996, biochemist Michael Behe published a book (Darwin’s Black Box) that tested Darwin’s theory. Behe showed that complex biological systems in the molecular world are unlikely to have formed through “numerous, successive, slight modifications”. To make his point, Behe introduced the concept of irreducible complexity. A system is irreducibly complex if it has multiple, interworking parts that are all necessary for the function of the system. If one part is removed, the entire system fails. Behe’s most famous example is the mousetrap. Standard mousetraps consist of multiple, interdependent parts - a wooden platform, a metal hammer, a spring, a catch, and a metal bar – each of which is required for the trap to function. Now, what happens if just one of the parts is missing? Does it function 80% as well? No. If one of these parts is missing, the entire mousetrap ceases to work. It can’t catch mice. It’s broken.

Evolution could not construct an irreducibly complex system (such as the mousetrap) in one giant step because, as Darwin argued, evolution works gradually. But it also might have difficulty producing such a system through “numerous, successive, slight modifications” because any earlier “reduced” system would lack the parts for it to function and this could not be selected for survival. These irreducibly complex systems defy Darwinian explanation.

While a mousetrap is clearly a human invention, Behe claims that such systems are found in nature. As an example of an irreducibly complex biological system, he cites the bacterial flagellum, a whip-like tail that propels certain bacteria through their watery environment. The flagellum spins up to 100,000 rpm and can change its direction in a quarter turn. Like a mousetrap, a flagellum is a molecular machine that requires all of its parts to function.

While Darwinists have attempted to explain how the flagellum could evolve naturally, they have not produced a detailed, step-by-step account of how such complex systems could be naturally developed one piece at a time. This raises an interesting dilemma: If Darwinists cannot show precisely how such systems emerge naturalistically, then on what scientific basis can they claim that such systems emerge in the first place? While Darwinian explanations have not been forthcoming, we do know that intelligent guidance can produce such systems. This is not an argument for silence, as some critics claim, but is based upon what we know intelligent beings are capable of doing. Molecular machines such as the bacterial flagellum are best understood as the product of design.

Job had it right: “But ask the animals, and they will instruct you; let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?” (Job 12:7-9)

# The blessing of Community

## August



- Day 1: Psalm 133:1
- Day 2: Matthew 7:12
- Day 3: Matthew 18:19-20
- Day 4: Matthew 22:37-39
- Day 5: John 13:34-35
- Day 6: Proverbs 17:17
- Day 7: Proverbs 27:10
- Day 8: Proverbs 27:17
- Day 9: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
- Day 10: Leviticus 19:18
- Day 11: Acts 2:44-45
- Day 12: Acts 2:46-47
- Day 13: Romans 12:3
- Day 14: Romans 12:4-5
- Day 15: Romans 12:15
- Day 16: 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Day 17: Colossians 3:12-13
- Day 18: Colossians 3:14-15
- Day 19: Galatians 6:2
- Day 20: 1 John 1:7
- Day 21: 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Day 22: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15
- Day 23: James 5:14-15
- Day 24: James 5:16
- Day 25: John 15:12-13
- Day 26: Hebrews 10:24-25
- Day 27: 1 Corinthians 12:12
- Day 28: 1 Corinthians 12:13-14
- Day 29: 1 Corinthians 12:20-22
- Day 30: 1 Corinthians 12:23-24
- Day 31: 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

*Pastor's suggested reading: Hebrews 6 and James 1*

Kingdom Bloggers



## Weekly Service Schedule for August 2023

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.



***IMPORTANT NOTE:*** The church has begun to use a program called ‘The Planning Center’. Please be watching for emails from ‘The Planning Center’. They are from the office or Pastor and are not junk mail! In the future, group leaders will also be able us use ‘The Planning Center’ to communicate with their members. Many churches are using this program with great success. Please join us in using this program for better communication!

Service	6th	13th	20th	27th
Greeter	Sally Labadie	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed
Greeter	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	Jade Evans	Jazz Evans	Matt Post	Isaac Zander
Computer	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke
Call to Worship & Prayer	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet
Prayer Elder	Layne Valade	Carl Cooke	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl
Jr. Church Teacher	Diane Lepior	Amber Bias	Becky Durling	Paula Wahl
Jr. Church Helper	Need a volunteer	Sharon Lewis	Cevin Valade	Jenny Habermehl
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Laurie 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			



## ***JERUSALEM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT***

We had a great time at Jerusalem VBS. If you were not a part and did not come to see what was happening: **YOU MISSED** all the fun! One parent contacted me and said their son had a great time.

We had so many people who helped and I want to thank all of them. I appreciate your willingness to help us out! We had people who picked up the set from Highland: Diane Lepior, Sandy Braid and Pastor Todd. We had helpers that hauled the set into the sanctuary Wednesday afternoon: Sandy, Kenzie, and Clayton Braid, Laurie and Caleb Valade so the set was all ready to be put together Thursday evening. Brian and Karla Reed, Cathy and Skip Tabor along with Tom and Sandy Braid helped put the set up in the sanctuary. We also had Laurie and Caleb Valade, Marion Reed, Wes and Sue Canute who helped set up the Fellowship room with canopies and prepared that room. We had tribe leaders: Carl Cooke, Karla Reed and Laurie Valade with assistants Vaeh Cooke and Shana Post (we ended up having 2 tribes, so we only needed 2 helpers. We had our celebration song leader: Jenny Cooke and several helped us out with sound: Kaylee Owens, Lisi Cooke, Zella Hulbert, (and maybe I missed someone back there)? Our celebration leader was Sandy Braid, and she also demonstrated the object lessons largely because we could only get 1 set of the objects for the lessons. We had our own Synagogue teacher, Rabbi Layne Valade with his assistant Daphne Valade and our registration helpers were Jill Siddens and Daphne Valade. John Lowrey was our photographer, and we had several people helping with games and they were: Isaac Zander, Amber, Josh, Jordan and Jazz Evans. Marion Reed and Vicki Zieba prepared our snacks and Cathy Tabor and Sue Canute were our craft leaders. Sue Canute also assisted by making a beautiful scroll for Rabbi Layne along with the yarmulkes (the hats the children wore to Synagogue School). We also had several mini dramas that took place during our Celebration time. Our actors were: Matt and Shana Post, Brian Reed, Doug Leithauser and Pastor Todd (Brian Reed and Shana Post filled in for several roles which I appreciated very much). Beth Rumery and Sean Zander also played mini drama roles. Thank you to all my drama actors, you did such a great job in helping the children understand the Bible lesson.

Diane Lepior did our invitation/object lesson, and we had 5 children who responded to that message and received Christ. We had adults who helped counsel the children who responded and those were: Becky Durling, Karla Reed and Diane Lepior and we had assistants with them who were: Sharon Lewis, Vicki Zieba and Lee Habermehl. Wes Canute and Lee Habermehl were our hall monitors and Sharon Lewis and Tracie Zander showed up to help where they could.

Diane Lepior was instrumental in giving us office assistance as usual and preparing many materials that we could not get. She helped me with ordering supplies and I think both of us picked up supplies from the store. It was truly a wonderful JERUSALEM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. If you missed it, we are sure you will not want to miss it next year. If I missed anyone, I am sorry, we are glad you were there too helping wherever you could. I also need to thank my husband who helped me put the big VBS sign up and take it down in front of Matt Blight's barn on Grand River.

It does take a community! Thanks for being an important part.

Sincerely, Sandy Braid, Director of Jerusalem VBS

# This Month's Cause for Celebration!



CANUTE	WES	5-Aug
BRYANT	DAN	7-Aug
EVANS	WANDA	9-Aug
POST	MATT	20-Aug
ZANDER	AARON	20-Aug
ZIEBA	VICKI	21-Aug
LEITHAUSER,	DOUG	26-Aug
SIDDENS	SEAN	27-Aug
VALADE,	DAPHNE	30-Aug

## August

1	Mike & Jackie	McDonald
5	Jon & Gail	Love
6	David & Tracie	Zander
7	Dennis & Linda	Malloy
11	Cevin & Laurie	Valade
11	James & Karen	Huguelet



# Kids Corner



## SUMMER 32 FUN IDEAS! BUCKET LIST

[www.naturalbeachliving.com](http://www.naturalbeachliving.com)

- Make & Sail Paper Boats
- Play Messy Twister
- Make Homemade Playdoh
- Have a Water Balloon Fight
- Random Act of Kindness
- Build a Sand Castle
- Watch the Sunrise at Beach
- Go Camping
- Make Wishes on Dandelions
- Have a Water Gun Fight
- Eat Breakfast for Dinner
- Buy from Ice Cream Truck
- Bury a Time Capsule
- Make Tie-Dye Shirts
- Color with Sidewalk Chalk
- Catch Fireflies
- Drive-in Movie Theater
- Make a Blanket Fort
- Go on a Nature Walk
- Ride a Ferris Wheel
- PJ Movie Day
- Make Fresh Lemonade
- Play On a Slip-N-Slide
- Start a Blessings Jar
- Bonfire & S'mores
- Make Friendship Bracelets
- Play Marco Polo
- Family Picnic
- Play at the Park with Friends
- Run Through Sprinklers
- Watch the Sunset at Beach
- Homemade Ice Cream



# Mission News!

**“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 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 1 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, could 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, **August 14th**, at 10 am. We meet at the church, normally in the little room beside our pantry. Come join us.

## *Bible Quiz*



1. Is the book of Babel in the Old Testament, the New Testament or neither?
2. In Genesis 18, to whom did God ask, “Is any thing too hard for the Lord”?
3. Before the Tower of Babel, how many different languages were in the world? [1, 12, 40, 666]
4. In Mathew 7, Jesus said, “Ask, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_”? [fill in the blank]
5. Whose last verse ends, “Remember me, O my God, for good.” ?
6. How old was Adam when he died? [33, 100, 660, 930]

*Answers are on page 11*

# Grandma's Kitchen



Grilled Chicken Skewers w/Tzatziki 😊

## Main ingredients

- 27.3 oz. raw boneless, skinless chicken breast cut into 2" pieces~ Yields 18 oz cooked (3 leaners)
- 4 tsp olive or avocado oil (4 healthy fats)
- 1 tsp. each dried oregano and thyme (2 condiments)
- 1 /2 tsp. cayenne (1 condiments)
- salt & pepper to taste, about 1/4 tsp. each (1 1/2 condiment)

## Tzatziki:

- 12 oz. plain low-fat Greek yogurt (1 leaner)
- 1/2 C. grated cucumber (1 green)
- 3 T chopped fresh dill
- 2 T fresh lemon juice (3 condiments)
- 3 garlic cloves, minced (3 condiments)
- salt & pepper to taste, about 1/4 tsp. each (1 1/2 condiments)

## Veggies:

- 3 1/2 cups sliced cucumber (7 greens)
- 2 cups sliced cherry tomatoes (4 greens)

## Directions:

- ◆ -For Tzatziki dip, combine all ingredients and refrigerate until ready to use.
- ◆ -If using wooden skewers, soak in water at least 20 minutes to prevent from burning. Preheat grill to medium-high.
- ◆ -In a bowl, add chicken pieces and sprinkle with dry herbs/salt & pepper. Drizzle with oil and toss to coat.
- ◆ -Thread chicken onto skewers and arrange on grill with some space in between each skewer.
- ◆ -Close grill lid and cook about 7 min. until chicken is cooked through, flipping a couple times during cook time.
- ◆ -Serve skewers with Tzatziki dip, lemon wedges, and your favorite chopped fresh veggies! (You can add these to your skewers if you'd like).

Makes 4 servings  
Per serving:  
1 leaner  
1 healthy fat  
3 condiments  
3 greens



*Two Ingredient Fudge*

## Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup of melted chocolate ( such as Lily chocolate which is sugar free)

## Directions:

1. Melt your chocolate
2. Put Cottage cheese and chocolate in a blender and whip until smooth and blended.
3. Prepare your small dish with parchment paper. If you spray your pan before putting your paper in, the spray will hold the paper in place and make it easier to lift the fudge out. Pour in and spread the fudge evenly in the pan. Place the fudge in the refrigerator for a couple of hours until set.
4. Lift the fudge with the parchment paper out of your dish and cut into even pieces.

**OPTIONAL:** See picture above: add some coconut and chopped almonds to the top before setting, for an almond joy flavor!

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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 Facebook*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Church Potluck and Picnic Fellowship room then Hammond's Pond	7	8	9	10	11	12  Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am
13 Child Protection class (after the Last Word discussion group)	14 NO CE MTG	15	16	17	18	19 Pantry 10- Noon  Summer Fest Noon-8:30
20	21 Awana meeting 6:30 pm	22	23	24	25	26  Game Night 5 pm
27	28	29	30	31		

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

***Bible Quiz Answers:***

1. Neither (it was a city in the plain of Shinar)
2. Abraham (Genesis 18:13-14)
3. One (Genesis 11:1,4,9)
4. Given you (Matthew 7:7)
5. Nehemiah (13:31)
6. 930 (Genesis 5:5)



**BE THE REASON  
SOMEONE FEELS  
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