



# The BCC Connection

September  
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.*

Awana starts  
this month!  
September 17th  
6:00 to 7:30pm





From your Favorite Pastor



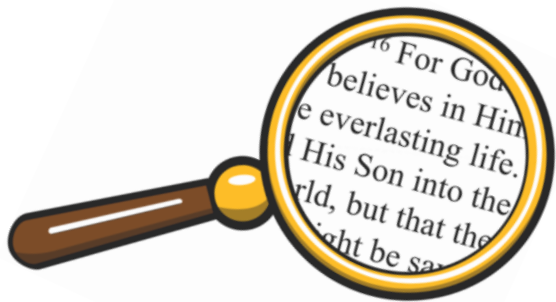
As I write this, school is getting ready to start again this week! I honestly don't know how to feel about it since it means summer is about over (and that horrible winter is around the corner)! This all coming back into our schedules also reminds me of the job of the church, sharing Christ. On Tuesday, September 12 @ 6pm is Back to School Prayer in the Park in Bentley Park, Owosso where we will be praying for our schools, families, kids, teachers, and administrators. On Wednesday, September 27 is See You At the Pole- an event that brings kids, youth leaders, and parents together around the flag poles of schools all across this nation to pray for those schools and communities. October 5 is Bring Your Bible to School Day, a time where students bring their Bibles to school and carry them throughout the day. The goal is to have someone ask about it and be able to share the Gospel with them.

These are just a couple of events for our youth and us to be able to share with the people around. But we are also called to share the Gospel with those around us wherever we are, in all places and all circumstances. Matthew 22:36-40 *"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses? Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.'" Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere- in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* After these we get the encouragement that we aren't to just read this but to do this. James 1:22 *"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."*

It isn't just our students who are supposed to go and share, it is to be all of us. We are called to be Christ everywhere we go in every situation. So lets focus on these main things that Christ called us to and we will see Him do amazing things in our lives and those around us. In that, we will be fulfilling the job of the church.

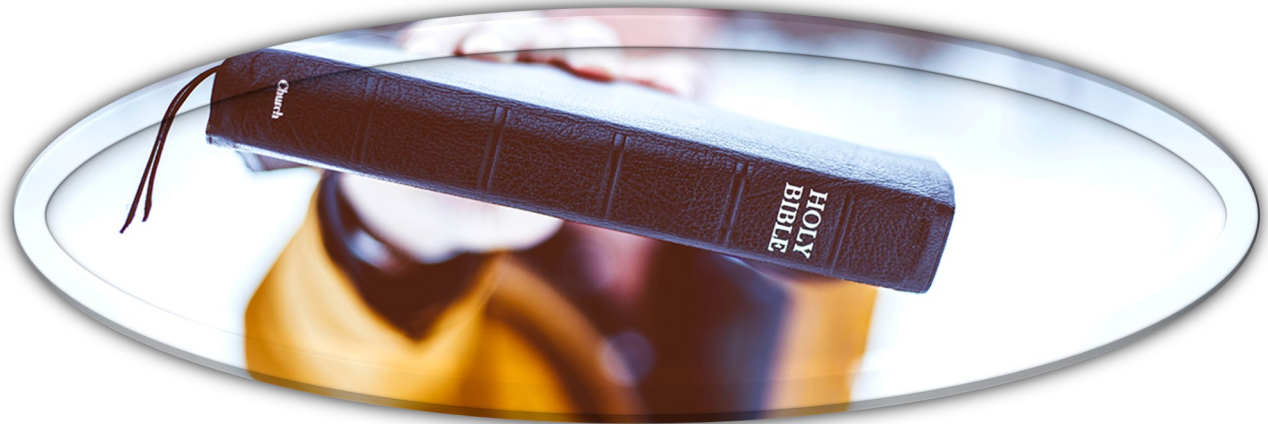
Be blessed & Be a Blessing

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# Apologetics

## Are There Contradictions in the Bible?



Skeptics say the Bible contains contradictions. If true, this would suggest it is not inspired by God, since God is all-knowing. However, close examination reveals that the Bible doesn't contain actual contradictions.

A writer is guilty of contradiction when he or she affirms two facts both of which can't possibly be true at the same time and in the same manner. It is not so easy to establish that a writer is guilty of this. For example, it would seemingly be a contradiction to say, "The apple is red and the apple is not red." But what if the author was referring to two different apples and didn't bother spelling out that fact? Or, perhaps he was referring to the skin first and then the pulp. Or, maybe he described the apple over a span of time, from when it was ripe and red to when it was rotted and brown. You see that we must have a lot of information before we can conclude that an actual contradiction is present, and writers often don't supply more than bare details. We should presume innocence until guilt is proven. Those who claim the Bible contains contradictions must prove the statements in question could not be resolved by additional information.





# Fruits of the Spirit

## September



- Day 1: Galatians 5:22-23
- Day 2: Zephaniah 3:17
- Day 3: John 3:16-17
- Day 4: John 15:9-10
- Day 5: John 15:12-13
- Day 6: Habakkuk 3:17-18
- Day 7: 1 Peter 1:8-9
- Day 8: Luke 15:7
- Day 9: Psalm 30:5
- Day 10: 1 Peter 3:11
- Day 11: James 3:18
- Day 12: Psalm 29:11
- Day 13: Romans 12:18
- Day 14: Exodus 34:6-7
- Day 15: James 1:2-4
- Day 16: Romans 5:1-2
- Day 17: Romans 5:3-4
- Day 18: Proverbs 31:20
- Day 19: Colossians 3:12
- Day 20: Titus 3:1-2
- Day 21: Ephesians 4:1-2
- Day 22: 2 Peter 1:5-6
- Day 23: 2 Peter 1:7-8
- Day 24: Hebrews 11:1-2
- Day 25: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 26: Romans 14:19
- Day 27: Proverbs 25:28
- Day 28: Proverbs 16:32
- Day 29: Titus 2:11-14
- Day 30: Philippians 4:8

Kingdom Bloggers

## Weekly Service Schedule for September 2023

Service	3rd	10th	17th	24th
<b>Greeter</b>	volunteer	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed
<b>Greeter</b>	volunteer	Cindy Habermehl	Karla Reed	Marion Reed
<b>Nursery</b>	Brian Reed	Jenny Habermehl	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade
<b>Nursery</b>	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade
<b>Sound</b>	Sarah Bias	Jazz Evans	Matt Post	Isaac Zander
<b>Computer</b>	Matt Post	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke
<b>Call to Worship &amp; Prayer</b>	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl	Carl Cooke
<b>Prayer Elder</b>	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Carl Cooke	Brian Reed
<b>Jr. Church Teacher</b>	Becky Durling	Amber Bias	Diane Lepior	Paula Wahl
<b>Jr. Church Helper</b>	Cathy Taber	Sharon Lewis	Cevin Valade	Jenny Cooke
<b>Scripture Reader Message Prayer</b>	Sharon Lewis Revelation 22:1-6	Maddie Bias John 7:16-18	Dan Bryant John 8:23-24	Sandy Braid John 9:35-41
<b>Benediction</b>	Pastor	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl	Carl Cooke
<b>Financial Team</b>	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Tom Wahl	Dan Bryant
<b>Financial Team</b>	Matt Post	Layne Valade	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl
<b>Communion</b>	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!***



# Quiz 2

- 1) Is the book of 1 Kings in the Old Testament, the New Testament, or neither?
- 2) Whom did God choose to replace Moses to lead the Israelites?  
Aaron, Jacob, Joshua, Caleb
- 3) Who was Simon Peter's brother?  
John, James, Andrew, Matthew
- 4) Which Psalm is the shortest?  
3, 16, 23, 117
- 5) Per Matthew 12, who is the prince of the devils?  
Lucifer, Satan, the Devil himself, Beelzebub
- 6) Which of these was not one of the Twelve Disciples?  
Andrew, Bartholomew, Luke, Thaddaeus

## **ANSWERS:**

- 1) Old Testament. (1 Kings is the eleventh book of the Old Testament.)
- 2) Joshua (Exodus 17:9 – 10).
- 3) Andrew (John 6:8).
- 4) 117 (two verses).
- 5) Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24).
- 6) Luke. (He was not there during the life of Christ.)

Score Correct \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Study Notes:* \_\_\_\_\_

# This Month's Cause for Celebration!



BIAS,	SARAH	6-Sep
ZANDER,	ISAAC	11-Sep
PRICE	DEBBIE	11-Sep
RANCOUR	PEGGY	14-Sep
VALADE,	CEVIN	17-Sep
HEWITT,	PATTY	25-Sep
HUGUELET,	KAREN	25-Sep



## September

6	Al & Amber	Bias
12	Brian & Karla	Reed
18	Mike & Karen	Heiple
30	Doug & Loretta	Leithouser

**SMILE EVERY MORNING. IT MAKES YOU ATTRACTIVE, IT CHANGES YOUR MOOD, IT RELIEVES STRESS, AND IT HELPS YOU STAY YOUNG & POSITIVE.**

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# Kids Corner

## 30 DAYS OF FALL ACTIVITIES

[pickanytwo.net](http://pickanytwo.net)

1 jump in leaves 	2 BAKE AN APPLE PIE	3 GO ON A HIKE	4 play football	5 climb a tree 
6 go horseback riding	7 MAKE PUMPKIN BREAD 	8 draw leaves	9 MAKE A PINECONE BIRD FEEDER 	10 have a picnic
11 MELT CRAYONS	12 go to the park	13 drink a latte 	14 make a list of things you're thankful for	15 eat corn on the cob
16 GO ON A HAY RIDE	17 bake muffins 	18 have a movie night	19 go apple picking	20 HOST A BONFIRE
21 go on a nature walk	22 make chili	23 go star gazing	24  carve pumpkins	25 make a costume
26 make a leaf wreath 	27 VISIT A CORN MAZE	28 EAT CANDY CORN	29 START A SCRAPBOOK 	30 enjoy autumn



# Mission News!

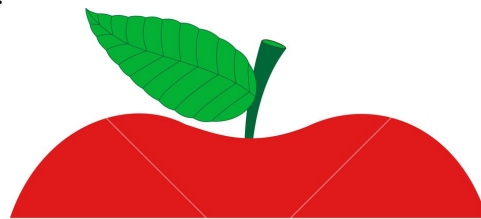
THANK YOU, BCC family for all the support you continually give to serving our Lord. You have supported us with your finances and by being present to help with all the activities going on in our church. With all your help we are sending the gospel message to all our neighbors right here in Bancroft and around the world. Thank you for all you do. When I think about all the ministries this little church is supporting I am truly humbled and it is through all of you that makes this possible.

COMMUNITY HANDS - Diane Lepior is in need of some help with yard work. She has selected two days September 9<sup>th</sup> and/or September 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet just before entering the Fellowship Room. Please sign up if you can help or you may want to speak directly to Diane.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES – Our little green “OCC” shoeboxes are out and ready for you to take one or more home with you to fill. Some people choose to fill a box, some choose to partially fill a box with a note attached asking us to finish filling it. Some people choose to add to our box for “OCC” in the overflow area and some choose to give financially. EVERYTHING you do helps us to send several boxes out. Last year we sent 127. At this time, we would like to encourage everyone in our church to bring a stuffed animal that will fit in the box. It can be small or medium size. Some of these boxes may go to areas that have been affected by war and for a small child to have a stuffed toy to cuddle can be truly comforting. We have a good supply of playdough, but could use other filler items like: jump ropes, medium size socks for boys and girls, small toys and games, bouncy balls, calculators, scissors. Thank you for those of you who have been donating mini soaps that you might not use during your stay at a hotel. Like I said, every thing helps! We appreciate you First Congregational Church of Bancroft, we really do!!!

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS JAR – I just had some people asking me about this jar that sets on the counter in the bell tower area by all the mailboxes. This jar collects \$\$ all through the year so we can mail our missionaries a Christmas gift in early November. Last year we sent \$100 to each one of our missionaries that we support monthly. We have heard from many of them and they really appreciate this additional check. Please consider giving to this jar for our missionaries. This is just another way that your financial gifts are reaching people outside of Bancroft and sometimes outside the US.

Remember in December we will have a bulletin board so you can display *ONE* Christmas Card to the entire Congregation if you choose. And maybe with the money you save would you consider a gift to missions? We look forward to seeing all the cards.



**PLEASE JOIN OUR NEXT MISSION MEETING -  
Monday, September 11th, at 10 am.**



# Grandma's Kitchen



## CREAMY TACO SOUP

### Ingredients:

1. 2 lbs. ground beef or turkey
2. 4 oz reduced-fat cream cheese
3. 1 cup low-fat plain Greek yogurt
4. 2- 10 oz cans of Rotel diced tomatoes
5. 1 Tbsp Taco seasoning
6. 4 cups low sodium beef/chicken/vegetable broth
7. 1-2 TBSP fresh cilantro
8. 1/2 cup shredded cheese for topping.

### Instructions:

- Brown ground meat until fully cooked.
- While the meat is browning, place cream cheese, tomatoes, and taco seasoning into the crockpot.
- Drain any grease off the meat and add meat to the crockpot. Stir to combine.
- Pour broth into the crockpot, and stir.
- Cook on low for 4 hrs. or high for 2 hrs.
- Add Greek yogurt & cilantro\* last, heat through, and serve.
- Top with shredded cheese.

Makes 6 servings. Per serving: 1 lean protein, 1 green, 3 condiments. \*Add 2 more greens\* for a complete meal.



## *Baked Cinnamon Jicama (Apple like desert)*

### 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 with Canola Oil, 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 for an additional 15 minutes.

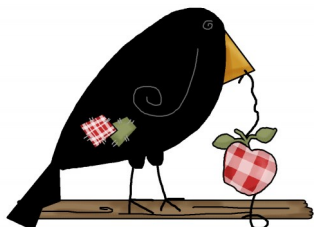
The jicama will not get completely soft when baking. Expect to have a slightly crisp center when eating and a slightly sweetened taste. Enjoy!

3 (1 cup) servings:

### Per Serving:


2 Greens, 2 Condiments and 1 Healthy Fat

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**Bancroft Church Phone Number:**  
 989-634-5724  
**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
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3 	4	5	6	7 Thursday Small Group begins tonight 6:30 pm	8	9 
10 Christian Education Hour begins 9:30 am	11 Missions 10 am CE 6:30 pm	12 Back to school Prayer in the park—6 pm Bentley Park Owosso	13 NO Ladies Fellowship  Elder's 7 pm	14	15	16 
17 Awana 6:00 pm  Youth Group 6:00 pm	18	19	20 Wednesday Small Group begins today 10 am	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 See you at the Pole (prayer at school flag poles)	28	29	30 Ladies Fellowship Brunch 10 am Please bring a dish to share. All ladies are welcome to attend.

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





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