



The BCC Connection

March
2024

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.

Easter Schedule

Seder—Thursday, March 28th 5:30 pm

Good Friday Service—1pm

Easter Sunrise Service—8:15 am

Easter Breakfast—9:00 am

Easter Regular Worship Service—10 am

April 7th Randy and Marli Concert

No Christian Education

Nursery will be open for parents but no attendants;

POTLUCK to follow the concert!



From Your Favorite Pastor

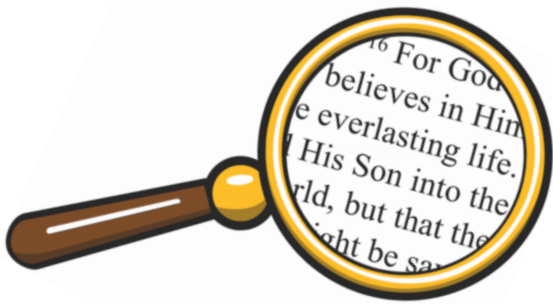
There is a story of a teacher that talked about the four seasons, telling how in the spring new life comes to the earth, with the growth of grasses and leaves and flowers, how this life matures in summer, and so on, and so on. Then she called on the class to repeat the information she had given. She asked one little boy about spring. "What do we find in the spring, George?" George seemed very reluctant to answer, but when the teacher insisted, he at last said: "Why, ma'am, there's a frog, an' a lizard, an' a snake, an' a dead cat, but I didn't put the cat there. It was another boy." We find a lot of new things when spring comes, including some messes we don't want to clean up!

As we are called to be a follower and disciple of Christ, something similar happens in us. The yuck and dirt of our lives gets exposed to us by the Spirit. Paul tells us how we all have this in Romans 3:23 "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." We all fall short all the time, and there is no way we can make ourselves right with God without Christ. When we begin to follow Christ, we also start the discipleship process which starts us out on a new journey. That journey is to work toward a life of maturity in Christ, which we are told to work toward in several places including I Corinthians 13, Romans 11, I Peter 2, and Ephesians 1. For most of us in this process, it starts to reveal the dirt and yuck in our heart. This happens because as we move to more knowledge and understanding, the Spirit reveals things we didn't know of.

As the Spirit reveals these things, He starts to clean them out as well. Each step in the cleaning process brings us closer to the blossom that God desires from us. A blossoming of our faith which leads to others seeing Christ shine through us. So be encouraged this spring to seek a growing maturity in Christ so that you can be a fully bloomed follower of Him that is seen by all the world. Read the passages listed above, have a great Easter and have a great spring!

Be Blessed & Be a Blessing,

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Apologetics

In What Ways Did Jesus Fulfill Prophecies?

By John Ankerberg
Apologetics Bible pg. 744

How do we know that Jesus the Nazarene is the fulfillment of the numerous Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah? Couldn't it have just been a coincidence? To answer this, let's consider a *sampling* of prophecies Jesus fulfilled.

Virgin Birth: through the prophet Isaiah, God foretold (in Isaiah 7:14) that a virgin would give birth to a son who will be called Immanuel, meaning "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). Jesus was born to a virgin (Luke 1:34-35).

Nazareth: The Gospel writer Matthew recognized that by being a citizen of Nazareth, Jesus fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy that Messiah would hail from that place (Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 2:22-23; 4:15).

Massacre of Innocents: When King Herod killed the male toddlers of Bethlehem in a quest to kill the young Jesus, this fulfilled something Jeremiah prophesied (Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:16-18).

Jews and Gentiles: Jesus' mission shocked the Jews because it made room for non-Jews, as Isaiah had prophesied (Isaiah 42:1-3,6; Matthew 12:18-21). Further, as was prophesied of Messiah, Jesus was rejected by His own people (Psalm 118:22; I Peter 2:7).

Miracles and Opposition: It was prophesied that Messiah's ministry would include miracles (Isaiah 35:1-6; 61:1-2). Jesus fulfilled this expectation (Matthew 9:35; Luke 4:16-21). It was also said that Messiah would be the Shepherd struck with the sword, resulting in the sheep being scattered (Zechariah 13:7). You can read for yourself how Jesus fulfilled that (Matthew 26:31, 56; Mark 14:27, 49-50).

Betrayal: Jesus was betrayed by a friend for 30 pieces of silver, a fulfillment of Scripture (Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 27:7-10).

Death, Burial, and Resurrection: Many details of Jesus' trial and execution were foretold in the Old Testament. For instance, He remained silent before His accusers (Isaiah 53:7, Matthew 27:38; Luke 23:33). He was forsaken (Psalm 22:18; Matthew 27:46), mocked (psalm 22:7; Matthew 27:31), pierced (Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10, John 19:34), and suffered indignity of having His clothes divided among His executioners (Psalm 22:18; Matthew 27:35). He died with thieves (Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:28; Luke 23:33); was offered sour wine (Psalm 69:21; Matthew 27:34); and was laid in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60). Jesus then rose from the dead, fulfilling the ultimate Messianic Prophecy (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:10-12; Mark 16:6; Acts 2:31).

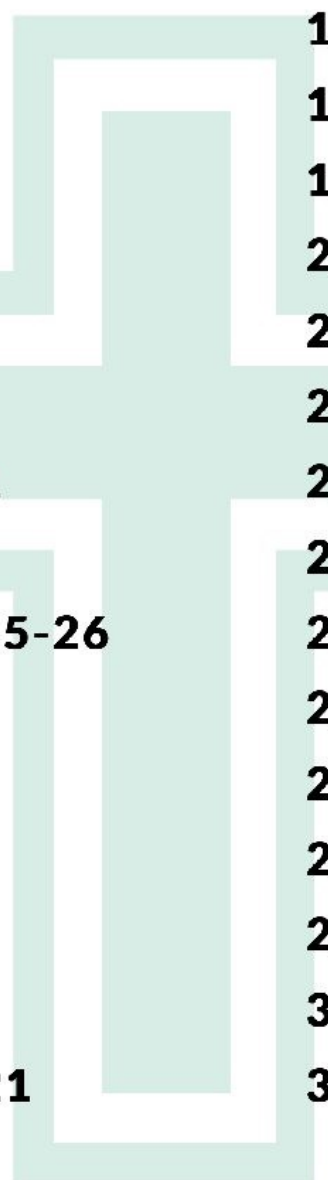
Peter Stoner, former Professor Emeritus of Science at Westmont College, calculated the probability of one person fulfilling just eight of the major prophecies concerning Messiah. His conservative estimate was one chance in 100,000 trillion (100,000,000,000,000,000). In another calculation, Stoner used 48 prophecies and arrived at the conservative estimate that the probability of 48 prophecies being fulfilled by one person is 10^{157} - that's 1 with 157 zeros trailing behind it! Could Jesus have fulfilled all of the Messianic prophecies by chance? *Not a chance!*

Accurate prediction of the future is found in the Bible and no other so-called holy book. This is one of the great proofs of the Bible's divine inspiration, for God is the author both of Scripture and the plan of redemption. Jesus fulfilled all of the Old Testament prophecies for Messiah because He is the Promised One sent from God.

March

Scripture for the
season of Lent.

BIBLE READING PLAN

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1. Joel 2:13
 2. Hosea 10:12
 3. Psalm 51:1-2
 4. Acts 17:27
 5. Romans 1:16
 6. Matthew 16:24
 7. 2 Corinthians 6:2
 8. Isaiah 43:25
 9. Lamentations 3:25-26
 10. Psalm 9:10
 11. Jeremiah 29:13
 12. 1 Timothy 4:10
 13. John 14:23
 14. Mark 1:15
 15. 2 Corinthians 5:21
 16. 1 John 2:2
 17. Romans 5:15
 18. Galatians 3:26
 19. Philippians 3:12
 20. Matthew 6:19-21
 21. 1 Timothy 1:15
 22. Titus 2:11
 23. Luke 5:32
 24. Matthew 5:17
 25. John 10:27-28
 26. Hebrews 10:14
 27. Galatians 1:3-5
 28. 1 John 3:5
 29. Luke 9:20
 30. 1 Timothy 2:5-6
 31. John 12:46

“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” John 12:46 (NIV)
BlessingsOverflowing.com

Pastor's reading for this month: 1 Corinthians 13, Romans 11, 1 Peter 2, and Ephesians 1

WHICH IS IT? ELISHA, ELIJAH, OR BOTH?

Determine whether Elisha, Elijah, or both are being described.

A. ELISHA

B. ELIJAH

C. BOTH

- ___ 1. Comes first in the Bible story.
- ___ 2. Part of the “school of prophets.”
- ___ 3. Left a letter of warning for King Jehoram.
- ___ 4. Confronted the gods on Mount Carmel.
- ___ 5. Was fed by ravens at the Brook Kerith.
- ___ 6. Turned bad water into clean water.
- ___ 7. Raised a boy from the dead.
- ___ 8. Called down fire from heaven to kill fifty soldiers.
- ___ 9. Fled from Queen Jezebel in fear.
- ___ 10. Filled a widow’s jars with oil.
- ___ 11. Picked up the other’s mantle and used it miraculously.
- ___ 12. Crossed the Jordan on dry land.



Weekly Service Schedule for March 2024

Service	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st Easter
Greeter	Brian Reed	Chris Adolf	Tom Wahl	Walt Reed	Lee Habermehl
Greeter	Karla Reed	Charlotte Adolf	Paula Wahl	Marion Reed	Cyndy Habermehl
Nursery	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade	Cathy Taber	Jenny Habermehl	Open but
Nursery	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade	Laurie Valade	Paula Wahl	No attendants
Sound	Matt Post	Isaac Zander	Jazz Evans	Sarah Bias	Isaac Zander
Computer	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke	Aaron Zander	Matt Post	Vaeh Cooke
Call to Worship & Prayer	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post
Prayer Elder	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Jr. Church Teacher	Amber Bias	Charlotte Adolf	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	No Jr Church
Jr. Church Helper	Sharon Lewis	Cevin Valade	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	No Jr Church
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Dan Bryant	Carl Cooke	Laurie Valade	Vaeh Cooke	Layne Valade
Benediction	Pastor Todd	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post
Financial Team	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Carl Cooke	James Huguelet	Tom Wahl
Financial Team	Tom Wahl	Brian Reed	Matt Post	Dan Bryant	Lee Habermehl
Communion	Brian Reed				

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!



Did You Know?



St. Patrick was actually **English**—not Irish!



The shamrock is actually not the national symbol of Ireland. **It's the harp!**



Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about **one in 10,000!**



There are more people with Irish ancestry **in the U.S. (34 million)** than in Ireland (4.2 million)!

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This Month's Cause for Celebration!

BRAID,	TOM	1-Mar
LOVE,	JUNIOR	9-Mar
MCDONALD,	JACKIE	14-Mar
HABERMEHL,	JENNY	18-Mar
COON	KATHY	19-Mar
SIDDENS	KAYLEE	19-Mar
COOKE	CARL	23-Mar



To live in the light of the resurrection – that is what Easter means.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



12	Mike & Patty	Hewitt
14	Sean & Kattie	Zander
26	Walt & Marion	Reed
28	Ken & Sally	Mahar

Kids Corner



Resurrection Cross Cupcakes are simple to make with all store bought ingredients. They can easily be assembled with ingredients you can find at your local grocery store- pocky sticks, cookies, frosting, cupcakes and sprinkles. Easy peasy!

Easy to make reminder of the miracle of the resurrection. And it will last all spring!



Mission News!

The Missions Committee invites you to join us for our **Easter Breakfast** on Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 am. Please see page one of the newsletter for the Easter service times. ****Please note the time difference of ½ hour earlier for the regular worship**** We need people to sign up if you plan to attend our Easter Breakfast so we can plan accordingly for food. We will also have a signup sheet for those willing to help supply food for our breakfast. Lastly, we have a signup sheet for those willing to help get the food ready before the breakfast, those who will help serve and those who are willing to help with clean up. Diane will be putting those signup sheets out on Sunday, March 10th. Please look for these Easter sign up sheets just outside the Fellowship Room. Thank you everyone. Also, Pastor mentioned his message will be the same for the “Sonrise Service” and the “Regular Worship” so if you sign up to help work at the breakfast or with clean up, you should be able to listen to one of the two services that will be offered. This year the Missions Committee has designated our Easter Breakfast offering to go to Isaac Zander who has felt led to serve at Camp Barakel as a missionary.

Isaac Zander has been attending here at First Congregational Church of Bancroft since 2011 when Pastor Mike McDonald served as our Pastor. Maybe you do not know Isaac, because he is a very quiet young man. I had the privilege of getting to know Isaac when I assisted Carl Cooke in our Christian Education for the High School Class that Isaac attended. Isaac graduated from High School in 2019. After High School graduation Isaac attended at Baker College and studied in the area of Auto and Diesel repair at the Auto Diesel Institute (ADI) and graduated from Baker College in 2020. Isaac is 23 years old and has served our church in the sound booth, Vacation Bible School helping with photography and games, he is currently helping with games for AWANA and he has helped in the Nursery. Isaac has been regularly volunteering at Camp Barakel to work and serve in many areas. The Missions Committee has unanimously decided to support Isaac. We are very happy that Isaac has decided to go into full time missionary work. Isaac is one of our own students that has grown up here at Bancroft Congregational. We hope you will join us in supporting Isaac with your prayers. Isaac is in the process of gathering financial support. We will have more information about Isaac in our next newsletter for April.

Mission Jar – Please support our Mission Jar that sits on the counter in the belltower. We are falling behind at this time and ask if you will prayerfully consider donating to our Mission Jar. We take the money that we have collected in the jar all year and divide it between our missionaries and send them a Christmas gift in November. We have received many “Thank You” cards from our missionaries expressing how much they appreciate this gift.

Garage Sale Planned for May - We are planning at this time to have a church wide garage sale with the income going toward Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes postage and support for Youth Haven gift boxes that they send out. Please think of us if you have items to donate.

NEXT MISSION MEETING: March 18th at 10:00 am



VBS is in need of a photographer or two.
Please contact either the office or Sandy Braid at
989-277-0566.



Grandma's Kitchen



RESURRECTION - ROLLS -



How to make Resurrection Rolls

1. Preheat oven to 350.
 2. Dip the marshmallow in butter and then the cinnamon sugar.
 3. Wrap the crescent roll around the marshmallow and pinch the edges.
 4. Place on a greased baking sheet.
- ◆ Bake for 10-12 minutes {This is the 3 days and nights}
 - ◆ Open the "cloth" (cut into the roll) and find that Jesus is no longer there.
 - ◆ HE IS RISEN! {Matt 28:6}

Cute Ideas for Deviled Eggs



CHRIST IS RISEN



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 Please use the church phone or Facebook

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 	4	5	6	7	9	9  Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am
10  Child Protection class after worship	11 Mission 10 am CE—6 pm	12	13 Ladies Fellowship 10 am Elder's—7pm	14	15	16 10am-Noon Food Pantry 5:15pm 
17 Awana & Youth Group 6:00-7:30 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  31 	25 Easter Services are listed on page 1	26	27	28 5:30 Seder Meal 	29 1:00 PM Good Friday 	30

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

WHICH IS IT? ELISHA, ELIJAH, OR BOTH?

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| 1. Elijah | 6. Elisha | 11. Elisha |
| 2. Both | 7. Elisha | 12. Both |
| 3. Elijah | 8. Elijah | |
| 4. Elijah | 9. Elijah | |
| 5. Elijah | 10. Elisha | |

"The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see--
a splendid crown in the hand of God."

Isaiah 62:3 (NLT)



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