



The BCC Connection

November
2022

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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.

20/20 Vision

Each of these verses is from chapter 20, verse 20 of an Old Testament book. Can you identify which book each is from?

A. EXODUS	D. 1 SAMUEL	G. 2 CHRONICLES
B. NUMBERS	E. 2 KINGS	H. EZEKIEL
C. DEUTERONOMY	F. PROVERBS	

- ___ 1. "Keep my Sabbaths holy, that they may be a sign between us. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God."
- ___ 2. "I will shoot three arrows to the side of it, as though I were shooting at a target."
- ___ 3. "If someone curses their father or mother, their lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness."
- ___ 4. "You may cut down trees that you know are not fruit trees and use them to build siege works until the city at war with you falls."
- ___ 5. "Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.'"
- ___ 6. "As for the other events of Hezekiah's reign, all his achievements and how he made the pool and the tunnel by which he brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the annals?"
- ___ 7. "[The Edomites] answered, 'You may not pass through.' Then Edom went out against [the Israelites] with a large and powerful army."
- ___ 8. "Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, 'Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God.'"



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From Your Favorite Pastor



Jude 8-10

A few weeks ago we remembered 9/11. Those of us that were alive will always remember where we were on that day when the world changed for everyone here in America. We learned that terrorism is much different than all the wars we had fought before. Terrorists operate clandestinely, fewer in number, hidden, and not wearing uniforms. They are willing to intentionally die for their cause, many of them even eager for this, and they are willing to kill the innocent and not just the soldiers. The same features make false teachers dangerous in the church. They often come in disguised as angels of light, and no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. *"It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness."* 2 Corinthians 11:14-15a. They desire to take others with them down their path, not caring what happens to those people. And because of their own self-deception, they embrace their lies and eternal ruin. Keeping all of this in mind, Jude goes on in this passage to depict the true face of false teachers. He is striving at this point to help us to be able to identify them around us and to stand against them.

These apostates can do a great deal of damage to both new believers and unbelievers by their actions, which is a major reason we need to fight this. Jude tells us that this happens through their irreverence toward anything sacred and that they basically get their own "revelation." Charles Swindoll says, "They get their ideas not from God's revelation but from their own 'dreaming' imaginations, by which they become their own authority over what's true and right." To illustrate this and to put them in a corner, Jude uses the story of Moses' body and the confrontation between the Archangel Michael and Lucifer. This story comes from the book known as the *Assumption of Moses* or the *Testament of Moses*. The devil, it seems, claimed the right to the body because of Moses' sin of murder (Exodus 2:12) or because he (the devil) considered himself the lord of the earth. Yet in spite of Michael's power and dignity, he dared not bring a "slandorous accusation" against the devil but referred the dispute to the sovereignty of God. By using this, Jude takes away their opportunity to use extra-Biblical sources for their own authority because it shows their actions are condemned by God in their blasphemy no matter what source they turn to.

These false teachers claimed that they possessed secret knowledge that gave them authority. Their "knowledge" of God was esoteric- mystical and beyond human comprehension and they felt this gave them special authority over others in the church. (If you're curious, Mohammed would be put in this same category for his writings in the Quran) But Jude says they don't understand spiritual things, only the things of the flesh and this world and they indulge in it to the point of self-destruction (v.10). These people were actually humanists who considered themselves masters of their own bodies and that they could do whatever they pleased with them. We see two things that we need to learn here.

First, they completely neglected and rejected what Paul said about our bodies: *"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, also see 1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Instead of glorifying God with their bodies, they sought to gratify every desire they had which leads to the second lesson.

They were leading others away from God in their rejection of Scripture and Him. Baby believers and the community around them were seeing these things happen. When they saw this, they didn't see any difference between their own lives and these followers of The Way. Our lives are to shine differently than the world around us and people around us should be wondering what is different between their lives and ours. But embedded in this issue is the idea that Jude is telling the actual believers to fight these false teachers to save the others.

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We are in the same fight today. We have many within the church telling us that we just need to go along, to get along with all the different beliefs about gender, homosexuality, marriage, wokeness, and even religious freedom. Notice I have continually spoken of the fight being within the church, not against the world. We won't convince many in the world of these wrongs, but we are to fight and work to convince believers of these wrongs from a standpoint of Scripture. Also, remember we are to do this from an attitude of gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15-16). This is important because we've seen in the past few months that we are to approach these battles with a goal of restoration and teaching, not total victory. The victory comes in the restoration when our heart is to bring people to Christ.

In this election time, politics becomes pretty sticky in many families and will come up at Thanksgiving meals and other gatherings. Yes, I am saying to talk politics with family and friends. Speak to how the Bible forms your worldview in ALL things of your life, including politics. William Wilberforce was repeatedly told to keep his religious beliefs out of Parliament as he fought against slavery, yet he realized that a true follower of Christ can't do that. I am encouraging you to speak the truth, but to do so in love with the goal of leading people to the saving knowledge of Christ and the hope we have in Him. So, ask God to guide you to speak for Him in a way where people can see Him in everything you say and do.

Scripture work this month: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Jude 8-10; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Be blessed & be a blessing



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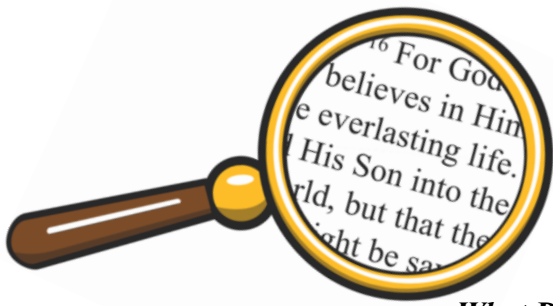
Packing OCC Boxes!



Even children got involved in helping to pack boxes. These kids packed **40 boxes!!**



Thank you, Karla, Sandy, Cathy and Laurie for your work packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. These ladies packed **80 boxes!**



Apologetics

What Does the Bible Say About Abortion?

*By Stephen Wagner
Apologetics Bible pg. 631*

“The Bible doesn’t say anything about abortion, so women have the right to choose.” That’s a favorite argument from politicians who want to keep abortion legal, but is it true that the Bible is silent on abortion? No, it isn’t. The next time someone tells you otherwise, ask this question to make things clearer: “Do you mean that the Bible doesn’t mention the word abortion,” or do you instead mean that the Bible doesn’t give us a moral command that applies to the abortion issue?” This is an important distinction to highlight. After all, it’s true that the Bible doesn’t say, “Don’t have an abortion.” Then again, it also doesn’t say, “Don’t throw your children in dumpsters.” Yet, in Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17, and Matthew 19:18-19, the Bible offers a command that applies to both situations: Do not murder (where “murder” means not to kill innocent humans).

Before we can say with confidence what the bible says about abortion, then, we must answer a prior question: Is an unborn child human? To paraphrase Greg Koukl, a Christian apologist and radio talk show host, if the unborn is not a human being, then the Bible doesn’t speak to the abortion issue and you don’t need to make an argument to justify it. But if the unborn is a human (and the Bible seems to make this clear in Psalm 139), the Bible speaks clearly about abortion and no argument can justify abortion. Put another way, if the unborn is human, then “Do not murder” is a command that applies equally to murdering an adult or dismembering an unborn human through abortion.

You can make a case that the unborn is a human by appealing to the Bible, but since many people don’t believe the Bible is true, I suggest being ready to make your case by using three other types of evidence.

First, use pictures of unborn babies developing the womb and pictures of abortion procedure to clarify the realities involved in the abortion debate. Since most people are visual learners, this tactic is critical.

Second, use scientific evidence to show that the unborn are living, whole members of the human species. If the unborn child is growing, how could she not be alive? And if she has human parent, how could she not be human? This living human isn’t a disordered mass of tissue or a functional part of the mother’s body. She’s a whole organism integrating her own functional parts. Biologically, she’s a human.

Third, use philosophical reasoning to show that the biblical command “Do not murder” applies to all human beings. Unborn human beings differ from the rest of us in only four ways, size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency. Note how newborns, disabled people, and many other already born human beings also differ from able-bodied adults in each of these ways, but we still recognize that they share the same human nature as the rest of us. These differences are irrelevant to value or qualifications as human, and so we should respect the unborn human being just like we would any other human being.

Editor’s Note: Biologically, the baby’s DNA differs from that of the mother. Therefore, “My body, my choice” is invalid. **ALSO:** Please remember to read the letter from Right to Life in the overflow room. They are urging us to vote ‘NO’ on proposal 3.





A Heart of Thanksgiving

November

- Day 1: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- Day 2: Colossians 3:15
- Day 3: Colossians 3:16-17
- Day 4: 1 Chronicles 29:10-11
- Day 5: 1 Chronicles 29:12-13
- Day 6: 1 Chronicles 29:14-15
- Day 7: Psalm 9:1-2
- Day 8: Psalm 69:30
- Day 9: Psalm 79:13
- Day 10: Psalm 106:1-2
- Day 11: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 12: Ephesians 5:19-20
- Day 13: Colossians 1:12-14
- Day 14: Colossians 2:6-7
- Day 15: Colossians 4:2
- Day 16: Jonah 2:9
- Day 17: 1 Chronicles 16:8-9
- Day 18: 1 Chronicles 16:34
- Day 19: Psalm 118:1-2
- Day 20: Psalm 118:3-4
- Day 21: Psalm 118:5-6
- Day 22: Psalm 118:28-29
- Day 23: Psalm 136:1-2
- Day 24: Psalm 136:23-24
- Day 25: Psalm 136:25-26
- Day 26: Psalm 100:1-3
- Day 27: Psalm 100:4-5
- Day 28: Hebrews 13:15
- Day 29: Revelation 5:11-12
- Day 30: Revelations 5:13-14

Pastor's scriptures for this month: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Jude 8-10; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Kingdom Bloggers

Weekly Service Schedule for November 2022

Service	6th	13th	20th	27th
Greeter	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed	Sally Labadie
Greeter	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed	Marion Reed	Jr. Love
Nursery	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade	Cathy Taber	Brian Reed
Nursery	Patty Hewitt	Daphne Valade	Laurie Valade	Karla Reed
Sound	Matt Post	Isaac Zander	Matt Post	Jade Evans
Computer	Maddie Bias	Vaeh Cooke	Kaylee Siddens	Sarah Bias
Call to Worship & Prayer	James Huguelet	Carl Cooke	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl
Prayer Elder	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Carl Cooke	Layne Valade
Jr. Church Teacher	Sharon Lewis	Charlotte Adolf	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling
Jr. Church Helper	Amber Bias	Cevin Valade	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Dan Bryant John 6:25-40	Sharon Lewis TBD	Maddie Bias Ephesians 2:8-10	Jordan Owens Luke 1:5-25
Benediction	Pastor	Matt Post	Layne Valade	James Huguelet
Financial Team	Layne Valade	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Dan Bryant
Financial Team	Tom Wahl	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Gary Hammond
Communion	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!

Weekly Service Schedule for December 2022

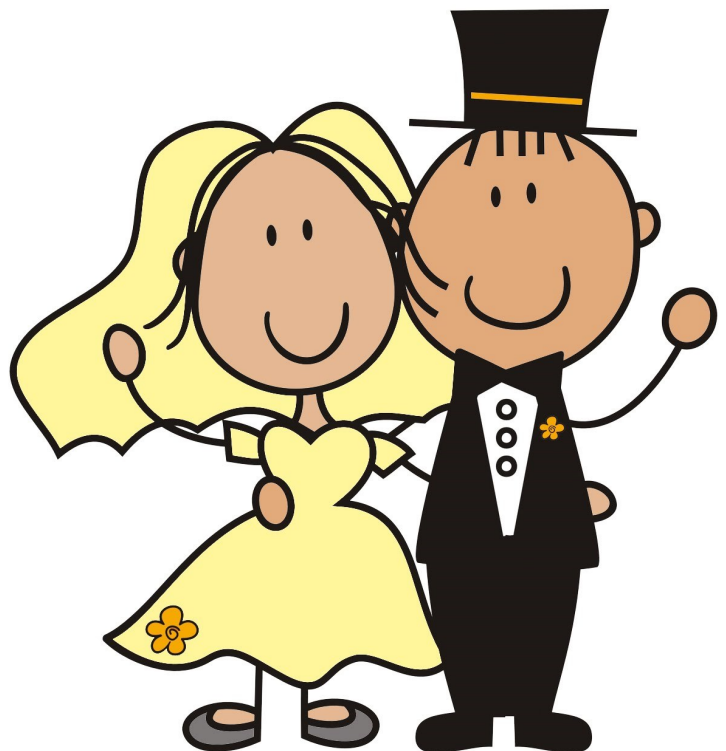
Service	4 th	11 th God's Helping Hands	18 th	25 th
Greeter	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed	Sally Labadie
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Nursery	Paula Wahl	**	Tracie Zander	Layne Valade
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Prayer Elder	Lee Habermehl	**	Matt Post	Carl Cooke
Jr. Church Teacher	Charlotte Adolf	**	Paula Wahl	**
Jr. Church Helper	Cevin Valade	**	Jenny Habermehl	**
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Sandy Braid TBD	**	Carl Cooke TBD	Laurie Valade TBD
Benediction	Pastor	Pastor	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	Gary Hammond	Tom Wahl	Carl Cooke	James Huguelet
Financial Team	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Matt Post	Dan Bryant
Communion	Tom Wahl			

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



11th	David McDonald
18th	Hannah Zander
23rd	Gary Evans
25th	Mike Hewitt
28th	Jordan Evans

9th
Clyde & Sharon Lewis
Wes & Sue Canute



Kids Corner



Thankful pumpkin– write your praise and thanks each day until Thanksgiving



Follow this link to watch the video directions:
<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/1029705902282920855/>



Decorate pumpkins
with sharpies



Tissue paper candy corn

Mission News!

The Pantry ministry team needs a lot of help with preparing for the November Pantry Day!!

If you can help please contact Karla Reed,

To our church family thank you, thank you for the many ways you support reaching others for Christ in and outside our community.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 122 boxes have been filled as I write this and are ready to go. If you still have boxes or items to bring in, please get them to the church as soon as you can. We appreciate everyone's support by the items they brought in, the filled boxes and the cash donations, it all helps. OCC recommends an Essential Package of: pencils, pencil erasers, pencil sharpeners, toothbrush, comb (and hair brush for 5-14 girl boxes), crayons, and paper plus a WOW item of one of the following: a stuffed animal, deflated soccer ball with inflation pump, doll, toy car, plus many other items. Cash donations are used for purchasing items necessary to fill boxes and shipping cost of \$10 per box. If you need ideas, please see Sandy Braid or call me at 989-277-0566.

HALLOWEEN OUTREACH - Is approaching fast and we need candy. We plan to pack 300 bags of candy plus a tract will be included in every bag. The packing event will take place on October 27th at 7 pm. The Halloween Outreach will take place on October 31st from 5-8 pm. We need volunteers who would like to say hi to our community. There is a sign-up sheet so we will know how many we can count on to help with each event. We will be serving donut holes, cider, coffee, hot chocolate and our elders will be handing out a book by Max Lucado to the adults.

OCTOBER MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS – We actually collect for this all year and will be sending checks to our missionaries the beginning of November. Your donations will be included through October for this years Christmas checks to our missionaries. We send these checks out early so our missionaries who live a distance away will get them before Christmas.

*Our next meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 10 am.
Please come and join us!*



Grandma's Kitchen



Ingredients

- 1.5 lbs Sweet Potatoes peeled and chopped
- ½ Tsp Italian Seasoning Blend
- Sea salt and pepper, to taste
- The Filling:
- 1 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 1 Medium Yellow Onion diced
- 1½ lbs Lean Turkey Meat
- 2 Tbsp Tomato Paste
- 3-4 Garlic Cloves minced
- ½ Tsp Dried Oregano
- 1 Tbsp Smoked Paprika
- 1 Cup Chicken or Beef Broth
- 1 Cup Frozen Peas or any other veggies like corn, carrots, defrosted

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F
2. Place the sweet potatoes in a large saucepan with just enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and cook until the potatoes are tender. About 10 minutes.
3. Drain and mash, then season with salt, pepper, and Italian seasoning blend.
4. Heat oil in a large nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Sauté the onions for 3-4 minutes, then stir in the garlic and cook for a minute or so.
5. Add the ground meat and cook, crumbling with a wooden spoon, until the meat is cooked through.
6. Stir in the tomato paste, oregano, paprika, salt and pepper, and broth. Simmer for a few minutes until the liquid is reduced, then stir in the peas.
7. Spread the meat mixture into a 2-quart baking dish. Add mashed potatoes on top and spread it evenly all the way to the sides.
8. Bake until the potatoes are just starting to brown, about 25-30 minutes, rest, then serve and enjoy!



Apple Cobbler with Goopy Brown Sugar Cookie Crumble.

Ingredients

- 3 1/2 lbs Apples, sweet
- 1/4 cup Lemon juice
- 1 1/4 cup All-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp Almond extract
- 1 1/4 tsp Baking powder
- 1 cup Brown sugar, packed light or dark
- 2 tsp Cinnamon, ground
- 1/2 tsp Cloves, ground
- 2 tbsp Cornstarch
- 5/16 cup Granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp Table salt
- 1 tsp Vanilla extract, pure
- Dairy
- 10 tbsp Butter

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (176 degrees C). Coat a **well seasoned** (*see note) 12-inch cast iron skillet with a generous layer of butter. You can also use a square or rectangle baking dish – *see recipe notes*.
2. Put the lemon juice into a large bowl.
3. Slice the apples into quarters, cut out the core, and slice off the peel. Cut each quarter into 3 slices and add to the bowl with the lemon juice. Stir the apples in the lemon juice to coat, to keep them from browning.
4. Add the rest of the filling ingredients to the bowl with the apples and toss gently to mix. Pour the filling into the skillet or baking dish, smoothing it out into an even layer, and bake for 15 minutes. While the apple filling bakes, prepare the cobbler topping.

Make the Apple Cobbler Topping:

1. Add the flour, baking powder, and salt to a bowl and stir to mix. Add the rest of the ingredients and stir with a spoon or rubber spatula just until all the dry ingredients are moistened and the mixture comes together into a soft dough. *Do not over mix.*
2. Remove the pan with the apple filling from the oven. Use your fingers to crumble the topping over the apples into an even layer. Put the pan back in the oven and bake for an additional 40 - 45 minutes, until the apple filling is bubbling up all around the edges of the pan and the topping is golden brown and set.

Remove from the oven and let cool for about 15 minutes before scooping into bowls and serving. Serve with vanilla ice cream if desired.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9 7 pm Ladies Fellowship	10	11	12  8 am
13 Young Adults 5-7 pm	14 Missions—10 am C.E. 6:30 pm	15	16 7 pm Elder's	17	18	19 10 am to Noon  FOOD PANTRY
20 Youth Group 6-7 pm Young Adults 5-7 pm	21	22	23 	24	25	26  9 am church decorating
27 Advent Begins	28	29	30			
<p>Weekly activities: Wednesday: 10am Adult Bible Study Wednesdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group Thursday: Karate</p> <p>20/20 Vision Answers from page 1</p> <p>1. H 2. D 3. F 4. C 5. A 6. E 7. B 8. G</p>						

give thanks *to the*
LORD,
for HE ^{is} **GOOD.**
His **LOVE**
endures forever.
psalm 136:1



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