



# *The BCC Connection*

May  
2024

*Bancroft Congregational Church  
Pastor Todd Evans*

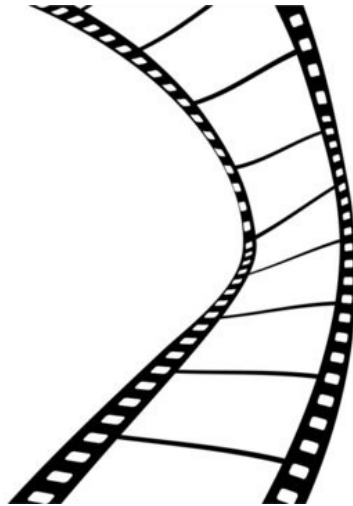
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## **Sunday Worship Hours**

**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.*



**Free Movie  
Night  
April 28th  
7 PM**

***“Letter to the American Church”***

***Bring your own snacks!***



*From Your Favorite Pastor*



This is quite a time in the world. As I sit here, Israel has not only been fighting Hamas for over six months but also endured an unprecedented attack by Iran. With all this going on, many are asking about how this plays into end times prophecy. If you search for answers you will find that there is an abundance of opinions out there. I'll share mine briefly, but then include what I think is probably the most important part.

PT, is all this the beginning of the end? Short answer, I don't know. Anyone that claims to know is a false prophet and isn't following the Bible as we are told by Christ that no one knows the day or hour (Matthew 24:36). I will say this could be the beginning of the end. As we wait for Israel to respond to Iran militarily, their action could very easily be the catalyst for a wider conflict in the region and even the world. The prophet Ezekiel talks about much of this, and Pastor Jack Hibbs mentioned this could be the "hook in the jaw of Gog" to come down and attack Israel with Iran and other nations (Ez. 37-39). I remind you that no one knows until it actually happens.

I add into this uncertain situation the problems within our own country. While we are in the midst of our Living in Babylon series, I have been somewhat discouraged to realize how much we are like Judah when it faced judgment from God. We see crazy things happening in schools, Boeing being accused of poor safety protocols because of DEI, and people in this country being arrested for their exercise of the First Amendment. I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE you to attend our showing of the movie *Letter to the American Church* by Eric Metaxas on April 28 (free event). This is based off of his book by the same name, which lays out how much we are like 1930's Germany as the Nazi's rose to power. I believe you will be very surprised by the correlations happening. Invite people from other churches as well to come as the entire Church of Christ needs to rise up to fight the evil being pushed upon us.

I will close with encouragement for you: Christ wins in the end! We are on the winning side, even as we seem to be facing increasingly insurmountable odds. If you are curious how the story turns out, read Revelation 19-22. Our job until that time is to keep seeking Christ and loving others well while we speak the truth of God's Word (Mark 12:29-31; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Jude), and to ask the Spirit to make us like the sons of Issachar who understood the times and what to do (1 Chronicles 12:32).

This month's homework: read all the Scriptures listed and come to the movie on April 28 @ 7pm here at church. The country is at a crossroads and the church needs to rise up.

PT

Be blessed & be a blessing



# Twisted Scripture

Pg 762 Apologetics Bible

## **Jeremiah 1:5**

***“Before I formed you in the womb I knew<sup>u</sup> you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”***

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) teach that all people lived in God’s presence in a “preexistent” state before they were born into this world. To support this view, Mormons claim from Jeremiah 1:5 that God had a relationship with Jeremiah (and all other humans) before birth. Similarly, Eastern religions teach that souls move from one body to the next in a process called reincarnation. Is it possible that our souls existed previous to our life on earth? Not according to Jeremiah 1:5 or any other passage in the Bible. First, notice that God is the one who chose, set apart, and appointed Jeremiah to be a prophet. The sovereign God knew Jeremiah, but nowhere does it say that Jeremiah knew God in the same way in some previous live. Additionally, the Bible says “now is the day of salvation” and “it is appointed for people to die once – and after this, judgement” (2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 9:27). Therefore, the soul’s preexistence and reincarnation are not Christian beliefs.



Pg. 773 Apologetics Bible

## **Jeremiah 10:3-4**

***“For the practices of the peoples are worthless;  
they cut a tree out of the forest,  
and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel.  
They adorn it with silver and gold;  
they fasten it with hammer and nails  
so it will not totter.”***

Are Christmas trees pagan? These verses have sometimes been used to say it is wrong to have a decorated tree at Christmastime. After all, the cut tree described in this passage is decorated with silver and gold in the same way that tinsel and gold stars decorate many Christmas trees each holiday season. As always, we must examine the immediate context of this passage in order to fully understand its meaning and implications. When we consider the context, it is obvious that pagan idols rather than Christmas trees are referenced in this passage. Indeed, it says that the idols “cannot speak” or “do any good” (vs 5) Verse 8 adds that these “worthless idols” are “stupid and foolish,” Yet verse 10 says that “Yahweh is the true God.” While we can make anything into an idol, perhaps even Christmas trees, it should also be pointed out that Jeremiah would not have known anything about Christmas trees since they did not become a tradition until the sixteenth century in Europe.

## PAUL SAID IT IN 1 CORINTHIANS

*Complete the apostle Paul's quotes by supplying the missing word.*

1. "The message of the cross is \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are perishing" (1 Corinthians 1:18).
2. "I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Corinthians 2:2).
3. "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's \_\_\_\_\_ and that God's Spirit lives in [you]?" (1 Corinthians 3:16).
4. "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the \_\_\_\_\_. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:6-7).
5. "These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Corinthians 13:13).
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54).
7. "When I became a man, I put aside \_\_\_\_\_ things" (1 Corinthians 13:11 CSB).
8. "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Corinthians 3:6).
9. "Let the one who boasts boast in the \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Corinthians 1:31).
10. "Christ did not send me to \_\_\_\_\_, but to preach the gospel" (1 Corinthians 1:17).

## Weekly Service Schedule for May 2024



Service	5th	12th	19th	26th
<b>Greeter</b>	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Walt Reed	Tom Wahl
<b>Greeter</b>	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed	Marion Reed	Paula Wahl
<b>Nursery</b>	Jenny Habermehl	Tracie Zander	Cathy Taber	Brian Reed
<b>Nursery</b>	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt	Laurie Valade	Karla Reed
<b>Sound</b>	Isaac Zander	Matt Post	Jazz Evans	Matt Post
<b>Computer</b>	Vaeh Cooke	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias
<b>Call to Worship &amp; Prayer</b>	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Matt Post
<b>Prayer Elder</b>	James Huguelet	Carl Cooke	Brian Reed	Matt Post
<b>Jr. Church Teacher</b>	Becky Durling	Amber Bias	Paula Wahl	Charlotte Adolf
<b>Jr. Church Helper</b>	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Jenny Habermehl	Christ Adolf
<b>Scripture Reader Message Prayer</b>	Sandy Braid Daniel 1:8-9	Carl Cooke 2 Kings 4:1-7	Vaeh Cooke Daniel 1:10-20	Laurie Valade Daniel 2:1-3
<b>Benediction</b>	Pastor	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl
<b>Financial Team</b>	Carl Cooke	James Huguelet	Dan Bryant	Lee Habermehl
<b>Financial Team</b>	Matt Post	Layne Valade	Tom Wahl	Brian Reed
<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!***



➤ **VBS June 23-27 6-8pm**

# Learning to Trust

## May

- Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 2: Psalm 9:9-10
- Day 3: Psalm 20:7-8
- Day 4: Psalm 112:7
- Day 5: Psalm 28:7
- Day 6: Proverbs 29:25
- Day 7: Proverbs 15:20
- Day 8: Joshua 1:9
- Day 9: Jeremiah 17:5-6
- Day 10: Jeremiah 17:7-8
- Day 11: Psalm 31:1-2
- Day 12: Psalm 37:3-4
- Day 13: Psalm 37:5
- Day 14: Psalm 55:22
- Day 15: Isaiah 26:3-4
- Day 16: Isaiah 40:28-29
- Day 17: Isaiah 40:30-31
- Day 18: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 19: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 20: Psalm 118:8-9
- Day 21: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 22: Psalm 32:10-11
- Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 24: John 10:27-28
- Day 25: John 14:1
- Day 26: John 16:33
- Day 27: Luke 8:48
- Day 28: Luke 11:9-10
- Day 29: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 30: Romans 8:28
- Day 31: 1 John 5:14-15

***Pastors suggested reading for this month: Matthew 24:36; Ezekial 37-39; Revelation 19-22; Mark 12:29-31; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Jude; 1 Chronicles 12:32***

# This Month's Cause for Celebration!



BIAS,	MADDIE	4-May
MALLOY	ALEX	6-May
BIAS,	AL	8-May
WAHL,	TOM	13-May
LEWIS,	CLYDE	14-May
CANUTE	SUE	15-May
EVANS	AMBER	18-May
EVANS	JAZZ	18-May
LEPIOR,	DIANE	19-May
VALADE,	CHRISTIAN	21-May
ZANDER	DAVID	29-May
ZANDER,	MATTHEW	30-May

2<sup>nd</sup>

Tom & Paula

Wahl



# Graduation Announcements



May 18th 2024, 4:00pm

2430 Tyrrell Rd Bancroft, MI 48414

BRING A SUIT FOR SWIMMING, A POLE  
FOR FISHING AND LETS CELEBRATE THE  
GRADUATE! FIREWORKS START A DUSK!



June 8th 2-4 PM  
8820 Lemon Road  
Bancroft, MI 48414



Matthew Zander  
Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 3:00 PM  
11600 Brimley Road Webberville

# Mission News!



## **GARAGE SALE DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE!!!**

Our garage sale to help with “Operation Christmas Child” (shoeboxes) expenses will take place Friday May 3 from 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday from 9 am – 4 pm at the home of **Brian and Karla Reed**, 10430 E. Newburg Rd. between New Lothrop and Byron Roads. If you have items you would like to donate, they are accepting donations NOW. Karla’s phone number is 989-277-5284. At the end of the sale items will be donated to VOA in Corunna. In the event that items you donate do not sell, you are welcome to come and pick them up on Saturday at 4 pm (or please make other arrangements for your items).

**ISAAC ZANDER QUESTION & ANSWER TIME** – The Missions Committee would like to invite you to a light luncheon on Sunday, May 5 following our morning worship for an opportunity to get to know Isaac Zander. He is in the process of gathering support to serve at Camp Barakel as a full-time missionary. Most of you are aware Isaac has attended Christian Education and church here as a student and now as an adult. Isaac continues to serve in our sound booth area, Vacation Bible School, AWANA, nursery and plays guitar on our worship team. We hope you will be able to join us Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for a light lunch as we get to know Isaac better and you will be given an opportunity to ask questions from Isaac.



Thank you for all your food donations for our **Easter Breakfast**. We felt it was very successful. We had approximately 60 people attend and we were able to raise over \$500 that went into a fund to help Isaac with expenses he may have this summer as he plans to be taking a leave of absence from his job to serve in a volunteer position as a counselor at Camp Barakel.

**Missionary Christmas Jar** – Please remember to support our Missionary jar that sets on the ledge by our mailboxes. We seem to be running a little behind.

**Your Missionary Committee** of Sandy Braid, chairperson, Tom Wahl, Treasurer, Karla Reed and Cathy Taber thanks you for supporting missions

# Grandma's Kitchen



## ***BBQ Chicken & Ranch Broccoli Salad***

1 leaner - 3 Green - 1 Healthy fat -  
3 Condiments (per serving)  
4 servings

### ***Ingredients:***

- 4, (6-oz.) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tbsp no sugar added BBQ seasoning
- 6 cups broccoli florets
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup reduced-fat Greek yogurt
- 2 tbsp regular mayo
- 1 tbsp homemade ranch seasoning (recipe in directions)

### ***Directions:***

1. Preheat the grill.
2. Pound chicken to even thickness, and season with BBQ seasoning.
3. Grill chicken until internal temperature of 165°F, about 4 to 6 minutes per side depending on the thickness.
4. To make the homemade ranch seasoning: Combine 2 tbsp dried parsley, 1 tbsp dried dill, 1 tbsp dried chives, 1 tbsp garlic powder, 1 tbsp onion powder, 2 tsp salt, and 1 tsp black pepper in a spice grinder. Pulse 5 to 7 times to enhance the taste and texture of the seasoning mix. Alternatively, you can mix all of the dried herbs and spices in a bowl. Store in an air-tight container until ready to use.
5. In a large bowl, combine the broccoli, yogurt, mayo, and ranch seasoning. Toss well.
6. Each serving should have 6 ounces of cooked chicken and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of broccoli salad.



## ***Waffled Tuna Melt***

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### ***Ingredients:***

- 4½ ounces canned tuna packed in water
- 1½ ounces eggs
- 2 tablespoons low-fat cream cheese at room temperature
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup minced celery
- 2 scallions minced
- $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp salt
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- Cooking spray
- 1½ cups romaine lettuce cut into  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch strips
- 1 tbsp ranch dressing

### ***Directions:***

1. Drain the tuna from its water.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese and eggs with a whisk and mix until thoroughly combined.
3. Combine the tuna with the egg-cream cheese mix and stir in the celery, scallions, salt, pepper and cheese.
4. Preheat a waffle iron and spray both sides with the cooking spray.
5. Put an adequate amount of the tuna mix on your waffle iron (the amount may vary depending on the waffle iron's size), and cook until golden brown for about 15 minutes.
6. Once done remove the tuna waffles from the waffle iron and place on a wire rack.
7. Repeat until the mixture is used up.
8. Combine the lettuce with the ranch dressing and divide evenly onto plates. Top with each plate with an equal number of tuna waffles.

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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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5  Missions Luncheon/Issac Zander Q&A	6	7	8 Ladies Fellowship 10 am  Elders 7pm	9	10 CCCC Rally Royal Oak	11 8 am  Men's Prayer Breakfast
12 	13 Missions 10 am C.E. 6 pm	14	15	16	17	18 10 am—Noon  Game Night 5:15 pm
19 Awana & Youth Group 6:00-7:30	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 	28	29	30	31	

Weekly activities: Wednesdays: 10am Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group  
Tuesdays: Karate

#### PAUL SAID IT IN 1 CORINTHIANS

1. foolishness
2. crucified
3. temple
4. truth
5. love
6. death
7. childish
8. grow
9. Lord
10. baptize



*Commit to the  
LORD  
whatever you do,  
and He will  
establish  
your plans.*

Proverbs 16:3



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