



The BCC Connection

*December
2024*

*Bancroft Congregational Church
Pastor Todd Evans*

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Sunday Worship Hours

Christian Education Hour 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

There are Nursery and Jr. church programs available for children during our worship service.



You may notice this edition of the BCC Connection is different and is lacking certain normal formatting. We had some serious technical issues this month. We hope to be back to normal soon.



December Activities

- ❄ 1st—First Sunday of Advent
- ❄ 7th—Ladies Luncheon 10 am to Noon
- ❄ 14th—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- ❄ 14th—"The Forge" movie 6:30 pm (popcorn will be available; bring your own drink)
- ❄ 15th—Randy and Marli Brown will lead our Worship (10:30 am) with a Potluck after
- ❄ 21st—Pantry Ministry 10 am to Noon
- ❄ 24th—Candlelight Service 7 pm
- ❄ 25th—Merry Christmas!



From Your Favorite Pastor

I can't believe we are heading into the Christmas season again, man it's gone by fast. As I grow older, I become more aware of the way that Christmas has changed in our world. Many won't even say "Merry Christmas" today, instead using "Happy Holidays." The culture war and fighting never seems to stop, the commercials about "stuff" are non-stop, and in the midst of this all I struggle and strive to keep myself focused on what this is really all about.

It is an annual thing for pastors to mention for people to "remember the true meaning of Christmas." But there is a reason that we feel compelled to remind everyone: that's because we are bombarded constantly about gifts, "spirit of Christmas," Santa, "it's all about family." While many of those things aren't bad, they do succeed at pulling us away from Christ. They get our focus on the things of this world and not on the savior offering us a way to eternal life. But we ARE celebrating the greatest gift the world has ever seen or received.

He is the reason we give gifts to others, the reason we especially give gifts to those we love. We are loved so much by God that we were given the gift of Christ. So to accomplish not being distracted, try to bring the Scriptures of Christmas into your home. Read Luke 1-2:20, Matthew 1-2:12, John 1:1-18, and Isaiah 9.

I pray that you not only have a great Christmas season, but that He will reach into your life and overflow you with His Spirit. I encourage you to allow Him to use you to bless others around you.

Be Blessed & Be A Blessing

Pastor Todd

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Twisted Scripture

Psalm 119:15

“I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways”

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Some people say that the Bible approves of the sorts of meditation found in Buddhism, Hinduism and New Age. However, advocates of these religions teach that mindless meditation is a way to reach spiritual ‘enlightenment’. The Bible encourages meditation but does not define it as emptying your mind of all content.

Psalm 119 is known as the “acrostic” psalm. The author goes through the letters of the Hebrew alphabet to show how important it is to delight in God’s Word. Each of the 176 verses uses a different description for the word of God (i.e. law, decrees, ways, precepts, etc.) to emphasize the importance of the concept. This passage does not paint meditation as a mindless routine; rather, the biblical model of meditation bids us reflect on God and His ways. This means meditating on Scripture, for it is here that we learn how to have a relationship with the Creator of the universe and learn about His ideas for righteous living. (1 Timothy 2:15-17).

Proverbs 26:4-5

Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him.

Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.

Pg 665 Apologetics Bible

Should you or should you not answer a fool according to his foolishness? Some skeptics claim that these back-to-back verses form a contradiction, but this makes no sense given the fact that both were written by the same author. It is important to determine what type of literature is being considered in order to make an accurate interpretation of any passage. The book of Proverbs is wisdom literature. Literature of this type often includes statements whose application and fitness vary with different situations. These kinds of sayings are meant to be guidance statements. In this light, we see that it is sometimes best to let a fool rattle on with his empty talk; else you’ll be drawn into his error (vs4). In other cases, a fool needs a dose of his own medicine so he may see how ridiculous he is acting. There is no hard and fast rule about which of these options is best. It depends on the situation, as Proverbs 16:4-5 indicates.

A Christmas Story December




- Day 1: Micah 5:2
- Day 2: Isaiah 7:14
- Day 3: Psalm 72:9-11
- Day 4: Jeremiah 31:15
- Day 5: Numbers 24:17
- Day 6: Isaiah 11:1-2
- Day 7: Luke 1:26-28
- Day 8: Luke 1:29-31
- Day 9: Luke 1:32-33
- Day 10: Luke 1:34-35
- Day 11: Luke 1:37-38
- Day 12: Luke 1:46-48
- Day 13: Luke 1:49-50
- Day 14: Luke 1:51-52
- Day 15: Luke 1:53-55
- Day 16: Luke 1:67-69
- Day 17: Luke 2:7
- Day 18: Luke 2:8-9
- Day 19: Luke 2:10-11
- Day 20: Luke 2:13-14
- Day 21: Luke 2:29-32
- Day 22: Luke 2:33-35
- Day 23: Matthew 2:1-2
- Day 24: Matthew 2:10-11
- Day 25: Matthew 2:16-18
- Day 26: John 1:1
- Day 27: John 1:4-5
- Day 28: John 1:14
- Day 29: John 1:15-16
- Day 30: 1 John 5:1
- Day 31: Romans 8:2-3

Kingdom Bloggers



Weekly Service Schedule for December 2024

Service	1st	8th	15th Randy & Marli	22nd	29th
Greeter	Chris Adolf	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Chris Adolf
Greeter	Charlotte Adolf		Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed	Charlotte Adolf
Nursery	Brian Reed	Jenny Habermehl		Shana Post	Cathy Taber
Nursery	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl		Patty Hewitt	Laurie Valade
Sound	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias		Jordan Evans	Maddie Bias
Computer	Jordan Evans	Vaeh Cooke		Aaron Zander	Vaeh Cooke
Call to Worship and Prayer	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post		Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Prayer Elder	Layne Valade	Brian Reed		Carl Cooke	James Huguelet
Jr. Church Teacher	Becky Durling	Amber Bias		Charlotte Adolf	Paula Wahl
Jr. Church Helper	Cathy Taber	Shana Post		Chris Adolf	Jenny Habermehl
Scripture Reader and Message Prayer	Sharon Lewis Luke 1:30	Maddie Bias Like 2:8-11		Dan Bryant Matthew 2:11	Sandy Braid TBD
Benediction	Pastor Todd	Carl Cooke		Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl
Financial Team	Dan Bryant	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	Ames Huguelet	Dan Bryant
Financial Team	Carl Cooke	Tom Wahl	Matt Post	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl
Communion	Tom Wahl				



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!



Bible Trivia Quiz



1. Who were the three sons of Adam and Eve listed in the Bible?

Answer: _____

2. How many brothers did Joseph have?

Answer: _____

3. How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

Answer: _____

4. Where did God give Moses the Ten Commandments?

Answer: _____

5. Who baptized Jesus?

Answer: _____

6. What were men trying to do at the Tower of Babel?

Answer: _____

7. How many books are in the Bible?

Answer: _____

8. How many people were saved on Noah's ark?

Answer: _____

9. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?

Answer: _____

10. Where did Jesus turn water into wine?

Answer: _____

11. Name the shortest verse in the Bible?

Answer: _____

12. What is the only book of the Bible that does not contain the word "God"?

Answer: _____

13. What is the last word in the Bible?

Answer: _____

14. The New Testament was originally written in which language?

Answer: _____

15. How many books are there in the Old Testament?

Answer: _____

16. What is the shortest book of the Bible?

Answer: _____

17. What is the last book of the New Testament?

Answer: _____

18. Where did Jesus grow up?

Answer: _____



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Answers:

1. Cain, Abel, Seth
2. 12
3. 10
4. Mt. Sinai
5. John the Baptist
6. Build a tower to reach heaven
7. 66
8. 8
9. Simeon
10. Cana
11. Jesus wept John 11:15
12. Esther
13. Amen
14. Greek
15. 39
16. 2 John
17. Revelation
18. Nazareth

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



Dec 1	Sandy Braid Virginia Cottenham
Dec 8	Sean Zander
Dec 14	Skip Taber Caleb Valade
Dec 16	Sharon Lewis Marion Reed
Dec 19	Ken Mahar
Dec 26	Shana Post
Dec 28	Paula Wahl Adam Zander
Dec 30	Jill Siddens



December Anniversaries

Dec 16	Steve and Becky Durling
Dec 17	Dan and Rose Bryant



Kids Corner



Simple Nativity Scene Keepsake

This is a homemade nativity scene using popsicle sticks, burlap, and sheet music for a cozy Christmas vibe.

- ☐ **Build a frame:** glue popsicle sticks into a house shape, adding sheet music for the backdrop
- ☐ **Assemble figures:** Use wooden pegs wrapped in burlap for Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus on a straw bed

Mission News!

We would like to say a really BIG thank you to Bancroft Congregational Church.

Once again you helped us reach our goals.

--Missionary Christmas Stockings --

Thank you for giving to our Christmas Stockings. We ask that all Christmas Stockings be returned to our basket on the ledge in front of the mailboxes by Sunday, November 24th or as soon as possible. We will try to give you an update after all the stockings have been turned in and the money counted.

--Isaac Zander Update --

Isaac has reached 100% of his pledged support to now become a full-time Resident Missionary Staff at Camp Barakel. Your Missions Committee hosted an Easter Breakfast March 31, designating the offering to go to Isaac. We also hosted a luncheon after church on Sunday, May 5th with all donations given to Isaac. Isaac had left his employment to volunteer as a counselor through the summer at Camp Barakel and he was going to need money for gas and living expenses. We give thanks to God for allowing us to help in this way.

--Operation Christmas Child boxes --

We took 98 OCC boxes to the Owosso Drop Off location Monday, November 18th. Thank you for those who filled a box and for those who contributed to our collection box. Caleb, Laurie and Sandy took boxes into Owosso.

--Halloween Outreach --

We gave out approximately 140 bags of candy with a Christian Halloween tract inside the zip lock bags, 16 dozen doughnut holes, 2 gallons of cider, a little over 1 gallon of hot chocolate, water and ½ pot of coffee were used. Mindy, Jr., Beth, Sally, Lee, Paula, Tom, Sandy and Pastor helped Halloween night. Thanks to all who brought in candy, packed the bags, and helped Halloween night. **We were making a Christian presence on a day that normally does not have one.**

--WE NEED PEOPLE TO SERVE ON THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE!

Currently we only have 3 people on this committee. God gives all of us gifts to use for his glory. Are you using your gifts? We need YOU!

--Our Missions giving is down.

We currently write \$950 in support checks to our missionaries every month. The giving for October was \$786. That is \$164 short of our monthly expenses. We do realize we have had many things going on and that may have taken away from our Missions Fund. We just want to mention it, please help if you can.



Grandma's Kitchen



Cheesy "Potato" Casserole

Ingredients

- 5 Cups radish
- ¼ Cup onion, diced
- 1 tbsp low sodium bouillon
- 7 Tablespoons light cream cheese
- 1 Cup plain low fat greek yogurt
- 2 1/3 Cup reduced fat cheese

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375.
2. Place peeled and dished radishes in a medium pot, and fill with enough salted water to cover the radishes.
3. Boil for 25 - 30 minutes, or until radishes are easily pierced with a fork.
4. Drain well, and rinse with cold water.
5. Place drained radishes in a bowl, add remaining ingredients and mix well.
6. Place into an 8x8 baking dish and bake for 30 minutes.
7. Broil for another 1-3 minutes, watching carefully so as not to burn the top

Breakdown

Makes 4 servings

Per serving

¾ Lean

2 ½ Green

3 Condiments

Rosemary Cauliflower Rolls

Ingredients

- 4 cups riced cauliflower
- 1/3 cup almond flour
- 1/3 cup reduced fat, shredded mozzarella or cheddar cheese
- 2 Tbsp fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp salt

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Combine all ingredients in a medium-sized bowl. Scoop cauliflower mixture into twelve evenly-sized biscuits/rolls onto a lightly-greased, foil-lined baking sheet.
3. Bake until golden brown, about 30 minutes.

Breakdown

Makes 4 Servings

Per Servings: 1/4 Lean | 2 Green | 3 Condiments



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7 Ladies Luncheon 10 am to noon
8	9 Mission 10 am CE—7pm	10	11 Elder's—7pm	12	13	14  8am The Forge Movie 6:30 pm
15 Randy & Marli 10:30 am Potluck after Awana & Youth Group 6-7:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20	21 10am-Noon Food Pantry 
22	23	24  7 pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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



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