



The BCC Connection

February
2025

Bancroft Congregational Church
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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.



Food Pantry News

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your love and support for our food pantry! We are praising God for you and for your support and donations to our food pantry. In just a few weeks God has blessed us to keep this fruitful ministry going strong. We are always so amazed to see God's hand at work. What a mighty, mighty, God we serve! When we are weak, He is strong!

We always need and accept money and food for the food pantry. We make sure every penny is spent wisely on what our local people need. We care deeply for each family that comes to our pantry.

You are always welcome to come in and join us in hands-on helping too. Thank you again and again!

Sincerely,

The Pantry Team

Baked Boneless Chicken Thighs

Prep Time: 10 min. Cook Time: 30 min. Total time: 40 min. Serves 6

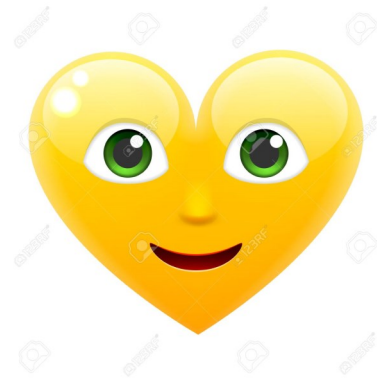
Ingredients:

- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tsp. Kosher salt, or 1/2 tsp. tsp. other salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. paprika (or smoked paprika)
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper (Or just use chili powder)

Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 400. Place the thighs in a large bowl.
- 2) Add olive oil and spices. Use your hands to coat the chicken pieces.
- 3) Arrange the seasoned thighs in a single layer on a rimmed baking dish, such as a 9x13 baking dish. Brush on extra oil and spices left in the bowl.
- 4) Bake until the thighs are cooked through, juices run clear, and a meat thermometer reads 165,
- 5) Serve immediately.

Karla cooks two 2 or 3 thighs at a time; She just sprinkles the spices on instead of measuring as much as what is in the recipe for a serving of 6. This is so good!!



From Your Favorite Pastor

Ahhh, Valentine's Day! Hallmark's favorite day of the year. Florists love it too. The entire day is to be dedicated to love and the most significant ones that we love in our lives, our spouses/significant other. When we look at the word love, we see that it has different connotations in the English language with romantic love, parental love, sibling love, friend love, and others. Each one of those is a different kind of love. We see the same thing in the Bible when we look at love.

So I decided to do a quick word study of love in the Bible to see what we get. Oh boy! There are 458 times in the Old Testament and 286 in the New Testament (ESV, different in the various translations due to interpretation) where the word "love" is used. Of those, the Old Testament (Hebrew) uses 8 different connotations and the New Testament (Greek) uses 9 different ones. In the Hebrew, the two most often used are romantic love and loyalty/fidelity. In the NT is where we see Jesus do what He always does, change our perspective.

The 2 most common uses of love in the NT Greek are agape and agapao, which are both different than the other main one used: phileo, which represents tender affection. The first one, agape, is not a romantic love as we would think of it. It is a noun that was used by the NT authors to express the distinctive character of Christian love, which included God's love to man, man's love to God, and man's love to fellow man (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 1 John 4:8; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 8:3; John 15:13; Galatians 5:14; Romans 13:8). We see the pinnacle of this love in 1 Corinthians 13 and 1 John 4 where the love of Christ is best exemplified for us to follow. The second, agapao, the largest connotation that is used means to care and is a verb. This is the one that is an action for us to fulfill as believers and followers of Jesus the Christ. This is the one where many Christians struggle because it often calls for rather significant sacrifices on our part. Those sacrifices can range quite a bit in terms of what God is asking, from uprooting our lives to move to another country to walking next door to help unload groceries.

Here's the bigger lesson I take away: these 2 meanings combine to work together to fulfill what we are called to do. We've discussed it here before, as well as in messages and letters, that we are to love God with all our being, love our neighbors as are ourselves, and make disciples (followers) of Christ. This is done in both noun (agape) and verb (agapao) working together to complete. This February, as plans are made to celebrate romantic love, let's remember to also agape/agapao fellow believers, neighbors, family, friends, and everyone we come in contact with. It is done by both physical acts of service and verbal acts of sharing the Good News with people we are around. Doing both of those things shows people the greatest love there is, the love of Christ for sinners.

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 12:29-31; 1 Corinthians 13

Be blessed and be a blessing

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Twisted Scripture

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Matthew 3:15-17
Apologetics Bible pg

Members of cults and non-Christian religions take issue with Christian teaching about God's nature, particularly the doctrine of the Trinity. Critics point to this passage as evidence that the New Testament teaches tri-theism (three gods). After all, it is argued there are three distinct divinities referenced here: the Father, whose voice comes out of heaven, the Son, who is being baptized by John the Baptist and the Holy Spirit, who came down upon Jesus as a dove. Therefore, how can Christians speak of God as one when this clearly shows He is three?

The answer is that God is One in essence (Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29), yet three in Person: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That is no contradiction, for God is One in one thing (*what* He is – His unified, divine essence) and three in another (*who* He is – three individual Persons making up the Trinity). Each member is distinct from the others, and so they are described as distinct; and yet they share equally and eternally in the divine essence, making them fundamentally unified.

Matthew 7:1
Apologetics Bible pg



In our politically correct age, we are told that it's not our right to point fingers and pass judgment on others.

However, this is actually a judgment in and of itself, and thus it contradicts the principle that we should not judge others. So when someone tells you that it's wrong for you to judge, ask, "So then why are you judging me?" Anyone who says Jesus prohibits all judgment in Matthew 7:1 has taken His words out of context. It is a self-righteous, hypocritical judgment that Jesus condemns (Romans 2:1-3). Elsewhere He actually commands His followers to 'judge according to righteous judgment' (John 7:24). Paul said Christians are responsible for discerning the actions of other Christians (1 Corinthians 5:9-13, 6:2-5). Of course, our goal must be correction rather than scorn when we make righteous judgments. We must keep a humble, non-hypocritical spirit when we judge others, but we should never buy into the idea that it is wrong to practice and communicate discernment.

HEALINGS BY JESUS

Provide the answers for these events.

1. Jesus healed the servant of this military leader.
2. At Capernaum Jesus healed this person's mother-in-law.
3. This man's daughter was raised from the dead.
4. Jesus healed this blind man at Jericho.
5. This person was healed after Peter cut off his ear.
6. This person touched Jesus's robe and was healed.
7. Jesus healed this disease when He "reached out and touched the man" then told him not to tell anyone about it except the priest.
8. Jesus healed this withered body part in the synagogue on the Sabbath.
9. What was the marital status of the woman whose son Jesus raised in Nain?
10. The paralyzed man in Bethseda was trying to get into this to be healed before Jesus came and healed him.



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Weekly Service Schedule for February 2025

Service	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
Greeter	Brian Reed	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Karla Reed		Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed
Nursery	Cathy Taber	Brian Reed	Jenny Habermehl	Shana Post
Nursery	Laurie Valade	Karla Reed	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt
Sound	Wyatt Kreego	Maddie Bias	Sarah Bias	Wyatt Kreego
Computer	Kate (Kreego)	Vaeh Cooke	Aaron Zander	Kate (Kreego)
Call to Worship & Prayer	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Matt Post	Lee Habermehl
Prayer Elder	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Jr. Church Teacher	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	Amber Bias	Charlotte Adolf
Jr. Church Helper	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Chris Adolf
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Carl Cooke Exodus 13:1-2	Laurie Valade Exodus 14:1-4	Vaeh Cooke Exodus 15:22-25	Layne Valade Exodus 16:1-3
Benediction	Pastor	Carl Cooke	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl
Financial Team	Dan Bryant	James Huguelet	Lee Habermehl	Tom Wahl
Financial Team	Layne Valade	Carl Cooke	Matt Post	Brian Reed
Communion	Layne Valade			



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!



We need more greeters! We could also use more people to work in the Nursery and Jr. Church. Please contact the office (Diane) if you are interested in helping out!

February

Forgive & Forgiven

Day 1: Mark 11:25

Day 2: Luke 17:4

Day 3: Ephesians 4:32

Day 4: Colossians 3:13

Day 5: Proverbs 3:3

Day 6: Matthew 5:7

Day 7: Luke 6:36

Day 8: Matthew 18:21-35

Day 9: 1 John 1:9

Day 10: Isaiah 1:18

Day 11: Matthew 6:14-15

Day 12: Ephesians 1:7

Day 13: Colossians 1:13-14

Day 14: Psalm 103:12

Day 15: 2 Corinthians 2:5-8

Day 16: Acts 7:59-60

Day 17: Romans 12:20

Day 18: Psalms 130:3-4

Day 19: Isaiah 43:25

Day 20: Micah 7:18-19

Day 21: Luke 7:47-48

Day 22: Acts 3:19

Day 23: 1 John 2:1-2

Day 24: 1 Peter 3:9

Day 25: James 5:16

Day 26: Proverbs 15:18

Day 27: Proverbs 17:9

Day 28: Psalm 86:5

Pastor's scripture readings for February:
Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 12:29-31;
1 Corinthians 13



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This Month's Cause for Celebration!

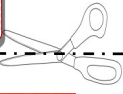


JOHNSON	ELIJAH	3-Jan
JOHNSON	NOAH	12-Jan
HAMMOND	GARY	20-Jan
EVANS	JADE	22-Jan
RUMERY,	BETH	24-Jan
COOKE	JENNY	29-Jan



20 Carl & Jenny Cooke

Kids Corner



♥ SIN

THIS DARK COLOR REMINDS ME OF SIN BECAUSE SIN IS LIKE DARKNESS IN OUR HEARTS.

IT'S THE WRONG THINGS WE DO, LIKE LYING, DISOBEYING, BEING SELFISH, OR SAYING MEAN WORDS. THE BIBLE SAYS:

ALL HAVE SINNED....
(ROMANS 3:23)

YOU AND I HAVE SINNED! AND SIN CAN'T COME NEAR GOD. HE SAYS WE DESERVE TO BE SENT AWAY FROM HIM TO BE PUNISHED FOREVER. TRYING HARD TO BE GOOD CAN'T GET RID OF YOUR SIN. BUT GOD LOVES YOU AND SENT SOMEONE TO TAKE AWAY YOUR SIN! HIS NAME IS...

♥ GOD

HE IS PERFECT AND PURE! GOD'S BOOK, THE BIBLE, TELLS US:

1. HE MADE THE WHOLE UNIVERSE OUT OF NOTHING!
2. HE IS RIGHT AND GOOD IN EVERYTHING HE DOES!
3. HE LOVES EVERYBODY, INCLUDING YOU!

THE BIBLE SAYS:

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.... (JOHN 3:16)

HE WANTS YOU TO KNOW AND LOVE HIM AS YOUR FATHER, AND LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER! BUT WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM THAT CAN KEEP US AWAY FROM GOD. IT'S CALLED...

WHAT DO THESE 5 COLORS MEAN?



THEY TELL US SOME REALLY **GOOD NEWS!** **GOLD IS PERFECT AND PURE, SO IT REMINDS ME OF...**

- MAKE A BOOK!**
1. With the whole sheet open and blank side up, fold lengthwise.
 2. Open the sheet and fold it crosswise.
 3. Leaning it folded, fold it lengthwise.
 4. Open this last fold and cut starting at the folded edge and cutting along the crease, **JUST TO THE CENTER.**
 5. Open the sheet and fold lengthwise.
 6. Holding at the two end segments, move them inwards so the center pages open out in a diamond shape.
 7. Keep moving the ends together until they meet in the center.
 8. Carefully fold the 4 double-layered pages into a book with the boy's face as the cover.
 9. Glue-stick the open edges of the double layers together if you like.

JESUS

THIS RED COLOR REMINDS ME OF HIS BLOOD WHICH HE GAVE FOR YOU AND ME!

GOD SENT HIS OWN SON, JESUS CHRIST, TO EARTH AS A BABY. AS HE GREW TO BE A MAN, JESUS NEVER, EVER SINNED, BUT HE LET HIMSELF BE PUT TO DEATH LIKE A CRIMINAL!

HE TOOK ALL YOUR SIN ON HIMSELF AND HE TOOK ALL THE PUNISHMENT FOR IT WHEN HE GAVE HIS BLOOD ON THE CROSS! THE BIBLE SAYS:

CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS...HE WAS BURIED... HE ROSE AGAIN.... (1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4)

JESUS CAME BACK TO LIFE AFTER THREE DAYS AND HE LIVES FOREVER! HE LOVES YOU SO MUCH THAT HE DID EVERYTHING THAT WAS NEEDED TO TAKE AWAY YOUR SIN! NOW YOU NEED TO...

♥ Believe

The Bible Says: **Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.** (Acts 16:31).

To be saved means to have a new heart that's clean from sin like this clean color! It means you're God's child and you'll live forever with Him!

Being saved is God's gift that you don't deserve and can't get by trying to be good!

It's yours as soon as you believe in who Jesus is and what He did for you! It's like saying "Yes!" to God. Will you say yes to Him right now?

If you did, God wants you to....

GROW

TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS! GOD PROMISES ALL HIS CHILDREN:

I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU. (HEBREWS 13:5)

IF YOU SIN, TELL GOD AND HE'LL FORGIVE YOU (1 JOHN 1:9).

HERE'S HOW TO G-R-O-W: GO TO GOD IN PRAYER! TALK TO HIM ANYTIME ABOUT ANYTHING! -PHILIPPIANS 4:6

READ THE BIBLE! -1 PETER 2:2

BEY--ASK GOD TO HELP YOU! -MARK 12:30-31

WORSHIP GOD AT CHURCH. -HEBREWS 10:24-25

READ THE BIBLE AND GROW ONLINE: UP.4KIDZ.NET

Mission News

Mission Trip 2025—Tampa Florida—Hurricane relief



Grandma's Kitchen

Ranch Bacon Cauliflower Bites



Ingredients

4 cups (14.08 oz) fresh cauliflower (8 greens)
2 large eggs (2/3 lean)
2 tablespoons ranch dressing mix (12 condiments)
1 1/3 cup (5.33 oz) cheddar cheese (1 1/3 lean)
5 oz turkey bacon (1 lean)
1 teaspoon chives

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Pulse cauliflower in a food processor until it forms large crumbs.
2. Place cauliflower in paper towels or cheesecloth and wring out any excess water. Pour cauliflower crumbs into a large bowl.
3. Add eggs, 1 cup cheese, ranch seasoning, about 3/4s of the bacon, and chives.
4. Grease a muffin tin with cooking spray, then fill each one about 2/3s full. Top with a sprinkle of cheese and crumbled bacon. Bake for about 20 to 22 minutes, or until lightly golden. Garnish with additional chives before serving.

Makes 4 servings
Each serving provides
2 green
3/4 lean
3 condiments



Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients:

14 oz – Chicken Breast ~Yields 9 oz cooked (1 1/2 leaner)
1/2 cup (2 oz) grated - 2% Reduced Fat Cheese (1/2 lean)
1/4 cup – Franks Hot Wing Sauce (4 condiments)
1/4 cup – Light Ranch Dressing (2 healthy fats)
2 tbsp – Reduced Fat Cream Cheese (2 condiments)
1 1/2 cups (5.34 oz) – Celery cut into sticks (3 greens)
1 1/2 cups (7.89 oz) – Sliced Bell Peppers (3 greens)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Bake chicken breasts for 30-35 minutes or until cooked. Remove chicken breast from pan & chop into small pieces or shred. Mix Franks Hot Wing sauce, Ranch Dressing, & Cream Cheese. Heat over medium high heat, stirring until Cream Cheese is completely melted. Once melted, pour the sauce mixture over chicken. Then sprinkle with Cheddar Cheese. Bake for an additional 10 minutes or until the cheese is melted.
Serve with 1 1/2 cups of celery and/or Bell Peppers or your favorite veggies!

Makes 2 servings
Per serving:
1 leaner
3 greens
3 condiments
1 healthy fat

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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
 to contact the office during office hours.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2  Eve Service 7pm	3	4	5	6	7	8 8 am 
9	10 Missions 10 am CE 6 pm	11	12 Ladies Fellowship 10 am Elder's 7 pm	13	14 Saturday 	15 Food Pantry  5:15 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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

HEALINGS BY JESUS

1. centurion
2. Peter
3. Jairus
4. Bartimaeus
5. Malchus, servant of the high priest
6. woman with twelve-year illness
7. leprosy
8. hand
9. widow
10. a pool of water

God's Plan of Salvation

HEAR

John 6:45,
Rom. 10:14-17

BELIEVE

Heb. 11:6, John 8:24,
Rom. 1:16, Rom. 10:10

REPENT

Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30,
2 Cor. 7:10, 2 Pet. 3:9

CONFESS

Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10
Matt. 10:32, Luke 12:8

BAPTISM

Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16,
1 Pet. 3:21, Rom. 6:3-4, Gal. 3:27

YOU MUST:



John 10:1-5

Matt. 7:21

Luke 6:46

2 Tim. 2:5

HEAR

BELIEVE

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+ BAPTISM



2 Tim. 2:10

THEN Be faithful until death
Rev. 2:10, 2 Tim. 4:6-8



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