



The BCC Connection

January
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.

Roman's Road To Salvation

Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”

Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 10:9-10

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

A sinner's prayer for forgiveness:

“Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I know my sins deserve to be punished. I believe Christ is the Son of God, who died for me and rose from the grave. I want to turn from my sin and trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank You for your forgiveness and for everlasting life that I know I now have through faith in Jesus.
In Jesus' name, Amen.”



From Your Favorite



As you read this, we just had Christmas and are approaching the second event of this season: new years. This is often used as an opportunity to bring change into our lives including health choices and spiritual choices. By the way, anyone seriously looking at health changes and wanting exercise equipment, just wait a couple of months and you will find a lot of new things on sale from people who bought them new and never used them (you get the cheap price!). Many people who profess to be Christians often look to make changes in their walk with Christ with the goal of being closer to Him.

We as a church are doing something somewhat similar. We have started working with the leaders of all the ministries and groups that function in BCC to work on how they can intentionally share the Gospel with the community around us. The desire is to see the entire town of Bancroft and as much of Shiawassee county as possible hear the Gospel in the next 4 years. This isn't being pursued to have more people be in our church, it is being done to do what God calls us to do.

It is very clear throughout Scripture that we are to share the good news with people around us. Church history and the Bible shows us that the disciples lived their entire lives after Christ's resurrection doing just that, all they way until most of them were executed for it. They did it because Christ told us to do this. Look these passages up over the next few weeks and pray about how God can use you to accomplish these goals. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15-16; James 1:22-27; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

We will also be working to offer opportunities for everyone to learn how to share their faith with people around them, both friends/family and strangers. We will be providing different resources with the goal of giving you the chance to find what works best for you, as we understand not everyone works the same way. Be looking for these chances, which will include a special training from the Gideons.

I believe two things in these goals: God will do mighty things at BCC if we are faithful to this, and we will be failing our calling if we don't do everything we can to share the Gospel. I'll finish with one final thing: pray, pray, pray, pray, pray. We want to be found faithful when He returns!

Be blessed and be a blessing

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New Beginnings

January



- Day 1: Genesis 1:1-2
- Day 2: Jeremiah 29:11
- Day 3: Job 8:7
- Day 4: Lamentations 3:22-23
- Day 5: Psalm 30:5
- Day 6: Psalm 40:3
- Day 7: Isaiah 43:18-19
- Day 8: Isaiah 40:31
- Day 9: Isaiah 58:12
- Day 10: Ecclesiastes 3:1
- Day 11: Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Day 12: Isaiah 65:17
- Day 13: Ezekiel 11:19
- Day 14: Jeremiah 31:31
- Day 15: Matthew 26:27-28
- Day 16: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 17: 1 Peter 1:3
- Day 18: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Day 19: Galatians 6:14-15
- Day 20: Colossians 3:8-9
- Day 21: Colossians 3:10-11
- Day 22: Romans 6:4
- Day 23: 2 Peter 3:10-11
- Day 24: 2 Peter 3:12-13
- Day 25: Philippians 3:13-14
- Day 26: Ephesians 4:21-22
- Day 27: Ephesians 4:23-24
- Day 28: Romans 12:2
- Day 29: Revelations 21:1-2
- Day 30: Revelations 21:3-4
- Day 31: Revelations 21:5

Kingdom Bloggers



Pastor's suggested readings for this month: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15-16; James 1:22-27; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.



Twisted Scripture

Ecclesiastes 9:6 & 10
Pg 678 Apologetics Bible

*⁶ Their love, their hate
and their jealousy have long since vanished;
never again will they have a part
in anything that happens under the sun.*

¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

Jehovah's Witnesses and some Seventh-day Adventists use these verses to teach that righteous souls will enjoy a resurrected state in heaven while those who are wicked simply enter a state of unconsciousness, not a literal hell in which they are conscious of punishment. However, we must keep in mind that the book of Ecclesiastes seeks to describe the futility of life without God and life spent in pursuit of riches. To achieve these goals, the author often contrasts life and death, not life and afterlife. For instance, when he says, "the dead don't know anything" (vs5), he is not making a literal statement about the kind of afterlife people experience. Instead, he means that everyone will eventually die, and that once a person is dead, the joys of living on this earth are complete. It is impossible to change the way we lived once we reach the grave. Thus, wisdom bids us live for God and invest ourselves in relationships, not vain wealth.

Isaiah 29:11-14

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¹¹ For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I can't; it is sealed." ¹² Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I don't know how to read."

¹³ The Lord says:

*"These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
Their worship of me*

is based on merely human rules they have been taught.^[u]

*¹⁴ Therefore once more I will astound these people
with wonder upon wonder;
the wisdom of the wise will perish,
the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."*

Mormon apologists say that the "sealed document" mentioned in verse 11 prophesies the Book of Mormon, one of four sacred texts used by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. According to the Book of Mormon, Jesus came to the American continent sometime after His ascension to heaven (Acts 1:9-11) in order to teach the lost tribes of Israel who had, unknown to the world, emigrated there a few centuries earlier. Mormon found Joseph Smith is said to have "unsealed" the "sealed document" of Isaiah 29:11 when, in 1830, an angel named Moroni supposedly gave him ancient plates and told him to translate and print them. However, the passage in Isaiah has nothing to do with Mormonism or the Book of Mormon; instead, it refers to the nation of Israel. God criticized the Jews for their hard hearts. Their lack of judgment, Isaiah wrote, resembled an unsealed document that could not be opened and read.

Weekly Service Schedule for January 2023

Service	5th	12th	19th	26th
Greeter	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl
Greeter	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed		Cyndy Habermehl
Nursery	Brian Reed	Layne Valade	Jenny Habermehl	Shana Post
Nursery	Karla Reed	Daphne Valade	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt
Sound	Sarah Bias	Matthew Zander	Maddie Bias	Sarah Bian
Computer	Matt Post	Aaron Zander	Vaeh Cooke	Matt Post
Call to Worship & Prayer	Matt Post	Lee Habermehl	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Prayer Elder	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Layne Valade	Matt Post
Jr. Church Teacher	Amber Bias	Becky Durling	Diane Lepior	Charlotte Adolf
Jr. Church Helper	Shana Post	Cathy Taber	Volunteer needed	Chris Adolf
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Laurie Valade Exodus 2:1-4	Vaeh Cooke Exodus 3:1-4	Layne Valade TBD	Dan Bryant TBD
Benediction	Pastor	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade
Financial Team	Layne Valade	James Huguelet	Dan Bryant	Tom Wahl
Financial Team	Matt Post	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl
Communion	Carl Cooke			

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!



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.

Answers on page 11

Correction from last months quiz: Question 2—How many brothers did Joseph have? The answer printed was 12 and is wrong. Jacob had 12 sons, but Joseph was one of the brothers, so he had 11 brothers, not 12!

Thank you Gary Hammond for pointing out the mistake.

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

No Anniversaries this
month....but celebrate anyway!



Kids Corner



Gather your materials.
You'll need either felt or
foam in black, white, orange,
and pink. Glue, scissors and
a pencil, googlie eyes.



Draw your shapes on to your
foam, then cut them out.



Begin assembling your pieces.
Be sure to leave the wings for
last.



Only put a small amount of
glue on the top of each wing.
Leave the bottom 3/4 or so
glue-free so it can 'hug'
your book page.



Add the other wing
following the previous
directions.



Add the face pieces.

Mission News!

Mission Trip

We would like to say a really BIG thank you to Bancroft Congregational Church for support the mission team this past year!

Thank you so much for your generous support for our team getting ready to go on the mission trip! It will be hands-on and hard working for Hurricane relief help. As most of you know by now, Hurricane Relief Mission trip was changed from North Carolina in December to Florida in January. The reason was because the help slots filled up so fast that we had to find another place and date. We were thankful God is providing people to do the work that needs to be done. The place we're heading is Tampa/ St. Petersburg area, through Samaritan's Purse. The dates are January 15-17th. Please be praying for our team!

The people that are not physically going on the trip have been an important part of this too. They are the "senders". In the church at Antioch, after fasting and praying and God calling Barnabas and Saul to go do some work that God called them to do. The church fasted, and prayed, and placed their hands on them. You are our prayer support! We also appreciate everyone stepping up with financial support too. It takes a team effort! You are an important part of our mission team! We appreciate you!

January Meeting

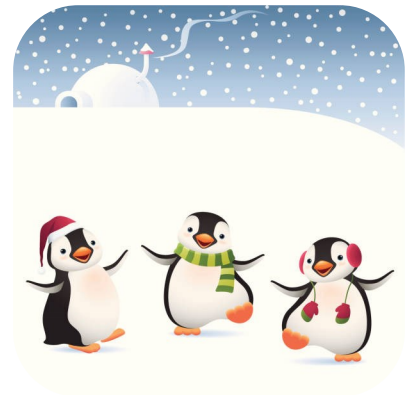
The next Mission Meeting is Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. We would like to see more people join our mission team. If you can come to our meeting, we would love to see you!

Chairman,
Karla Reed is the new chairman again on the mission team.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you for supporting the Bancroft Food Pantry.

You are always welcome to donate food or money to our pantry! We appreciate it and are very thankful for it! We have closer to around 40 families coming each month now. Our Food Pantry is every 3rd Saturday. The January 18th from 10-12. If you'd like to help the pantry team, please see Karla Reed or Laurie Valade.



Grandma's Kitchen



Chinese Orange Chicken
(One Serving)

Ingredients:

9 oz raw chicken breasts, cubed - should yield 6 oz cooked (1 Lean)
1/4 cup chicken broth (1/4 Condiment)
1 1/2 cups diet orange soda with 0 carbs such as diet Crush or diet Rite Tangerine Soda (I used only 1 cup)
1/2 tsp Chinese Five Spice Blend (2 Condiments)
1/2 cup green and red peppers, sliced (1 Green)
1 tsp olive oil (1 Healthy Fat)
1 clove garlic, minced (1 Condiment)
1 cup grated, cooked cauliflower (2 Greens)
Red pepper flakes (optional)

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat and sauté garlic with peppers until garlic is lightly brown.
2. Add chicken broth, soda, and Chinese 5-spice and stir until blended.
3. Add cut-up chicken breasts, and sauté until cooked through.
4. Serve over grated, cooked cauliflower, or cauliflower rice.

1 Lean and Green Meal with 3 Condiments and 1 Healthy Fat



Pizza Soup for a cold winter day!

Ingredients:

1 Tbls. Butter
1 lb. Extra-lean ground Chicken Italian Sausage
2 Cloves minced Garlic
1/2 Cup chopped Green Onion
1 Cup Bell Pepper, cut into 1/2 to 1-inch chunks
1 Cup Mushrooms, quartered
2 Cups Chicken or Vegetable Broth
28 oz. can (3 1/2 Cups) crushed Tomatoes
1 tsp. Italian Seasoning
1/4 tsp. Salt
1/4 tsp. Pepper
2.8 oz. Turkey Pepperoni slices, cut into quarters
20 Small Black Olives, sliced
1 1/3 Cups shredded reduced-fat part-skim mozzarella cheese

Directions:

In a nonstick frying pan, melt 1/2 Tbls. butter and scramble the chicken sausage until cooked through. Set aside.
In a large saucepan or pot, melt the remaining 1/2 Tbls. butter, sauté garlic, green onion, bell pepper, and mushrooms until tender.
Add broth, tomatoes, and seasonings. Stir to combine and bring just to boiling.
Reduce heat to simmer.
Add cooked sausage, pepperoni, and olives.
Stir and simmer for about 5 more minutes, until heated through, vegetables are soft, and flavors are combined.
Ladle soup into 4 bowls (about 1 1/2 cups of soup per serving). Top each with 1/3 Cup Mozzarella Cheese and serve.

Makes 4 Servings

Each serving provides a full Lean and Green meal with required healthy fats and 1 5/8 condiments. 10

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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
			1	2	3	4
5 	6	7	8 Elders 7 pm	9	10	11 8 am 
12	13 Missions 10 am CE 6:00 pm	14	15 Mission	16 Trip	17	18 10-Noon Food Pantry 
19 Awana & Youth Group 6:00—7:30 pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

COME TO ME, ALL YOU
WHO LABOR AND ARE
HEAVY LADEN, AND I
WILL GIVE YOU REST.
TAKE MY YOKE UPON
YOU AND LEARN
FROM ME, FOR I AM
GENTLE AND LOWLY IN
HEART, AND YOU WILL
FIND REST FOR YOUR
SOULS.
MATTHEW 11:28-29



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