



# *The BCC Connection*

*September  
2025*

*Bancroft Congregational Church  
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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.*



Many of you may know that Laurie Valade fell and broke her back late in August. She is home but in considerable pain and unable to do much. Cevin is now home from rehab as well. Sandy Braid is organizing meals to be taken in to their home a few times each week. Are you willing to help with this endeavor? Please contact Sandy at 989-277-0566. She can give you details on when meals are needed and also dietary restrictions.

Thank you for your willingness to help!



From your Favorite Pastor



As I write this, school just restarted around our county! I honestly don't know how to feel about it since it means summer is about over (and that horrible winter is around the corner). This all coming back into our schedules also reminds me of the job of the church, sharing Christ.

On Wednesday, September 24 is *See You At the Pole*- an event that brings kids, youth leaders, and parents together around the flag poles of schools all across this nation to pray for those schools and communities. October 2 is *Bring Your Bible to School Day*, a time where students bring their Bibles to school and carry them throughout the day. The goal is to have someone ask about it and be able to share the Gospel with them.

These are just 2 events for our youth to be able to share with the people around them. But we adults are called to share the Gospel with those around us wherever we are too. Matthew 22:36-40 *"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses? Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.'"* Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere- in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* After these, we get the encouragement that we aren't to just read this but to do this. James 1:22 *"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."*

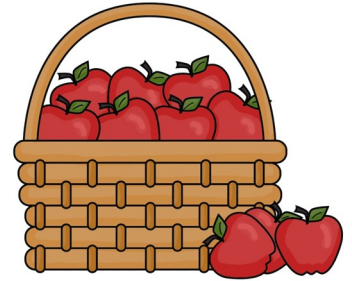
It isn't just our students who are supposed to go and share, it is to be all of us. We are called to be Christ everywhere we go. So let's focus on these simple things that Christ called us to, and we will see Him do amazing things in our lives and those around us. In that, we will be fulfilling the job of the church.

Be blessed & Be a Blessing

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# Twisted Scripture



## John 9:2

***"His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"***

*Pg 1132 Apologetics Bible*

*The Eastern idea of reincarnation teaches that after we die, we are destined to return as someone else in another life. Followers of Hinduism and Buddhism believe that how you live now (called "karma," "which can be made of of either good or bad things) determines whether your next life will be pleasant or miserable. Taken out of context, one might use John 9:2 to argue that the disciples believed in reincarnation, yet Jesus answered their question in a way that proves the impossibility of someone sinning before birth, and hence the impossibility of karma and reincarnation. He said the man was born with an affliction not because he sinned in a past life, but "so that God's works might be displayed in him" (vs. 3). Hebrews 9:27 further supports the impossibility of karma and reincarnation when it says, "it is appointed for people to die once" before the judgment comes. That is why 'now is the day of salvation' (2 Corinthians 6:2). Resurrection, not reincarnation, is what awaits us after death.*

## John 3:5

***'Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."***

*Pg. 1122 Apologetics Bible*

*This verse is often used to justify the mistaken belief that water baptism is required for salvation. There are several problems with this interpretation. First, Jesus elsewhere said that He came to 'seek and to save the lost' (Luke 19:10). Since the New Testament never says Jesus baptized anyone, it seems obvious that baptism is unnecessary for salvation. Second, rather than baptizing, Jesus went around teaching everyone who He was and telling them that it was necessary to believe in Him. In His own words, "God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Furthermore, He made it clear that condemnation is based not on failure to be baptized, but on failure to believe in Him (John 3:16). Finally, if baptism is a requirement for justification before God, it would conflict with the biblical teaching that salvation comes by faith alone (Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)*

## Luke 23:44-46

***'It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.'***

*Pg. 1113 Apologetics Bible*

*Some critics claim that Jesus merely fainted during His crucifixion, and was mistaken for dead, and was then hauled down and buried alive. Further, they say that He escaped the tomb and appeared to His disciples, who mistakenly believed that He was resurrected. However, there are sure signs that Jesus actually died. The Roman soldiers usually broke the legs of the crucifixion victims to speed up their deaths. When they set out to break Jesus' legs, they discovered that He was already dead (John 19:33). To prove this to themselves, the soldiers pierced Jesus' heart through His side (John 19:34). This would have killed Him if He wasn't already dead. In addition, blood loss due to His flogging and the piercing of His hands and feet (which would have severed arteries and nerves) made death inevitable. Also, the skeptic must explain how it's possible that a badly wounded Jesus could escape a closed tomb, sneak past Roman guards, and go on to convince His followers that He had conquered death.*



# Fruits of the Spirit

## September



- Day 1: Galatians 5:22-23
- Day 2: Zephaniah 3:17
- Day 3: John 3:16-17
- Day 4: John 15:9-10
- Day 5: John 15:12-13
- Day 6: Habakkuk 3:17-18
- Day 7: 1 Peter 1:8-9
- Day 8: Luke 15:7
- Day 9: Psalm 30:5
- Day 10: 1 Peter 3:11
- Day 11: James 3:18
- Day 12: Psalm 29:11
- Day 13: Romans 12:18
- Day 14: Exodus 34:6-7
- Day 15: James 1:2-4
- Day 16: Romans 5:1-2
- Day 17: Romans 5:3-4
- Day 18: Proverbs 31:20
- Day 19: Colossians 3:12
- Day 20: Titus 3:1-2
- Day 21: Ephesians 4:1-2
- Day 22: 2 Peter 1:5-6
- Day 23: 2 Peter 1:7-8
- Day 24: Hebrews 11:1-2
- Day 25: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 26: Romans 14:19
- Day 27: Proverbs 25:28
- Day 28: Proverbs 16:32
- Day 29: Titus 2:11-14
- Day 30: Philippians 4:8

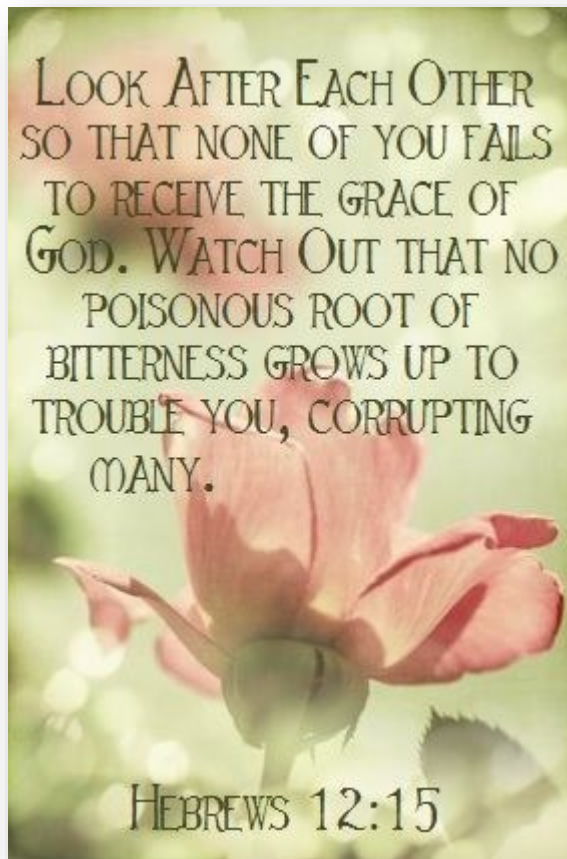
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## Weekly Service Schedule for September 2025

| Service                            | 7th                         | 14th                            | 21st                           | 28th                        |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Greeter                            | Lee Habermehl               | Walt Reed                       | Tom Wahl                       | Brian Reed                  |
| Greeter                            | Cyndy Habermehl             | Marion Reed                     |                                | Karla Reed                  |
| Nursery                            | Cathy Taber                 | Patty Hewitt                    | Jenny Habermehl                | Patty Hewitt                |
| Nursery                            | Volunteer                   | Shana Post                      | Paula Wahl                     | Shana Post                  |
| Sound                              | Sarah Bias                  | Cait Crego                      | Aaron Zander                   | Sarah Bias                  |
| Computer                           | Maddie Bias                 | Wyatt Crego                     | Matthew Zander                 | Maddie Bias                 |
| Call to Worship & Prayer           | Brian Reed                  | Carl Cooke                      | Lee Habermehl                  | Matt Post                   |
| Prayer Elder                       | Carl Cooke                  | Brian Reed                      | James Huguelet                 | Lee Habermehl               |
| Jr. Church Teacher                 | Paula Wahl                  | Becky Durling                   | Amber Bias                     | Paula Wahl                  |
| Jr. Church Helper                  | Jenny Habermehl             | Cathy Taber                     | Shana Post                     | Jenny Habermehl             |
| Scripture Reader<br>Message Prayer | Carl Cooke<br>Exodus 33:1-3 | Sharon Lewis<br>Exodus 34:30-35 | Maddie Bias<br>Exodus 35:20-24 | Dan Bryant<br>Exodus 36:3-5 |
| Benediction                        | Pastor                      | Matt Post                       | James Huguelet                 | Brian Reed                  |
| Financial Team                     | Dan Bryant                  | Brian Reed                      | Matt Post                      | Lee Habermehl               |
| Financial Team                     | Tom Wahl                    | James Huguelet                  | Carl Cooke                     | Tom Wahl                    |
| 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!***



## THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

*Provide the answers for these facts about the ark of the covenant.*



1. What the top of the ark was called
2. The two-dimensional geometric shape of the ark
3. The only right way to carry the ark
4. He died when he touched the ark to prevent it from falling over
5. In the wilderness, the ark resided in this structure
6. Where the ark normally stayed after Solomon's time
7. The people group who once took the ark from the Israelites
8. When this group had the ark, this happened to its people
9. The three things kept inside the ark
10. These angelic creatures were fashioned from gold for the ark
11. This person once danced before the ark
12. On the Day of Atonement, the High Priest sprinkled this on the ark



# This Month's Cause for Celebration!



|           |        |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| BIAS,     | SARAH  | 6-Sep  |
| ZANDER,   | ISAAC  | 11-Sep |
| PRICE     | DEBBIE | 11-Sep |
| EVANS     | Josh   | 13-Sep |
| RANCOUR   | PEGGY  | 14-Sep |
| VALADE,   | CEVIN  | 17-Sep |
| HEWITT,   | PATTY  | 25-Sep |
| HUGUELET, | KAREN  | 25-Sep |



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|----|---------------|--------|
| 6  | Al & Amber    | Bias   |
| 12 | Brian & Karla | Reed   |
| 18 | Mike & Karen  | Heiple |



# Kids Corner

## 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

**YOU MUST:**

**HEAR**

Hear the true Gospel

**BELIEVE**

Believe Jesus is the Son of God

**REPENT**

Repent of all sins against God

**CONFESS**

Confess Christ publicly before men

HEAR = ROM. 10:17

BELIEVE = JOHN 8:24

REPENT = ACTS 17:30

CONFESS = ROM. 10:10

BAPTISM = GAL. 3:27

John 10:1-5

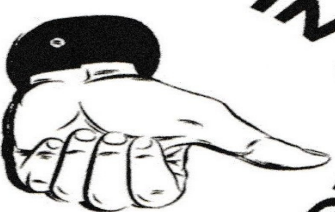
Matt. 7:21

Luke 6:46

2 Tim. 2:5

**HEAR  
BELIEVE  
REPENT  
CONFESS**

**IN CHRIST**



2 Tim. 2:10

**THEN**

Be faithful until death

Rev. 2:10 2 Tim. 4:6-8



# Mission News!

## Operation Christmas Child...{Showbox ministry}....

This year we're asking you to pack a complete box that we can send. We have a few items to share that you can pick up to add to your box, if you'd like. See Karla Reed if you would like to look at some of our left over items you might be able to use to add to your box!

You can pick up a shoebox to pack.

First select an age group 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Chose to fill a girl or a boy box. Then fill your box with at least one or more of the following! (List not limited to items listed below. As long as its not on the do not add list.)

The boxes need at least one or more of each of the following items:

**1- Wow item**— For girls it can be a stuffie, a doll, or large toy, a soccer ball, a musical instrument (Not limited to these ideas)



For boys— A stuffie, a soccer ball (Deflated supplied with a needle and pump to reinflate), a large toy, a nice toy truck or car



**2- Personal care item**— (We like to include at least 2 or 3 items- Both boys or girls-

Toothbrush, washcloth, comb or brush, nail clipper or file for older kids, water bottle, flashlight



**3- School supplies**— Both boys and girls— Pencils, sharpener, and erasers, pencil container, pens, crayons, markers, notebook, index cards, calculator, scissors, ruler, glue stick, small adhesive tape, drawstring bag.



**4- Clothing and accessories**- Boys and girls- Flip flop or shoes, sunglasses, hat, wristwatch, clothing or undergarments, winter cap, gloves, or mittens



**5- Games and Activities**— Boys and girls- Puzzles, coloring books, or pads, dry water color set, binoculars or compass, musical instruments, chalkboard and chalk, jump rope, stickers, games



**6- Toys**— Boys and girls- Small ball, building blocks or lego sets, slinky or yoyo, toy cars, plastic animals, magnets, interactive toys, other small toys.



## ***IMPORTANT:***

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Soap, food, candy, gum, toothpaste, USED or DAMAGED items, scary or war related items, wearable traditional camouflage, seeds or organic matter, liquids, medication, money, breakable items, matches, fire starters, areoles, knives, saws, or razor blades.

Fill your box! Make it fun and exciting! Pray over your box before turning it in at our church!

## Garage Sale

We have had a garage sale in the past years to help with our **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox ministry.

We're trying to decide if we will go forward with one this fall. Would anyone like to host one at their house for us this fall? We have a good team that will participate in doing the work! Talk to Karla Reed or Sandy Braid if you're interested.

## Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who supports our food pantry. We appreciate you! We can't run our pantry without the help of our congregation. Most months we help an average of 30-35 families, once in a while more or less. Our giving has been down a lot over this past year. We could use your prayer and support!

We have a great team serving the pantry each month. We usually get together the Thursday before pantry and then on the third Saturday, Pantry Day. And if you'd be interested in helping us, you can call Karla - 989-277-5284.

A big shout out to Mindy Deal! She's a hard worker in our pantry! She received Christ at our food pantry last year and was baptized this year! She will be moving to Texas in October and will be very much missed as a food pantry worker and as a friend to all of us.

# Grandma's Kitchen



## Spaghetti Squash Carbonara

**YIELD:** 8 Serving

**PER SERVING:** 1 Green, ¼ ounce Protein, 3 Condiments

### INGREDIENTS:

2 tsp salt  
1 ¼ tsp fresh cracked black pepper  
4 cups cooked spaghetti squash  
4 slices Jennie-O Extra Lean Turkey Bacon  
2 tsp minced garlic  
¼ cup low-sodium chicken broth  
2 egg yolks  
1 whole egg  
¼ cup grated Parmesan Cheese

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 375.  
Prepare spaghetti squash by oven or microwave. Scrap meat out w/fork.  
In a large saute pan, over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy. Add garlic, saute 1 minute. Add broth and cook until the liquid has completely evaporated.  
In a bowl, whisk eggs, cheese, salt and pepper. Combine the eggs w/bacon, warming the eggs in the pan. (Do not let the eggs cook through.) Mix in squash cook until squash is heated through.



## *Pizza Soup for a cold winter day!*

### **Ingredients:**

1 Tbls. Butter  
1 lb. Extra-lean ground Chicken Italian Sausage  
2 Cloves minced Garlic  
½ Cup chopped Green Onion  
1 Cup Bell Pepper, cut into ½ to 1-inch chunks  
1 Cup Mushrooms, quartered  
2 Cups Chicken or Vegetable Broth  
28 oz. can (3 ½ Cups) crushed Tomatoes  
1 tsp. Italian Seasoning  
¼ tsp. Salt  
¼ tsp. Pepper  
2.8 oz. Turkey Pepperoni slices, cut into quarters  
20 Small Black Olives, sliced  
1 ⅓ Cups shredded reduced-fat part-skim mozzarella cheese

### **Directions:**

In a nonstick frying pan, melt ½ Tbls. butter and scramble the chicken sausage until cooked through. Set aside.  
In a large saucepan or pot, melt the remaining ½ 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 ½ cups of soup per serving).  
Top each with ⅓ Cup Mozzarella Cheese and serve.

Makes 4 Servings

Each serving provides a full Lean and Green meal with required healthy fats and 1 ⅓ condiments.

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**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  |
|---|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|--|
|   | 1   | 2   | 3<br>Ladies Bible<br>Study 10 am  | 4<br>Adult Bible<br>Study 6:30 pm  | 5   | 6  |
| 7<br>C.E begins<br>9:45 am<br> | 8   | 9   | 10                                | 11<br>Adult Bible<br>Study 6:30 pm | 12  | 13<br>8 am<br><br>Men's Prayer<br>Breakfast |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17<br>Ladies Bible<br>Study 10 am | 18<br>Adult Bible<br>Study 6:30 pm | 19  | 20<br>10 to Noon<br><br>Game Night ?      |
| 21<br><br>Awana Begins<br>6 pm  | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Ladies Bible<br>Study 10 am | 25<br>Adult Bible<br>Study 6:30 pm | 26  | 27   |
| 28  | 29  | 30  |                                   |                                    |     |  |

**Weekly activities:** Wednesdays: 10am Adult Bible Study  
 (1st; 3rd & 4th Wednesdays)

Thursdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group

Thursdays: Karate

#### THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

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|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. mercy seat  | 7. Philistines  | 10. cherubim                          |
| 2. rectangular | 8. plague   | 11. David                             |
| 3. with poles  | 9. Aaron's rod that<br>budded, the Ten<br>Commandments, | 12. blood of a sacri-<br>ficed animal |
| 4. Uzzah       | manna   |                                       |
| 5. tabernacle  |   |                                       |
| 6. temple      |   |                                       |



“Also delight yourself in the  
LORD, and he will give you  
the desires of your heart.”

P S A L M 37:4



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