



# The BCC Connection

February  
2026

*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.*

*Did you know our church has a lending library?*



*We do! Please feel free to browse and check out books to view at home!*

*We have the following categories:*

- ⇒ *Commentary's*
- ⇒ *Reference Materials*
- ⇒ *Biography's*
- ⇒ *Devotionals*
- ⇒ *Family*
- ⇒ *Missions*
- ⇒ *Parenting*
- ⇒ *Christian Fiction*
- ⇒ *Small Group Study Resources*
- ⇒ *Very limited—Cassette tapes and DVD's*



From your favorite Pastor



February brings about a month with a couple of holidays that millions celebrate each year: Valentine's Day and Pastor's birthday 🥰 (you thought I was going to say something about President's Day). These are both focused on love and gifts for those that mean a great deal to us! But these also cause me to think of the One who has shown us the greatest gifts and love the universe has ever seen. The word love is mentioned hundreds of times throughout the Bible (depending on translation). The part of love I want us to really grab onto is that God is love.

Think about that this month, God is love. His entire being is love. His character is love. It is so much a part of Him that it can never change, EVER!! Here is just a short list of Scripture that tells us that He is love and His love for us: I John 4:7-10, 16, 19; I Corinthians 13:13; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Galatians 2:20; I John 3:1; Ephesians 2:4; John 15:13; Zephaniah 3:17; Psalm 86:15; Deuteronomy 7:9; I Corinthians 13:4; Proverbs 10:12; Proverbs 17:17. These 16 verses are just scratching the surface, there are dozens more just like it! What that tells me is that love is valuable and precious to God. It is so important to God that it is the basis of the greatest commandment: *"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 (caps mine) law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."* (Matt. 22:37, NLT) This passage is telling us that everything in the Bible, all the commands, actions, and our life is to be based on one thing- love.

For the month of February, let's try to focus on that in every aspect of our lives. First work on loving God with all we have. Having Him first in all we do during our days, starting and ending with Him, and investing more time with Him each day. If we do that, then His love will dwell in us and spill out to all those around us. *"We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them."* (I John 4:16, NLT)

HE LOVES YOU!!!

Be blessed & be a blessing

# Apologetics

## *Can I Trust the Old Testament?*

by Bayard Taylor

*Apologetics Bible Pg 26*



The Old Testament presents us with difficult sayings, laws, stories, and customs. Can the OT still be trusted as God's Word? The quick answer is: Yes! Here are some powerful reasons:

The OT was the Bible for first-century Jews, for Jesus and the disciples, and for the early church. It's the foundation for the New Testament.

Prophets, rulers, shepherds, priests, and scribes wrote the OT over roughly a thousand-year period from their own perspectives, within their own historical situations, and to their own audiences. And yet the OT isn't just a human book of fables, superstition, and wishful thinking. As the NT says, the OT is inspired by the Holy Spirit (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:20-21) and "inspired by God" (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16).

The OT is not just about God. Its major purpose is to point to Jesus as the promised Messiah through stories, prophecies, foreshadowing, allegories, the sacrificial system, and other literary hints and pictures. For example, the story here in Genesis 22 of Abraham being told to sacrifice his son Isaac (and then being stopped from doing so) is a wonderful picture of what God would one day do in sacrificing His Son (although that sacrifice would not be stopped).

The OT directs us to worship the promised Messiah, the Son of Man and Savior of the world (Daniel 7:13-14).

Jesus didn't come to abolish the OT, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). He based His spiritual and ethical teachings on it and quoted from it extensively.

Jesus never bad-mouthed the OT, but held it in highest esteem as God's authoritative Word (Matthew 5:17-20).

Like the ancient prophets of Israel, Jesus amplified and intensified the OT's message (Matthew 5-7)

Jesus called the God of the OT "My Father" (Matthew 7:21), "our Father" (Matthew 6:9), and "your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:48). His whole ministry was devoted to teaching us to trust this God.

Jesus' life, miracles, death on the cross, and resurrection, as well as the signs, miracles, and wonders done in His name by the early church, fulfilled OT prophecies, proving the OT is God's Word.

The OT is not just *about* Jesus (Luke 24:25-27; John 5:39, 46); in a very real sense, its author *is* Jesus! We know this because John's Gospel calls Jesus Christ "the Word" who was in the beginning (Genesis 1:1) "with God," who "was God," *through* whom everything came to existence, and who at a certain time in history became a human being (John 1:1-3, 14).

Israel's scribes carefully preserved and transmitted the message and the words of the OT – Holy Scriptures – to later generations. They made sure God's words to people back then would be available for us today.

In other words, Jesus Christ (God the Son) is the uncreated, eternal Word of God through whom God the Father spoke the universe into existence. Jesus is also the uncreated, eternal Word of God guaranteeing the truth and authority of the written Word of God, both the OT and the NT.

Therefore, we can put our confidence in the OT because Jesus Christ is not just its main *subject*; He, along with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, is its *source* and inspiration.

# No Greater Love

## February



- Day 1: John 3:16
- Day 2: John 15:13
- Day 3: 1 John 4:18
- Day 4: 1 John 4:19
- Day 5: Romans 5:8
- Day 6: Ephesians 2:4-5
- Day 7: Romans 8:35
- Day 8: Romans 8:37-38
- Day 9: Psalm 86:15
- Day 10: Psalm 136:26
- Day 11: Deuteronomy 7:9
- Day 12: Zephaniah 3:17
- Day 13: Jeremiah 31:3
- Day 14: Proverbs 10:12
- Day 15: 1 Chronicles 16:34
- Day 16: Luke 6:35
- Day 17: 2 Corinthians 5:14
- Day 18: Ephesians 4:2
- Day 19: Proverbs 17:17
- Day 20: Romans 12:9-10
- Day 21: Colossians 3:12-13
- Day 22: Colossians 3:14
- Day 23: 1 Corinthians 16:14
- Day 24: 1 Peter 4:8
- Day 25: 1 Corinthians 13:4
- Day 26: 1 Corinthians 13:5
- Day 27: 1 Corinthians 13:6
- Day 28: 1 Corinthians 13:7
- Day 29: Nehemiah 9:17



## Weekly Service Schedule for February 2026

Service	1st	8th	15th	22nd
Music Team	Beth Maddie	Beth Jenny	Beth Jenny Wes	Beth Maddie Wes
Greeter	Walt Reed	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed
Greeter	Marion Reed	Paula Wahl	Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed
Nursery	Volunteer Needed	Patty Hewitt	Volunteer Needed	Cathy Taber
Nursery	Volunteer Needed	Shana Post	Volunteer Needed	Karla Reed
Sound	Aaron Zander	Sarah Bias	Volunteer Needed	Cait Crego
Computer	Matthew Zander	Maddie Bias	Volunteer Needed	Wyatt Crego
Call to Worship & Prayer	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet
Prayer Elder	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Brian Reed
Jr. Church Teacher	Amber Bias	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	Diane Lepior
Jr. Church Helper	Shana Post	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Tabler	Amber Evans
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Layne Valade 1 Corinthians 11:17-19	Dan Bryant 1 Corinthians 12:4-7	Maddie Bias 1 Corinthians 13:1-3	Carl Cooke 1 Corinthians 14:26
Benediction	Pastor Todd	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Layne Valade
Financial Team	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Layne Valade	Dan Bryant
Financial Team	James Huguelet	Matt Post	Carl Cooke	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!***

Let all that you do be done in



I corinthians 16:14

## "A" MEN

*Provide the answer for the person being described.  
All names start with the letter "A."*

1. Moses's brother.
2. Another name for Azariah, friend of Daniel.
3. Son of David; died when his hair got stuck in a tree.
4. Paul attempted to persuade this king to become a Christian.
5. Peter's brother and fellow disciple.
6. Husband of Priscilla.
7. Psalm writer whose feet almost slipped.
8. First murder victim in history.
9. His name means "of the ground."
10. Biblical prophet who lived near Tekoa.
11. He and his wife died for lying to the church.
12. The eighth son of Jacob. Mother was Zilpah.

# This Month's Cause for Celebration!



MCDONALD,	MANDY	1-Feb
DURLING,	BECKY	2-Feb
VALADE,	LAYNE	7-Feb
DURLING,	STEVE	13-Feb
EVANS	TODD	21-Feb
LOVE,	JON	24-Feb
VALADE,	LAURIE	25-Feb



20 Carl & Jenny Cooke

## **Library Book Report!**

### ***A Voice in the Wind by Francine Rivers***

*A Voice in the Wind*, by Francine Rivers, is the first book in the *Mark of the Lion*, 3 book series, Set in 70 A.D. following young Jewish Christian Hadassah. She's enslaved and taken to Rome from Jerusalem during the Roman siege, where her unwavering faith and secret Christianity challenge the decadent Roman culture and attract the attention of a conflicted aristocrat, Marcus, while a parallel story follows gladiator Atretes seeking freedom and purpose in the brutal arena, all exploring themes of love, redemption, and grace in a decadent empire.

In essence, it's a historical Christian fiction novel about enduring faith and finding hope amidst the brutality and moral decay of the Roman world, setting the stage for the rest of the series.

I love Francine Rivers Christian fiction books!

She does her historical research of the time period she writes about.

The three books in this Mark of the Lion series are: 1) *A Voice in the Wind* 2) *An Echo in the darkness* 3) *As Sure as the Dawn*.

Thank you, Karla Reed for this book review.




# Kids Corner

## Fake Snow

### Ingredients and Supplies

1 cup baking soda 	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup water 	measuring cups 	bowl 
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### Recipe

1		Scoop 1 cup of baking soda. Add baking soda to the bowl.
2		Fill $\frac{1}{4}$ measuring cup with water. Add water to the bowl.
3		Mix the fake snow with your hands.
4		Have fun playing and exploring in your fake snow.



# Mission News!

*“And how can we preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Romans 10:15*

## **Mark your calendars for this big event!**

We have exciting news! Our Mission Team is sponsoring a Mini Mission Conference on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. This will take place during our normal worship time. After our service we'll have food! Details are still being planned.

We will have some missionaries visiting, and tables set up with lots of information for you to visit and get involved.

We're also asking different areas of our church to set up a table with information and a display of information.

You might wonder how you can get involved in serving in missions right here in our own church! You may not feel called to Africa or to Mexico, but maybe you can use your unique gift of time, talent, or money, to serve God, and to joyfully support the church, and community.

Keep watching for more updates! This is a big deal at a MINI MISSION CONFERENCE and you're invited!

### **News From our Missionaries:**

Prayer requests for our missionaries:

Carlos Novisteros- for health

Isaac and Lexi Zander- Their support, it's not all coming in from other churches

Youth Haven- They're excited to tackle a dining hall renovation at Rives Junction, MI

They are also looking for weekend team leaders and 2026 summer camp staff

### **Our Next Meeting**

February 9<sup>th</sup>, Please Join Us! You are welcome to join our mission team!



# Grandma's Kitchen



## Vegetable Quiche

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup egg beaters (1/2 lean)
- 1/2 cup low moisture part skim 2 % mozzarella cheese (1/2 lean)
- 1/2 cup tomato, chopped (1 green)
- 1/2 cup broccoli, chopped (1 green)
- 1/2 cup zucchini, chopped (1 green)
- 2 Light Swiss Laughing Cow Cheese Wedge (1 healthy fat)
- 1/4 tsp salt (1 condiment)
- 1/4 tsp pepper (1/2 condiment)
- 1/4 tsp onion powder (1/2 condiment)

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 375. Spray a baking dish with Pam cooking spray. Mix ingredients all together in a bowl. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake 35 minutes.

Servings: 1 complete lean and green meal, 2 condiments and 1 healthy fat



## *Buffalo Chicken Crust Pizza*

### ***Crust:***

- ◇ 4 ounces of canned chicken (2/3 lean)
- ◇ one beaten egg (1/3 lean).

Mixed together well and spread out thinly and evenly on a piece of parchment. Bake at 400° for 30 minutes.

### ***Toppings:***



- \* 2 T light/low-fat cream cheese spread over crust,
- \* drizzle buffalo sauce to taste
- \* 1 T ranch dressing
- \* add diced red pepper and red onion

Bake again at 400° until sauce starts to bubble.

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*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  7pm Eve Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 10 am Missions 6 pm C.E.	10	11 7 pm Elders	12	13	14 8 am—Men's Prayer Breakfast  <b>Game Night</b> 6-8:30 (Snacks Only)
15 Awana Youth Group 6-7:30 pm 	16	17	18 10 am Ladies Fellowship	19	20	21 10 to Noon 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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

**"A" MEN**

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|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| 1. Aaron    | 4. Agrippa | 7. Asaph | 10. Amos    |
| 2. Abednego | 5. Andrew  | 8. Abel  | 11. Ananias |
| 3. Absalom  | 6. Aquila  | 9. Adam  | 12. Asher   |

*Regarding Jesus, Hadassah said  
 "Unless we have something worth dying for, ... we've nothing worth living for."  
 [from A Voice in the Wind by Francine Rivers]*

*Create* in me a clean  
heart, *O* God;  
and *renew* a *right spirit*  
within me.

Psalm 51:10



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