



The BCC Connection

March
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.

April Schedule of Events



Palm Sunday March 29th Palm Sunday

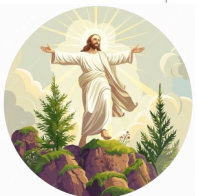


April 2nd Seder Meal (5:30 pm)

Seder Meal



Good Friday Service—1 pm



Resurrection Sunday Services:

⇒ Sunrise 8:15 am

⇒ Regular Service 10 am



Easter Breakfast 9 am



Frontline Missions and Service Sunday April 12th

- ◇ Worship Service
- ◇ Meet the missionaries—
- ◇ Taco Bar—lunch after worship



I know that as you read this spring is probably pretty far from your mind, other than wishing it was already here! But according to the calendar, it is right around the corner. When spring has finally sprung, we get to witness the awesomeness of His creation. A creation that seems to jump to life and cause us to look upon it in wonder.

As I looked around Scripture for things about spring, I found something very interesting that got me thinking quite a bit. I found this passage in Exodus 13, “*On this day in early spring, in the month of Abib, you have been set free.*” (v.4) Then I went on to read the context of this verse. The chapter is about a celebration of remembrance for the nation of Israel and it’s freedom from Egypt. God goes on to tell them that they are to celebrate it at this time every year, even after they have taken control of the Promised Land. I started thinking about that in regards to our walk with Christ.

How often do we celebrate our freedom from sin through Christ? Is there anything that causes us to remember to celebrate? I know I should celebrate it more than I do. This freedom from sin is the greatest freedom ever given to mankind, and it is something that should be celebrated! The Apostle Paul talks often of this freedom from sin, and how amazing it is.

The passage also goes on to tell parents that they are to share the reason for celebrating with their children. “*On the seventh day you must explain to your children, ‘I am celebrating what the Lord did for me when I left Egypt.’*” (v.8) We are told by Christ that we are to share our reason for celebrating in Him with our kids and all those around us.

So, as we head toward spring, remember to celebrate the freedom we have in Christ. Also remember that we are to share that freedom and celebration with those around us.

Read Exodus 13 this month, and keep praying for a quick spring, long summer, and warm fall!



Be blessed & be a blessing

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Apologetics

Evolution: Fact or Fantasy



Evolution is a fact only on a very small scale. It is fantasy when it is used to explain how plants and animals came into existence or how human beings supposedly evolved from apelike ancestors. We might summarize the fantasy by saying that, where the theory of evolution is true, it is not very interesting, and where it is most interesting, it is not true. One mistake Christians often make in debating evolution is to take on too many issues at once, rather than starting with the most important problem and solving it first. For example, evolution requires a time scale of many millions of years, while many people understand the Bible to allow for an earth history of only a few thousand years. The evolutionary time scale is debatable, but debating it involves several complex scientific disciplines and distracts attention from the most important defect of the theory of evolution. The only mechanism the evolutionists have is a combination of random variation and natural selection, illustrated by the survival of the insects that happened to be resistant to an insecticide. This Darwinian mechanism has never been shown to be capable of creating new genetic information or new complex body parts such as wings, eyes, or brains. Without a mechanism that can be demonstrated to be capable of the necessary creation, the theory of evolution is just a fantasy with no real scientific basis.

The Bible teaches, “In the beginning God created” and “In the beginning was the Word.” A simple way of explaining this basic principle is to say that a divine intelligence existed before anything else and that intelligence was responsible for the origin of life and for the existence of all living things, including human beings. No matter how much time we might allow for evolution to do the necessary creating,

the evidence shows that the process would never get started, because all evolution can do is to further minor variations in organisms that are already living, without any change in their basic classification. When the Bible says, “In the beginning God created” (Genesis 1:1), it is presenting us with a fact, which we need to know to understand everything else, including what we were created for and how God wants us to live.


The Bible also says that God created men and women in His own image. That, too, is a fact. If it were not true, there would be no science, because no theory of evolution can demonstrate how intelligence came into existence, including the intelligence of misguided people who misuse science to try to explain creation without allowing any role to God.

“In the beginning was the Word.” The Bible says it and, properly understood, the evidence of science confirms it. Anyone who says otherwise is peddling fantasy, not fact.

March

Scripture for the
season of Lent.

BIBLE READING PLAN

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1. Joel 2:13
 2. Hosea 10:12
 3. Psalm 51:1-2
 4. Acts 17:27
 5. Romans 1:16
 6. Matthew 16:24
 7. 2 Corinthians 6:2
 8. Isaiah 43:25
 9. Lamentations 3:25-26
 10. Psalm 9:10
 11. Jeremiah 29:13
 12. 1 Timothy 4:10
 13. John 14:23
 14. Mark 1:15
 15. 2 Corinthians 5:21
 16. 1 John 2:2
 17. Romans 5:15
 18. Galatians 3:26
 19. Philippians 3:12
 20. Matthew 6:19-21
 21. 1 Timothy 1:15
 22. Titus 2:11
 23. Luke 5:32
 24. Matthew 5:17
 25. John 10:27-28
 26. Hebrews 10:14
 27. Galatians 1:3-5
 28. 1 John 3:5
 29. Luke 9:20
 30. 1 Timothy 2:5-6
 31. John 12:46

Pastor's reading assignment: Exodus 13

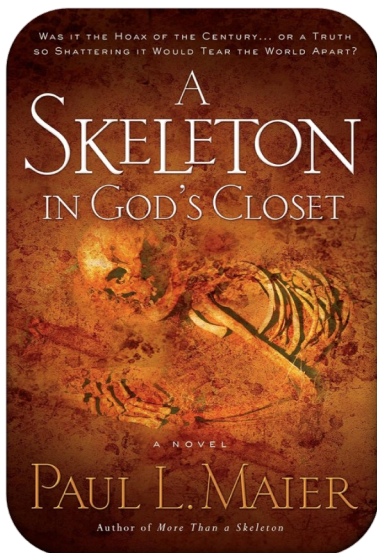
"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46 (NIV)
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Weekly Service Schedule for March 2026

Service	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Music Team	Beth Maddie	Beth Jenny	Beth Jenny Wes	Beth Maddie Wes	Beth Maddie
Greeter	Walt Reed	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Volunteer	Brian Reed
Greeter	Marion Reed	Paula Wahl	Cyndy Habermehl	Volunteer	Karla Reed
Nursery	Jenny Habermehl	Shana Post	Volunteer	Cathy Taber	Volunteer
Nursery	Paula Wahl	Patty Hewitt	Volunteer	Karla Reed	Volunteer
Sound	Aaron Zander	Maddie Bias	Volunteer	Cait Crego	Volunteer
Computer	Matthew Zander	Sarah Bias	Volunteer	Wyatt Crego	Volunteer
Call to Worship & Prayer	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	Layne Valade
Prayer Elder	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	Carl Cooke	James Huguelet
Jr. Church Teacher	Becky Durling	Jenny Habermehl	Amber Bias	Volunteer	Diane Lepior
Jr. Church Helper	Cathy Taber	Paula Wahl	Shana Post	Volunteer	Amber Evans
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Layne Valade	Maddie Bias	Dan Bryant	Carl Cooke	Sandy Braid
Benediction	Pastor Todd	Layne Valade	Matt Post	Brian Reed	James Huguelet
Financial Team	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	James Huguelet	Tom Wahl	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	Carl Cooke	Matt Post	Layne Valade	Dan Bryant	Lee Habermehl
Communion	Mar = Brian Reed Apr = James Huguelet				

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!



March Library Book report :

When an ancient skeleton is discovered in Israel, will it shed new light on the life of Jesus or plunge the world into chaos?

Dr. Jonathan Weber, Harvard professor and biblical scholar, is looking forward to his sabbatical year on an archaeological dig in Israel. But a spectacular find that seems to be an archaeologist's dream-come-true becomes a nightmare that many fear will be the death rattle of Christianity.

Carefully researched and compellingly written, *A Skeleton in God's Closet* explores the tension between faith and doubt when science and religion collide. In the end, it's a thought-provoking page-turner, driven by one man's determination to find the truth—no matter the cost.

WHERE DOES THIS BOOK BELONG?

*Choose the correct Bible section for each of these books.
Some will be used more than once.*

A. LAW

B. HISTORY

C. MAJOR PROPHETS

D. POETRY (WISDOM)

E. MINOR PROPHETS

___ 1. Exodus

___ 7. Job

___ 2. Amos

___ 8. Deuteronomy

___ 3. Proverbs

___ 9. Song of Songs

___ 4. 1 Kings

___ 10. Jeremiah

___ 5. Isaiah

___ 11. Leviticus

___ 6. Malachi

___ 12. Daniel

Answers on page 11

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



BRAID, NICOLE	TOM	1-Mar
MCDONALD, HABERMEHL,	STEPHEN	6-Mar
COON	JACKIE	14-Mar
SIDDENS	JENNY	18-Mar
COOKE	KATHY	19-Mar
	KAYLEE	19-Mar
	CARL	23-Mar

St. Patrick used the shamrock to tell people of Ireland about the Trinity. You too, can use it to tell people about the good news of Jesus!



Happy Anniversary

12	Mike & Patty	Hewitt
14	Sean & Kattie	Zander
26	Walt & Marion	Reed
28	Ken & Sally	Mahar

Kids Corner

17TH
DAY OF MARCH

St. Patrick was English not Irish

Leprechauns are mischievous mythical creature said to reveal where he placed his pot of gold if he was captured

St. Patrick's was the first bishop of Ireland

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

FUN FACTS FOR KIDS

St. Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland

The leprechaun's pot of gold is located at the end of the rainbow

Corned Beef and Cabbage was actually started in America

The value of the Leprechaun's pot of gold today would be about 2 million dollars

St. Patrick's color originally was blue. It was later when it turned to green

St. Patrick would compare the shamrock to the holy trinity

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You can plant seeds!

Use a snack bag and put in some rainbow colors from Skittles. Cut out the square on the right and staple it to the top of the bag of Skittles.



How do you plant seeds? See the shamrock on the label? St. Patrick used the shamrock to tell people about the Trinity. You can too! Use the shamrock on page 7 to tell your friends about the Trinity, but then tell them about Jesus who is God the Son—the good news is that He saves people from their sins. That *is* Good News!!



Mission News!

Colossians 3:23-24 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

“Front Line Missions in Service”-- Mini missions conference

The Missions team is inviting everyone to a great event! A Mini Mission conference on Sunday, April 12th. This will take place during our normal worship time at 10:30. After the service we will have a delicious taco bar lunch! You can make your own tacos, nachos, or salads with beef or chicken. (we’re taking great measures to help with gluten-free and allergy friendly, and diet friendly too. But you can put as much cheese on it as you want!) We will also have some desserts to top off the lunch!

We will have some missionaries visiting, and tables set up around the church with lots of information about our missionaries and about information our own missions where you can serve here in our church. We look forward to getting to know you better too!

You might not be called to Africa or Thailand, but maybe you can use your own personal God given talents right here in our own church! It’s always amazing to see how God prepares the people to work together as a church body.

Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the harvest field”. Luke 10:2

Easter Breakfast

The Easter Breakfast is Easter Sunday morning on April 5, 9:00 a.m. after our SONrise service. (8:15 a.m. and Worship service at 10)

We will have two sign-up sheets, one for attending- how many. And the other we are asking for food donations for our Easter Breakfast.

We look forward to worshipping our risen Savior that morning!

Please Pray for all of our missionaries!

Mark and Kim Dalman

Debbie Price

Kathy Coon

Carlos Novisteros

Diane Lepior

Mary Lou Wunker

Kathy Curtis

Youth Haven Ranch

Isaac & Lexy Zander

Matt & Jennifer Johnson

Dottie Hoppe

Our next mission meeting is March 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Grandma's Kitchen



Philly Steak Cheese Skillet

YIELD: 5 servings

PER SERVING: 1 Lean, 1 1/2 Green, 3 Condiments

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ lbs beef steak
- ½ c scallions
- 1 c red pepper
- 1 c green pepper
- 1 c orange/yellow pepper
- 1 garlic clove
- 2 tsp ginger
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tsp sriracha
- 3 Tbsp reduced sugar ketchup
- 1 ½ c low fat provolone cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Spray skillet, keeping the heat high enough brown steak. Remove from skillet, cover and keep warm.

Add onions. Cook on high until lightly browned on edges. Remove from pan and place over beef, cover and keep warm. Add a little beef broth or water if necessary.

Add peppers. Cook on high until lightly browned on edges. Remove from pan and place over onions, cover and keep warm.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Add garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add ginger, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, sriracha, and ketchup. Simmer 5 minutes.

Add steak, onions, and peppers back to the skillet. Top with cheese. Place in the oven for 5 minutes turn oven to broil and cook for an additional 2-3 minutes or until cheese is melted and lightly browned.



Caramelized Onion Spaghetti Squash Casserole

YIELD: 5 Serving

PER SERVING: ½ ounce Protein, 3 Green, 1 Condiment & 1 ¼ Fat

INGREDIENTS:

- Pam
- 2 1/2 cups cooked spaghetti squash
- 2 cups chopped scallions
- 1 cup chopped baby Portobello mushrooms
- 1 cup Rao's Marinara sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil + extra to coat pan
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 3 eggs, whisked

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400. Grease 8x8 casserole w/pam.

Prepare spaghetti squash by oven or microwave.

In skillet heat, olive oil over medium-high heat, add scallions and mushrooms. Lower to medium cook 10 minutes or until browned.

Add water, stir, cook 8-10 minutes, until water's gone.

In bowl mix squash, mushrooms mix, marinara, garlic, and eggs until well mixed. Pour into casserole dish.

Bake 1 hour, until crust on top, and edges are browned. Rest 10 minutes.

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Tuesdays by appointment
Please use the church phone or Facebook

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  7 pm Eve service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Missions 10 am CE 6 pm	10	11 Ladies Fellowship 10 am Elders 7 pm	12	13	14 8 am  Game Night 6 pm
15  Awana Youth Group 6-7:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20 	21 Pantry 10-Noon 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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

WHERE DOES THIS BOOK BELONG?

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| 1. A | 4. B | 7. D | 10. C |
| 2. E | 5. C | 8. A | 11. A |
| 3. D | 6. E | 9. D | 12. C |

Everlasting Love

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD hath appeared
of old unto me, saying,
Yea, I have loved thee
with an everlasting love:
therefore with
lovingkindness have I
drawn thee.

Treasure Box Poetry And Praise



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