



The BCC Connection

Bancroft Congregational Church

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*April
2026*

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 Jesus [really] rise bodily, or was it just His spirit that arose? According to the Jehovah's Witnesses, Jesus rose as a spirit creature. However, the evidence recorded during the 40 days after Jesus' resurrection says otherwise. For instance, the disciples initially thought that the risen Lord was a ghost, but Jesus corrected them by pointing out that He couldn't be a ghost "because a ghost does not have flesh and bones" (Luke 24:39). He even ate some fish to put the matter beyond all doubt (Luke 24:41-42). Thomas touched Jesus' hands and side to confirm that He had risen bodily (John 20:24-29). Paul even declared that the Christian faith is "without foundation" if Christ did not bodily rise from death (1 Corinthians 15:14). Why? Because the penalty for sin is death, and Jesus set out to take this penalty upon Himself and overturn it forever in His resurrection from death. This could not have been accomplished if His body remained dead in the tomb, suffering the consequences of sin's penalty.

[1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 14-19, 42-44 ; page 1247 Apologetics Bible]



From Your Favorite Pastor



Ah, Spring!

This time of year is very exciting. Spring is getting ready to spring, and March Madness is in full swing! But another event takes place, one which changes the history of the world. *“But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn’t find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, ‘Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and He would rise again on the third day.’”* (Luke 24:1-7) Unfortunately for many in this world, the first things I mentioned are more exciting than the last thing. So I ask the question, which one excites you more?

If you struggle with any part of this question, I want you to be encouraged. You see, God doesn’t want you to stay the way you are. He wants you to be more and more like Christ through the Holy Spirit. *“For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”* (Romans 8:29) *“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”* (Romans 12:2) He wants us to be like Christ so that others will see Him and answer the calling of the Holy Spirit on them. Also, as He does this our lives begin to shine in difference from the world which leads more people to see Christ and His love for us. If He has called you to Him, He has a great plan for you. When we seek that plan we are led down the road that leads us to be more like Christ, and then we come to the point of the most exciting thing in our life being Him and all He has done for us.

Let’s all be asking God to lead us to this point during Holy week, and then carry that into every day for the rest of our days.

Happy spring & Happy Risen Savior!!

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Apologetics

Is it Possible That God be Both One and Three?



Like Jews and Muslims, Christians are monotheists. In other words, they believe in the existence of precisely one God. Unlike other monotheists, however, Christians also believe that, while there exists just one God, He is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The belief that the one and only God exists eternally as three persons is known as the doctrine of the Trinity. And this doctrine plays an important role in Christian faith. In fact, the doctrine of the incarnation—which says that Jesus as God became a man and that He is thus both fully divine and fully human—assumes it. This latter doctrine lies at the heart of Christian faith.

On its face, however, the doctrine of the Trinity might look like a contradiction. It might seem impossible that God be both one and three. Indeed, the apparent absurdity of this doctrine has led to at least two major errors, each of which elevates one of the doctrine's claims at the other's expense. On one hand, some stress the oneness of God at the expense of His Threeness, claiming there is only one divine person. Those who describe God in this way usually say that the one divine person appears in different guises or masks, sometimes as Father, other times as Son, and still other times as Spirit. Since this view says the one divine person changes His mode of appearance, it is called modalism. On the other hand, some stress God's Threeness at the expense of His oneness, claiming each of the three divine persons is a distinct god. This view, which says that there are three gods, is called tritheism.

But modalism and tritheism are at odds with the Bible, which presents God as both one and three. There is just one God (Deuteronomy 6:4), yet this God is three persons—Father, Son, and Spirit (Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). No doubt it is difficult (or perhaps even impossible) for us to understand how God is both one and three. But something's being difficult (or even impossible) for humans to understand doesn't make it a contradiction. Those who think the doctrine of the Trinity is contradictory misunderstand either the nature of a contradiction or the doctrine itself. Perhaps they confuse contradiction with mere paradox, taking our inability to understand how the doctrine is true to entail that it is false. But our inability to understand how God is both one and three tells us far more about ourselves than it does about God. The Bible presents God as both one and three; that suffices for us to know that He is so, regardless of whether we understand the how of it.

Christ
is
Risen!

He Is Risen!

April



- Day 1: Genesis 3:14-15
- Day 2: Genesis 12:1-3
- Day 3: Numbers 24:17
- Day 4: Psalm 22:16-18
- Day 5: 2 Samuel 7:12-13
- Day 6: Isaiah 9:6-7
- Day 7: Isaiah 35:3-4
- Day 8: Isaiah 35:5-6
- Day 9: Isaiah 53:4-5
- Day 10: Isaiah 53:6-7
- Day 11: Isaiah 53: 8-9
- Day 12: Isaiah 53:10-11
- Day 13: Isaiah 53:12
- Day 14: Matthew 26:31-32
- Day 15: Matthew 26:38-39
- Day 16: Matthew 26:53-54
- Day 17: Matthew 27: 45-46
- Day 18: Matthew 27: 50-51
- Day 19: Mark 15:46
- Day 20: Luke 24:1-2
- Day 21: Luke 24:3-4
- Day 22: Luke 24:5-7
- Day 23: John 20:11-14
- Day 24: John 20:15-17
- Day 25: John 20:26-27
- Day 26: John 20:28-29
- Day 27: John 20:30-31
- Day 28: Romans 8:33-34
- Day 29: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18
- Day 30: Revelation 5:11-13



Kingdom Bloggers



Weekly Service Schedule for April 2026

Service	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Music Team	Jenny Cooke	Jenny Cooke	Jenny Cooke	Beth; Wes
Greeter	Marion Reed	Dale Lumsden	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl
Greeter	Walt Reed	Sue Lumsden		Cyndy Habermehl
Nursery	Jenny Habermehl	Patty Hewitt	Cathy Taber	Volunteer Needed
Nursery	Paula Wahl	Shana Post	Karla Reed	Volunteer Needed
Sound	8:15 10 am Volunteers Needed Both Services	Cait Crego	Aaron Zander	Sarah Bias
Computer	8:15 10 am Volunteers Needed Both Services	Wyatt Crego	Matthew Zander	Maddie Bias
Call to Worship & Prayer	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	Layne Valade	James Huguelet
Prayer Elder	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	Carl Cooke
Jr. Church Teacher	X	X	Becky Durling	Paula Wahl
Jr. Church Helper	X	X	Cathy Taber	Jenny Habermehl
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Carl Cooke	X	Dan Bryant 1 Pet. 3:15-16	Sandy Braid 1 Cor. 16:13-14
Benediction	Pastor Todd	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Layne Valade
Financial Team	Brian Reed	Layne Valade	Tom Wahl	Carl Cooke
Financial Team	James Huguelet	Matt Post	Dan Bryant	Lee Habermehl
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.*

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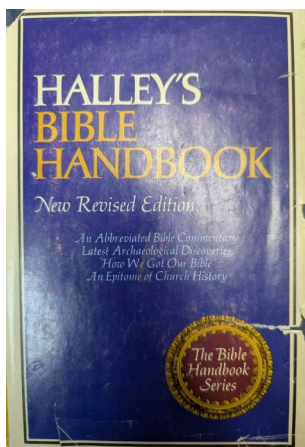
Thank you for your service to our church!

Book Reports for April

Looking for help with your Bible study?

Halley's Bible Handbook is the most prized and used guide book to the Bible in the world today. It was born out of the conviction of Henry H. Halley that everyone ought to read the Bible daily, and it grew to become accepted as a standard Bible study guide in hundreds of schools.

~ Halley's Bible Handbook contains more Biblical information than any other book of its size. It has been a continuous best-seller through the years and is heartily endorsed by Christian leaders and magazines everywhere.

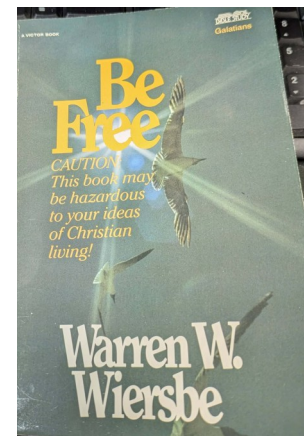


How would you finish this sentence?

If I want to be a really good Christian, I must...

How you finish that sentence is critical. Finish it incorrectly, as many people do, and you fall into the same trap that ensnared first-century Christians in Galatia. This expository study of Galatians, Paul's first epistle, can help you complete the sentence correctly. And it will clearly tell you one way not to complete it.

It's great to be a Christian. It's even better to be a really good Christian and at the same time **BE FREE**.



EVENTS IN JERUSALEM

Provide the answers to these events that occurred in Jerusalem.

1. This king captured Jerusalem and made it the capital.
2. This son of David temporarily took over Jerusalem during King David's reign.
3. This person built the first temple in Jerusalem.
4. This king destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC.
5. This ruler made a decree allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild it.
6. This man orchestrated rebuilding the walls of the city.
7. This Judean king rebuilt the temple in 20 BC.
8. This disciple preached his first sermon in Jerusalem at Pentecost.
9. This follower of Jesus became the first Christian martyr while in Jerusalem.
10. This person cleansed the temple in Jerusalem.
11. Jesus was arrested in this part of the city.
12. This structure was destroyed in AD 70.

Answers on pg 11



This Month's Cause for Celebration!



VALADE,	CODY	4-Apr
MCDONALD,	MATT	8-Apr
MALLOY	DILLON	11-Apr
KADLEC	AYDEN	16-Apr
COOKE	LISI	17-Apr
PERRI	JONAH	28-Apr



11	Matt & Shana	Post
17	Gary & Wanda	Evans
23	Tom & Sandy	Braid

Kids Corner



Resurrection
Craft Template



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Mission News!

Easter Breakfast –Sunday, April 5

The Sunrise service starts at **8:15** celebrating our risen Savior!

We will continue celebrating Resurrection Sunday with an Easter Breakfast at **9**, and our Easter Sunday Service at **10:00** a.m.

Please sign up if you plan to attend, and if you can help donate food toward breakfast, please sign up!



“Front Line Missions in Service”

The Mini mission conference will be during our regular worship hour Sunday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m.

We will hear from our missionaries, Matt Johnson, Kathy Coon, Diane Lepior, Kim Dalman, and Youth Haven’s Lars Carlson.

We will follow with many missions displays in the dining area, and a nice taco luncheon. You can make tacos, nachos, salads, and desserts.

Our theme will be “Front Line Missions in Service”, about serving the Lord. You can see different mission opportunities, and some that you can get to know better and serve or pray where God leads.

This will be a fun time! We hope you’ll plan on being there!

Our Missionaries

Mark and Kim Dalman

Debbie Price

Kathy Coon

Carlos Novisteros

Diane Lepior

Kathy Curtis

Youth Haven Ranch

Isaac & Lexy Zander

Matt & Jennifer Johnson

Dottie Hoppe



Grandma's Kitchen



Chinese Orange Chicken

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.

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

Cheesy Cauliflower Au Gratin

Ingredients:

- 4 cups (14.08 oz) raw cauliflower florets (8 greens)
- 4 tbsp butter (8 healthy fats)
- 6 tbsp heavy whipping cream (6 condiments)
- 1/4 tsp salt (1 condiment)
- 1/2 tsp pepper (1 condiment)
- 1 1/2 cups (6 oz) low-fat pepper jack cheese (1 leaner)

Directions:

1. Combine the cauliflower, butter, cream, salt, and pepper in a microwave-safe dish and mix thoroughly.
2. Microwave on high for about 25 minutes, or until tender. (You can always start with 10 minutes, then 10 more, then 5 more if you think it is necessary. Some microwaves cook differently than others. You want it soft enough to mash with a fork. The longer it stays in, the thicker the sauce gets.)
3. Remove from the microwave and mash with a fork or potato masher. Lay the slices of cheese across the top of the cauliflower.
4. Microwave for another 2-3 minutes or until cheese has melted. Serve hot.

5.

Makes 8 servings

Per serving:

1 vegetable (you need 2 more), 1 healthy fat (must serve with leaner or leanest meat), 1 condiment, 1/8 leaner protein

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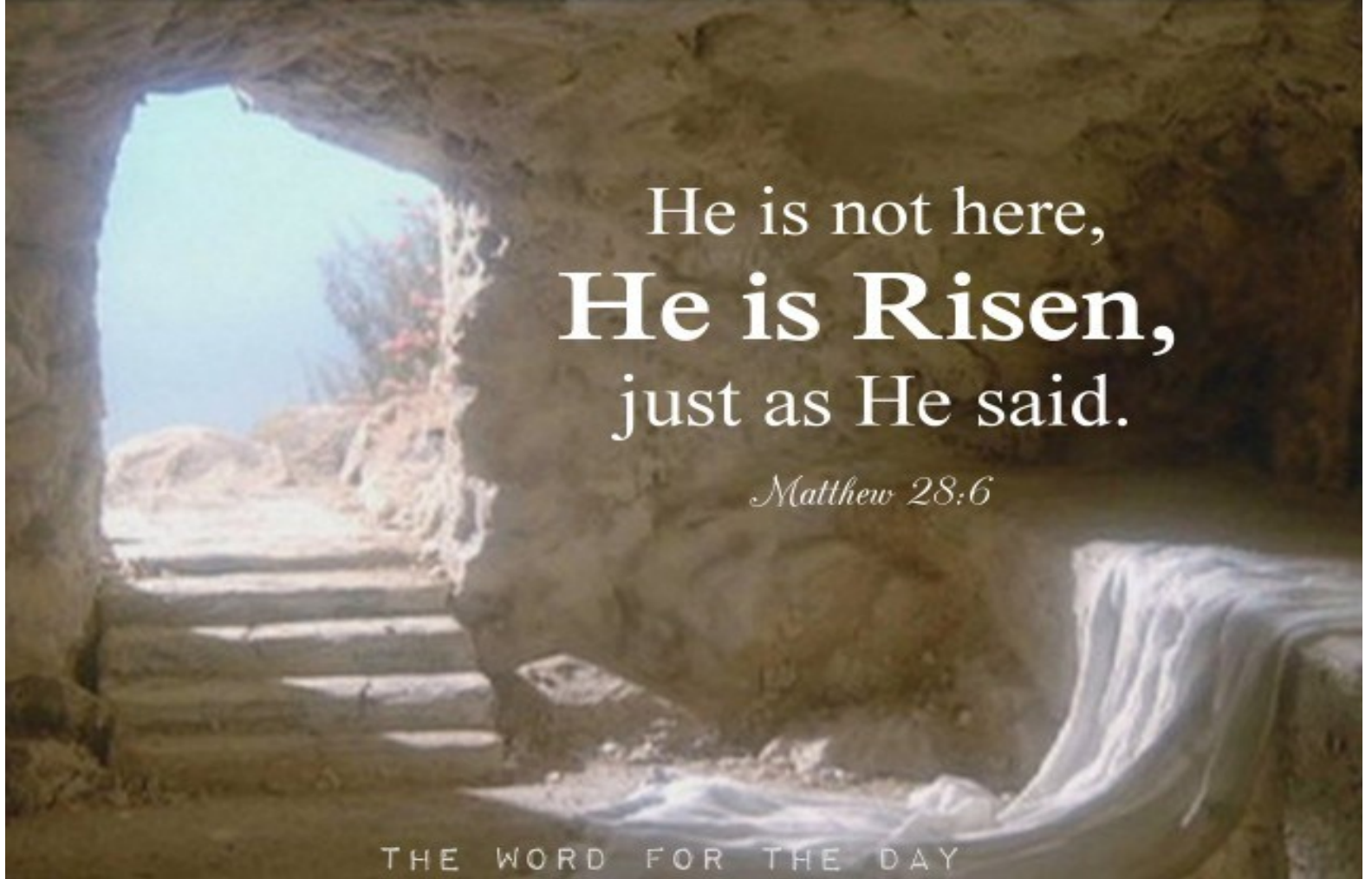
Bancroft Church Phone Number:
 989-634-5724
 Secretary: Diane Lepior
 Office Hours: 9-2 daily
 Call ahead please,
 most days the office works offsite
 Tuesdays by appointment
 Please use the church phone or Facebook

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 5:30 pm  Seder Meal	3 1 pm Good Friday 	3
5  	6	7	8	9	10	11 8 am  Men's Prayer Breakfast Game Night 6 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 10 to Noon 
19  Awana Youth Group 6-7:30 pm	20	21	22	24	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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

EVENTS IN JERUSALEM

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| 1. David | 7. Herod |
| 2. Absalom | 8. Peter |
| 3. Solomon | 9. Stephen |
| 4. Nebuchadnezzar | 10. Jesus |
| 5. Cyrus | 11. Gethsemane |
| 6. Nehemiah | 12. temple |



He is not here,
He is Risen,
just as He said.

Matthew 28:6

THE WORD FOR THE DAY



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