



The BCC Connection

*May
2026*

*Bancroft Congregational Church
Pastor Todd Evans*

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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.



***Invite your friends to our regular (10:30 am)
worship service. We will be joined by
Randy and Marli Brown
as they lead our worship.***



Memorial Day is on its way. Most people in Michigan get excited because it unofficially marks the start of summer and the end of the worst season, winter! (Since we've had snow in May before, and we don't usually actually have spring!) A lot of people will travel, gather with friends, and attend Memorial Day parades with lots of veterans marching.

Memorial Day is really about the sacrifices of all those who paid the highest cost for our country and it's freedoms. Did you know that from the Revolutionary War to today over 1.1 million soldiers have lost their lives in service to this country? Estimates are another 1.5 million have been wounded, and that doesn't count all those with emotional and psychological wounds. The more amazing thing is that we are the only country in the world that has had a volunteer army from the beginning. Each one of them chose to leave their home and those they love to participate in service of their country. That means that we will be remembering the sacrifices of people who chose to put themselves in harm's way. As amazing as that is, there is One who gave an even greater sacrifice.

The Son of God sacrificed on a scale that none of us can possibly imagine. It starts with trying to understand where He came from. Revelation 4 paints the picture of the throne room of heaven. *At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. ⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. ⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: ¹¹ "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."* Revelation 4:2-11 Jesus chose to leave that and come to this planet because He loved us more than we will ever understand. He not only left that but also **chose** to die for us. *No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.* John 10:18 This was done for all of us who choose to seek forgiveness of sins and surrender our lives to Him as our Lord.

My encouragement this Memorial Day is to remember and appreciate the sacrifices made for our freedoms and this nation. When you do that, remember the One who sacrificed the throne room of Heaven for all, no matter where they are from or what they have done.

Happy summer!

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Apologetics

What Is Heaven Like?

*By Daryl Rodriguez
Apologetics Bible pg. 1399*

Imagine a place where the temperature is absolutely perfect...a place surrounded by beauty and splendor everywhere you look...a place where you continuously feel peace, joy, and safety. If you are a Christian, you will not imagine in vain, for the heaven that awaits all believers will be a perfect place. Though there are many beautiful places in our world, none compare to the new heaven and new earth that God will unveil in eternity.

Revelation chapters 21 and 22 present the most vivid picture of the eternal state. To begin, what is often described as the final “heaven” will include not only a new heaven but also a new earth. In fact, it is this new earth that is most emphasized in Scripture. It will be covered mostly by land, as there will be no seas (21:1). Crystal-clear water will flow from the river that proceeds from the throne of the Father and the Son (22:1). We will never experience nighttime or darkness again, and we will continuously bask in the light of the Lord’s glory (21:33; 22:5). At the center of this new earth will be the heavenly city, New Jerusalem. It will include a surrounding wall inlaid with precious jewels, twelve gates (each made of a single giant pearl), and a “heavenly highway” of pure gold-like transparent glass (21:12, 19, 21). What ever the exact size and shape (Perhaps a cube or pyramid) of the city, there will be plenty of room for all the saints from every age, nation, and ethnicity to live within it and around it (21:16).

But what will we do there? Will we be bored? Because we will be in a perfected state, we will not worry about boredom, suffering, death, or having bad thoughts (21:4). We will reign with God, worship Him and serve Him (22:3-5; see also Romans 8:17; Hebrews 1:2). It will be a place of complete goodness and safety.

Perhaps one of the best aspects of heaven will be the fellowship! There will be fascinating distinctions between individuals, races, and even nations (Revelation 5:9; 21:24), yet without the strife, these distinctions can be on earth. We will be able to recognize redeemed loved ones, as well as all the saints throughout history. Matthew 8:11 says, “many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven”. Imagine what it will be like to talk to some of the Bible characters you have admired all your life! Picture yourself hanging out with Jesus, Adam and Eve, Noah, Job, Esther, and the Apostle Paul.

Together, we will have the ultimate privilege of seeing God face to face, knowing Him more intimately, and experiencing His greatness and love for eternity. For now, we can rest in this eternal hope. And when Jesus comes for us, “we will always be with the Lord” (I Thessalonians 4:17).

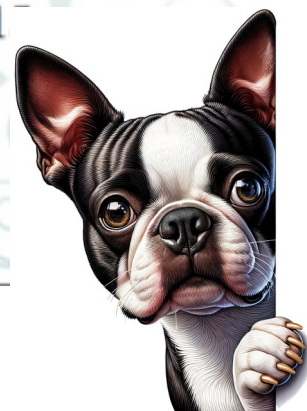


Diligence and Hard Work

30-DAY BIBLE READING | WRITING PLAN

1. DEUTERONOMY 4:9
2. PROVERBS 12:14
3. EZRA 7:23
4. II THESSALONIANS 3:10
5. I CORINTHIANS 15:58
6. PROVERBS 21:5
7. PHILIPPIANS 3:14
8. JEREMIAH 31:16
9. PROVERBS 12:24
10. I TIMOTHY 4:15-16
11. II CHRONICLES 24: 12-13
12. JAMES 1:12
13. PROVERBS 6:6-8
14. PROVERBS 13:4
15. DEUTERONOMY 6:17
16. HEBREWS 6:11
17. PROVERBS 10:4
18. ECCLESIASTES 9:10
19. II PETER 1:5-7
20. GALATIANS 6:9
21. I TIMOTHY 5:17
22. PROVERBS 4:23
23. ROMANS 12:2
24. II CHRONICLES 15:15
25. COLOSSIANS 3:23
26. ROMANS 12:11
27. HEBREWS 11:6
28. II CORINTHIANS 8:7
29. PROVERBS 14:23
30. II TIMOTHY 2:1

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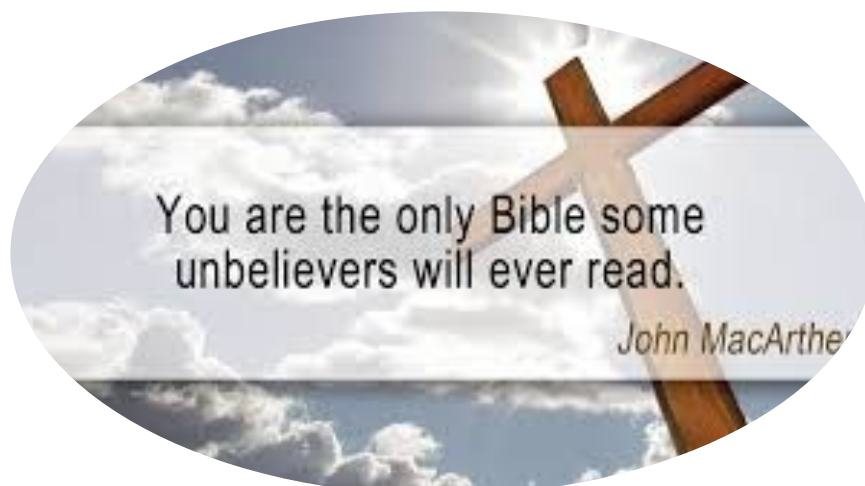


Weekly Service Schedule for May 2026

Service	3rd	10th Mother's Day	17th	24th	31st
Music Team	Beth Maddie	Beth Jenny	Beth Wes	Beth Maddie Wes	Randy & Marli
Greeter	Brian Reed	Daphne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Robin Carlsen	Dale Lumsden
Greeter	Karla Reed	Karen Huguelet	Cyndy Habermehl	Larry Godfrey	Sue Lumsden
Nursery	Jenny Habermehl	Patty Hewitt	Cathy Taber	Volunteer Needed	X
Nursery	Paula Wahl	Shana Post	Laurie Valade	Volunteer Needed	X
Sound	Cait Crego	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander	Volunteer Needed	X
Computer	Wyatt Crego	Maddie Bias	Matthew Zander	Volunteer Needed	X
Call to Worship & Prayer	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	X
Prayer Elder	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	X
Jr. Church Teacher	Amber Bias	Diane Lepior	Becky Durling	Paula Wahl	X
Jr. Church Helper	Shana Post	Amber Evans	Cathy Taber	Jenny Habermehl	X
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Carl Cooke 2 Corinthians 1:3-5	Layne Valade 2 Corinthians 2:10-11	Dan Bryant 2 Corinthians 3:3-6	Maddie Bias 2 Corinthians 4:5-7	X
Benediction	Pastor	Brian Reed	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Pastor
Financial Team	Brian Reed	Layne Valade	Matt Post	Carl Cooke	Layne Valade
Financial Team	Lee Habermehl	Dan Bryant	Tom Wahl	James Huguelet	Matt Post
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!



COMMANDS FROM GOD

Match the task mentioned with the person God told to carry out that command. Some will be used more than once.

A. ABRAHAM

D. GIDEON

G. MOSES

B. DAVID

E. JACOB

H. SAMUEL

C. ELIJAH

F. JOSHUA

___ 1. Take off your shoes.

___ 2. Offer your son as a burnt offering.

___ 3. Speak to the rock.

___ 4. Go to Hebron.

___ 5. Go across the Jordan.

___ 6. Tell the soldiers, "Whoever is afraid, go home."

___ 7. Look at the heart, not appearance.

___ 8. Hide by the Brook Kerith.

___ 9. Go to Bethel and live there.

___ 10. March around a city to defeat it.

Answers on page 11

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



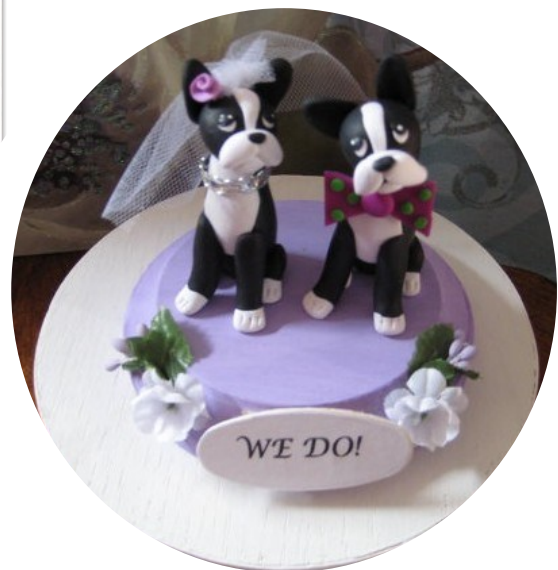
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ALEX
AL
TOM
CLYDE
SUE
AMBER
JAZZ
DIANE
CHRISTIAN
DAVID
MATTHEW

4-May
6-May
8-May
13-May
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21-May
29-May
30-May



2 Tom & Paula Wahl



Kids Corner

God did it first!



Job 5:19



Matthew 6:7

Ephesians 6:7



Acts 6:7

6 days...



Genesis 1-2

...day 7

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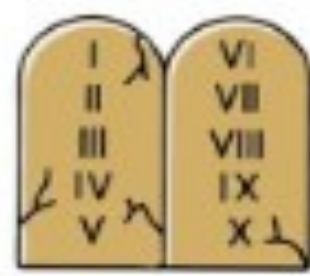
Romans 6:7



Isaiah 6:7



Exodus 6:7



Deuteronomy 6:7

1 Timothy 6:7



Galatians 6:7



Proverbs 6:16



Mission News!

Thank you!!

Thank you so much for your participation in our mini mission conference! Whether you came to listen to our missionaries, visited the display boards about ministries in our church, made a display, helped with our yummy taco lunch, we appreciate every one of you! We hope each of you were touched by our missionaries and by our display boards. It was a lot of fun too!

We had four of our missionaries that we support here for the conference, Diane Lepior with H.E.A.R.T.S. ministries; Kim Dalman with Live Global, a sports outreach around the world; Kathy Coon, works in the OMS office and music ministries; and Lars and Amy Carlson from Youth Haven Ranch. It was such a blessing to hear from each of them and hear about their ministries.

Thank you!

We also thank you to everyone that came to the Easter Breakfast and provided food and donations.

Our Missionaries

Each of our missionaries are on the *front lines* of serving the Lord in their ministry. We're asking that you keep our missionaries in your prayers. Here's just some of the things you can pray about: Their needs to be met: Physically, Spiritually, mentally. For help with their finances, for their cars to work, for their homes, for their families. For their travels. Their safety. Their speech to be used by God. Their love grows for the people they serve. For people to love them and support them. Our missionaries are Mark and Kim Dalman; Debbie Price; Kathy Coon; Kathy Curtis; Diane Lepior; Matthew and Jennifer Johnson; Carlos Novisteros; Dottie Hoppe; Youth Haven Ranch; Isaac and Lexie Zander

Meeting

***Our Next Mission Meeting Is Monday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m.
We welcome new members to come and join us.***



Grandma's Kitchen



Cheesy Chicken Cauliflower Skillet

1 lean - 3 Green - 0 Healthy fat - 1 Condiment
(per serving)

4 servings

Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup riced cauliflower
- 1/2 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chicken broth
- 1/4 (12-oz.) can shredded chicken breast, drained
- 2 ounces reduced-fat shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/8 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 scallions, chopped

Directions:

1. Cook mushrooms, cauliflower, and garlic in oil for 3 to 4 minutes. Pour in broth, and bring to a boil.
2. Add chicken, reduce heat, and simmer for 4 to 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender and chicken is heated through. Stir in mozzarella and oregano; top with scallions.

Fudgy Cottage Cheese Brownies

– Decadent, Gluten-Free Treat

Ingredients (makes about 12 brownies):

1 cup cottage cheese

1 cup cocoa powder

1/4 cup honey

just 5 min prep + 25 min bake!

Step 1: Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).

Grease an 8x8 inch baking pan or line with parchment paper.

Step 2: Blend Ingredients In a mixing bowl, combine cottage cheese, honey and cocoa powder. Blend until smooth and well mixed.

Step 3: Pour the brownie batter into the prepared baking pan and spread evenly.

Step 4: Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out mostly clean.

Prep Time: 5 min | Bake Time: 25 min |

Total: 30 min Tips for Success: Ensure the cottage cheese is well blended for a fudgy texture.

Let cool completely before cutting for clean edges.



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Tuesdays by appointment
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3  Eve Service 7pm	4	5	6	7	8	9 8 am  Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 pm  Game Night
10	11 Missions 10 am CE Mtg 6 pm	12	13 Ladies Fellowship 10 am Elders 7 pm	14	15	16 Pantry 10-Noon 
17  Awana & Youth Group 6 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31  10:30 am	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

COMMANDS FROM GOD

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| 1. G | 3. G | 5. F | 7. H | 9. E |
| 2. A | 4. B | 6. D | 8. C | 10. F |

*Let everything that has breath
Give praise to the LORD*
(Psalm 150:6)



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