



The BCC Connection

*August
2026*

*Bancroft Christ-centered 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.



August 9th

After Worship service

At

Brian and Karla Reed's Home

***10430 Newburg Rd.
Durand, MI 48429***

***If you are interested in
being baptized, please
talk to Pastor Todd soon.***





From your favorite pastor!

Here in Michigan, we get to experience an amazing thing of God's creation- the fall colors. As the Pure Michigan ad campaigns state, it is like a curtain is lifted throughout the state for a beautiful picture. It is an annual event that brings people from all over the country to see it happen at different stages, all at the same time. This natural change is representative for just about everyone's life at this time of year as well. Kids are going into new grades at school, people are getting back into the regular swing of life after summer vacations, and sometimes new jobs or homes.

This also is indicative of our lives until we get to heaven. We experience all sorts of change in all sorts of ways at all sorts of times. But there is something to remember through it all, God never changes. His salvation promise to those who believe never changes. His promise to be there for us never changes.

Here are just a couple of passages that show us that: Hebrews 6:17 *"God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that He would never change His mind."*; James 1:17 *"Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow."* His character will never change, no matter what happens anywhere. This is to give us great comfort and peace to help us through anything we face in life. We can face down anything the world, or the enemy throws at us because we have the God of the universe- who never changes, carrying us!

So as our lives go into changing yet again with the changing of the season, remember that you can lean on Him through all things. Read Hebrews 6 and James 1 this month and pray about all that it teaches us.

Happy fall!

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Apologetics

Great Apologists: C.S. Lewis

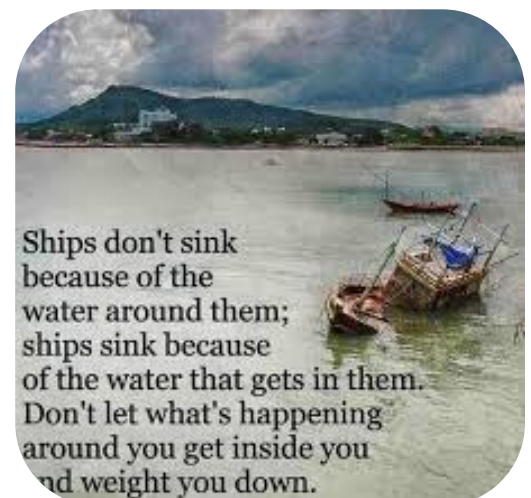


Clive Staples Lewis (1898–1963) enjoyed a distinguished career at Oxford and Cambridge. He was also a notable literary critic and author of science fiction and children's literature (including the Chronicles of Narnia). In addition, Lewis was arguably the most influential Christian apologist of the twentieth century. Remarkably, he was a committed atheist before his conversion to theism in 1929, then to Christ in 1931.

Lewis authored a number of important apologetic works, such as *Miracles*, *The Problem of Pain*, *God in the Dock*, and *The Abolition of Man*. In his most famous work, *Mere Christianity*, Lewis presented powerful arguments for the truth of the Christian faith. Originally broadcast as several BBC talks during World War II, *Mere Christianity* notes that even people who deny objective right and wrong cannot refrain from believing in them. Moreover, people are unable to live out the moral law they know they should. Lewis argued that this moral law, coupled with humanity's inability to fulfill it, allows Christianity to begin to "talk." The forgiveness God offered in Christ makes sense in the real world.

Lewis also maintained that Jesus Christ claimed to be God, undercutting popular notions that Jesus was something like a good teacher. Either He was who He claimed, or else He was a liar or lunatic.

But the life of Jesus does not betray the character of a liar or the mentality of a lunatic. Lewis contended that the most reasonable understanding of Jesus is that He is the Lord.



August

Finding Peace Through Pain

Day 1: Psalm 42:5

Day 2: Jeremiah 31:3

Day 3: Psalm 34:8

Day 4: Isaiah 54:10

Day 5: Zephaniah 3:17

Day 6: Romans 8:37

Day 7: Psalm 42:11

Day 8: John 16:33

Day 9: Psalm 147:3

Day 10: 2 Thessalonians 3:5

Day 11: Job 22:29

Day 12: Psalm 40:1-3

Day 13: Psalm 3:3

Day 14: Matthew 11:28-29

Day 15: Psalm 23:4

Day 16: 1 Peter 5:7

Day 17: Psalm 30:11

Day 18: 2 Timothy 1:7

Day 19: Proverbs 12:25

Day 20: Deuteronomy 33:27a

Day 21: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Day 22: Isaiah 41:10

Day 23: Romans 8:38-39

Day 24: Psalm 9:9

Day 25: Proverbs 15:13

Day 26: Isaiah 42:3

Day 27: Ecclesiastes 9:7

Day 28: 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Day 29: James 5:13

Day 30: 1 Peter 4:14

Day 31: Deuteronomy 31:8



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Weekly Service Schedule for August

Can you cover any of the Volunteer Needed areas?

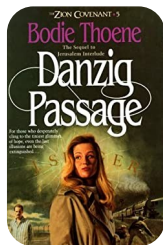
Service	2	9	16	23	30
Music Team	Beth Maddie	Beth	Beth Jenny	Beth Maddie	Beth Maddie
Greeter	Lee Habermehl	Gail Love	Brian Reed	Dale Lumsden	Robin Carlsen
Greeter	Cyndy Habermehl	Tom Wahl	Karla Reed	Sue Lumsden	Larry Godfrey
Nursery	Jenny Habermehl	Patty Hewitt	Cathy Taber	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Nursery	Paula Wahl	Shana Post	Laurie Valade	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sound	Volunteer Needed	Aaron Zander	Sarah Bias	Cait Crego	Volunteer Needed
Computer	Volunteer Needed	Matthew Zander	Maddie Bias	Wyatt Crego	Volunteer Needed
Call to Worship & Prayer	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Carl Cooke
Prayer Elder	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl	Carl Cooke	Matt Post	James Huguelet
Jr. Church Teacher	Becky Durling	Volunteer Needed	Amber Bias	Jenny Habermehl	Volunteer Needed
Jr. Church Helper	Cathy Taber	Volunteer Needed	Shana Post	Paula Wahl	Volunteer Needed
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Layne Valade TBD	Maddie Bias 2 Corinthians 10:3-6	Dan Bryant 2 Corinthians 11:23-27	Sandy Braid TBD	Carl Cooke 2 Corinthians 12:6-10
Benediction	Carl Cooke	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	James Huguelet	Lee Habermehl
Financial Team	Dan Bryant	Brian Reed	Matt Post	Layne Valade	Tom Wahl
Financial Team	Tom Wahl	Carl Cooke	James Huguelet	Lee Habermehl	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!

August Book Report



Zion Covenant – Danzig Passage *By Bodie Thoene*

A boarded-up church, a dressmaker's shop, a "borrowed" apartment, a Vienna pawnshop, a locked train compartment – are these places of safety before making it to the Danzig Passage or way stations to betrayal and destruction?

The net of Hitler's Third Reich begins to close around the Jews in prewar Europe, and millions of trapped in his sinister web. Kristal Nacht, the Night of Broken Glass, shatters the last illusions for the thousands who hoped to escape the Nazi terror.

As the synagogues of Berlin burn and Jewish homes are plundered, two families face the grim reality of life in the New Germany. Anna Lindheim's sister Helen and her pastor husband Karl Ibsen are arrested for helping the Jews. The Ibsen children, Lori and Jamie must find a way to escape their Nazi pursuers and get past the iron gates that keep them imprisoned in the Reich.

Young Peter Wallich, with his mother, sister and baby brother, faces same dilemma. How can he, a Jew, get them out of Berline to safety? How can they reach Danzig, the one place that offers hope, the promise of freedom?

And then there is Lucy, in such desperate straits herself. How can she possibly help these children?

WHAT TO WEAR

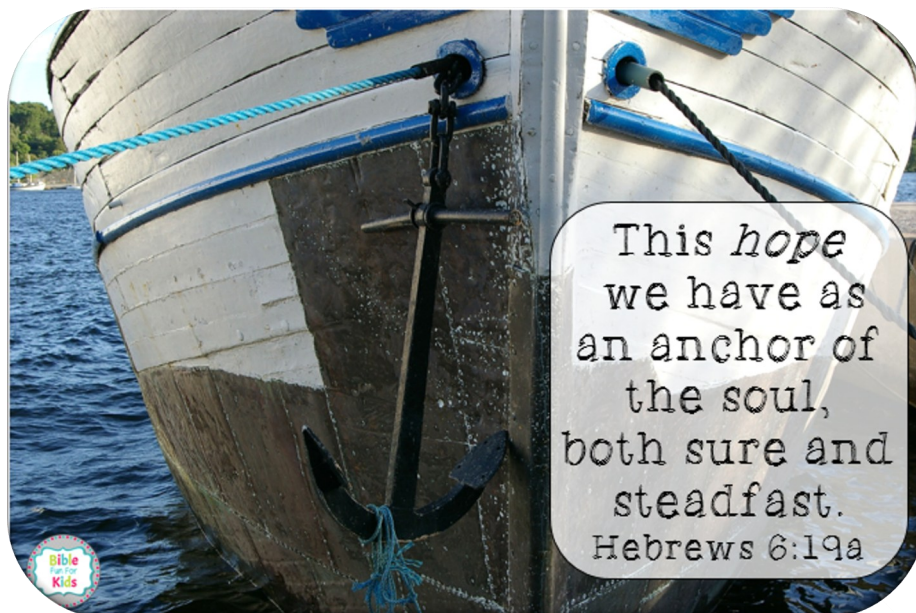
Who wore or will wear the following garments mentioned in the Bible? (Some are groups, not individuals.)

1. A scarlet robe given him by soldiers
2. An ephod
3. A white robe
4. A multi-colored coat
5. Camel-hair clothes
6. Leaves
7. A robe with a corner cut out
8. A little robe made by his mother
9. A cloak he left at Troas
10. A linen robe that matched the robes of the men carrying the ark of the covenant

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



CANUTE	WES	5-Aug
BRYANT	DAN	7-Aug
EVANS	WANDA	9-Aug
POST	MATT	20-Aug
ZANDER	AARON	20-Aug
ZIEBA	VICKI	21-Aug
SIDDENS	SEAN	27-Aug
VALADE,	DAPHNE	30-Aug



1	Mike & Jackie	McDonald
5	Jon & Gail	Love
6	David & Tracie	Zander
7	Dennis & Linda	Malloy
11	Cevin & Laurie	Valade
11	James & Karen	Huguelet



Kids Corner



Host a superhero movie watching night.

Any of the Marvel or DC movies would be perfect to screen. Decorate with superhero themed blankets, pillows, food, and more. You could even ask your guests to dress as their favorite superhero.

Ideas:

- Have everyone dress up in their favorite superhero costume. You could have a best costume contest or a photo booth.
- Make painted cardboard silhouettes of a cityscape for fun decor. Serve superhero themed food and even a fun [superhero cake](#).

Mission News!



Our next mission meeting is August 10, at 10 a.m. at the church. All are welcome; Come join us!

Operation Christmas Child (O.C.C.) is a project that we have been participating in for several years now. We put together Christmas boxes for children, and they are sent all around the world through Samaritan's purse. Watch for the "Shoe Boxes" that we provide for you and pick one up to fill with gifts. They will be out for your to pick up soon! Each box should be packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. (-Samaritans Purse)

So, here's how it works....

- 1. Pick up your box.**
- 2. Decide if you want to pack a boy box or a girl box.** Pick up a label (or mark it on the outside of the box by taping a paper if it's a boy or girl and the age group) Whichever you choose, use the label to indicate on your shoebox whether it was packed for a boy or girl and which age category: **2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.**
- 3. Fill with Gifts** For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first (ever gift). Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need. So, it is important to make sure your gift is ...**FUN**—includes a "wow" item and other quality toys; **FULL**—packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal care items; **PERSONALIZED**—prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite items! Look at the Mission bulletin board for a list of ideas for boxes and a list of things you cannot send. (Even if you have packed a box before, please check the list, the list of things you cannot send is updated every year.
- 4. Pray for the child receiving the box, and their family** to also be receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ. (Each box recipient has an opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus!) The pastor of the church who delivers your shoebox gift. And pray for their community to be transformed by the Gospel.
- 5. Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal,** then fill with other fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!

NOTE: just some of things you are *not* allowed to send are soap, candy, gum, toothpaste, scary and war-related items. There is a list on the bulletin board. **See Karla Reed** if you have any questions about OCC. If you can only pack a partial box, some people might want to go in together to pack one. Or I may have extra items left to finish filling. Just mark ½ box on your box! Every bit helps. ***Can we send 100 boxes this year?***

Other things coming up this fall:

1. Halloween Outreach 
2. Christmas in October, to collect and give each of our missionaries a special Christmas gift, so they can receive it in time for Christmas. We have a jar located by the mailboxes every Sunday you can drop extra change in to help us take care of our missionaries. But you can also give a special gift toward this project too.

How can you help take care of our missionaries? 1. You can pray for them! 2. You can support them Financially. 3. You can reach out to them with a card or note. Let them know you are praying for them and appreciate what they are doing.

Grandma's Kitchen



Taco Dip

YIELD: 12 servings

PER SERVING: ¼ Leaner, 1 Green, 1 Healthy Fat, 2 Condiments

INGREDIENTS:

8 ounces light cream cheese,
softened
1 cup fat free Greek
yogurt
8 oz cooked, shredded chicken
breast
1 cup of your favorite salsa
1 tablespoon taco seasoning
1 cup shredded lettuce
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup tomato, diced
1 small avocado, diced
½ cup onions, sliced
1 tablespoon sliced olives
1 pound mini bell peppers, sliced
in half lengthwise, stems and
seeds removed, for serving
instead of chips

DIRECTIONS:

Combine softened cream cheese, Greek yogurt, chicken, salsa and taco seasoning until smooth and well combined. Spread into a rectangle baking dish or pie plate (I used an 11"x7" baking pan). Refrigerate for an hour to let flavors combine (optional). Top with remaining ingredients.



LEAN & GREEN

SUPREME CAULIFLOWER PIZZA BITES

YIELD: 2 SERVINGS

PER SERVING: 1 LEAN | 3 GREEN | 3 CONDIMENTS

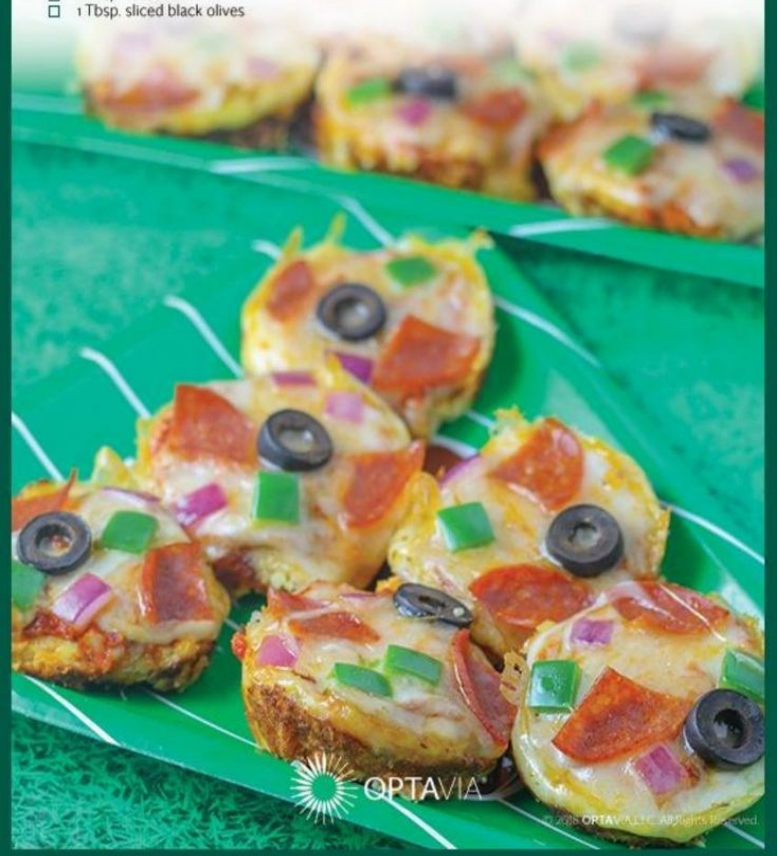
TOTAL TIME: 45 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- ☐ 2½ cups riced cauliflower
- ☐ 2 eggs
- ☐ ¼ cup reduced-fat shredded mozzarella, divided
- ☐ 3 Tbsp. grated parmesan
- ☐ ½ tsp Italian seasoning
- ☐ 1/8 tsp salt
- ☐ Cooking spray
- ☐ 6 turkey pepperoni slices, chopped
- ☐ ¼ cup no sugar added tomato sauce (such as Rao's Homemade®)
- ☐ ¼ small green bell pepper, diced
- ☐ 1 Tbsp. diced red onion
- ☐ 1 Tbsp. sliced black olives

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 400 °F.
2. Add cauliflower rice to a medium-sized, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave for 10 minutes, stirring halfway through.
3. Let cool, then add eggs, ¼ cup mozzarella, parmesan, Italian seasoning, and salt.
4. Divide mixture evenly amongst 12 slots of a lightly greased standard sized muffin pan. Press down lightly to form mini crusts. Bake for 20 minutes.
5. Top each mini cauliflower crust with tomato sauce, remaining cheese, pepperoni, bell pepper, onion, and olives. Bake until cheese is melted, about 5 to 7 minutes.



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 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	1
2  7 pm Eve Service	3 Mission Mtg 10 am	4	5 Ladies Fellowship 10 am Elders 7 pm	6	7	8 8 am  Men's Prayer Breakfast
9 Church Picnic and Baptism (Brian and Karla Reed's Home)	10	11	12	13	14	15 Pantry Ministry 10-Noon 
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29
Weekly activities: Wednesdays: 10am Adult Bible Study Thursdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group Thursdays: Karate					WHAT TO WEAR 1. Jesus 2. Old Testament Jewish priests 3. Martyred saints (Revelation 6:11) 4. Joseph (son of Jacob) 5. John the Baptist 6. Adam and Eve 7. King Saul 8. Samuel 9. Paul 10. King David	

Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for *He is* good!
For His mercy
endures forever.

Psalm 118:1



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