



The BCC Connection

September
2026

Bancroft Christ-centered 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.



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our good friend and our missionary that we've supported since the 70's. But it is also with great joy that we can know that Dottie is with her Lord and Savior in Heaven. Dottie was a wonderful woman who shared her faith with so many!

Please remember Dottie's family in your prayers.

Dorothy Louise Hoppe Obituary

Dorothy (Dottie) Louise Moneysmith Hoppe was born on October 10, 1941, in what was then French Equatorial Africa, in the very center of Africa, to missionary parents, Virgil and Esther Moneysmith. She passed away in her daughter's home in Pennsylvania on July 11, 2026.

Dottie spent her early childhood in Bakouma and Ft Crampel, in what is now the Central African Republic, before returning to the United States at age eleven. She graduated from Wheaton Academy and went on to earn a degree in Greek from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. It was there that she met Robert (Bob) Hoppe. The two fell in love and were married on November 30, 1963.

Bob and Dottie shared a strong calling to missions, and to Bible translation in particular. In preparation, they trained in jungle living and linguistics. Their first son, Matthew, was born in 1965, shortly before the family left for Colombia, South America, where they began working among the Wiwa people (formerly known as the Malayo) in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountains. Their second and third children, Nathan and Rachel, were born in Colombia in 1967 and 1969.

The Wiwa are a deeply religious people, wary of outsiders, and Bob and Dottie met resistance at nearly every turn. Through patient, consistent love and service — and no small measure of grace and divine assistance— they were eventually welcomed into the community.

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Another summer is nearly gone, and I am bummed! For a lot of different reasons, this year has felt even faster than in the past. In the midst of this summer and year, there has been so much going on in this world. We've had the conflict with Iran influencing so many things in our lives, multiple earthquakes around the world, wildfires, tragedies, and as I sit here, I have been listening to reports about a potential homeland attack by terrorists. That list doesn't even include the personal things going on in our lives, including school starting back up and kids that keep growing! This can all be overwhelming to our system, causing us to be worried a lot, and worry causes us to be distracted. So, what do we do with all this?

The first thing I think of is what Scripture says about worrying about all these things, with so many passages that deal with placing these things in God's hands. Paul emphasizes that God provides not a spirit of fear but one of power, love, and self-discipline—qualities that emerge when God's Spirit operates freely in the heart, producing capability, sacrificial love, and wise thinking. Here are a few places to look: **Matthew 14:22–33 . Give God your worry in advance—** 1 Peter 5:7. Center your thoughts on God, not on worry— Isaiah 26:3. Replace fretting with trust— Ps. 37 . **Stop worrying** and start praying— Psalm 34:1–4; Philippians 4:6–9. Direct your energy toward your true source of hope— Psalm 9:9–10; Romans 5:3–5. Along with this discussion, there is something important I have learned over the years about worry and anxiety: there are many people who can't "just read the Bible and pray it away," which is the tactic that a lot of people in churches think is the "Christian" way of dealing with worry and anxiety. This is a real struggle for many who need professionals to come alongside, teach strategies, and provide a safe place to work through these struggles. They also need people to be understanding of these struggles. But Scripture and prayer are a part of every person's steps toward dealing with the worries and anxiety of life.

The second thing I think of comes from my recent study of Paul's letter to the Colossians, which we will all get into soon. In this letter, there is a clear focus by Paul: it is all about Christ. The worry of life can cause us to get distracted from the purpose of life, which is Christ. You've all heard it from me for years now- love God with all you have, the first and greatest commandment (Mark 12:29-31). I do believe that a decent portion of our worry can be taken care of when we focus on Him and what He wants for our lives. What does He want? Us. Our love. He wants us to choose Him, to seek to love Him more each day, to serve Him more each day. To do this because He loves us so much that He served us by coming to earth and getting on that Cross for our sins.

The world and life are not going to get easier or less messy. The only way we can overcome and keep moving forward in all those struggles is to remember that it's all about Christ and that God has given us His Spirit to help us and guide us each day. My prayer is that we will strive toward these goals, even after we fall down, so that people around us can see Him and His kingdom will grow through His use of us.

This month I challenge you to find more passages about God's faithfulness, love, and gifts for all of His followers. Enjoy the rest of summer!

Be blessed and be a blessing

Apologetics

How Can I Make Sense of the Trinity



Among Christians, the Trinity is underappreciated and rarely taught. Meanwhile, atheists, Muslims, New Agers, and sub-Christian cults claim that the Trinity is a contradictory concept. But this is untrue. It would be a contradiction to say there is one God and three Gods, or one person and three persons. Following the biblical evidence, theologians say God is three persons in one divine essence. This has been the accepted view for almost 2,000 years. Admittedly, though it is a difficult concept, it is by no means incoherent or contradictory.

Inadequate ways of illustrating the Trinity include triangle diagrams and the phases of water (solid, liquid, gas). The best approach is to look at God's revelation of Himself in the Bible. There is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4; James 2:19); the Father, Son, and Spirit each are divine (Matthew 28:19; Romans 8:11); and the Father, Son, and Spirit are not the same persons, as was powerfully demonstrated at Jesus' baptism when Father, Son, and Spirit were present yet distinct from one another (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). So central is the doctrine of the Trinity that you've swept away Christianity if you deny it!

Without the Trinity, God is only a self-existent; but with the Trinity, love and communication between the Father, Son, and Spirit have eternally existed—and despite our sin, we are invited into that fellowship and love!

In short, the Trinity is the crown jewel of Christian theology. It is a profound mystery but an even more profound truth. Two principles must be kept in mind. First, we have nothing to be ashamed of, because God has revealed Himself as Trinity. Second, the Trinity is holy ground. We are trying to put our finite brains around a reality that is deep and beautiful beyond description. We will never understand the ultimate mystery of God's essential nature; but we can truly know and love the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.





Fruits of the Spirit

September



- Day 1: Galatians 5:22-23
- Day 2: Zephaniah 3:17
- Day 3: John 3:16-17
- Day 4: John 15:9-10
- Day 5: John 15:12-13
- Day 6: Habakkuk 3:17-18
- Day 7: 1 Peter 1:8-9
- Day 8: Luke 15:7
- Day 9: Psalm 30:5
- Day 10: 1 Peter 3:11
- Day 11: James 3:18
- Day 12: Psalm 29:11
- Day 13: Romans 12:18
- Day 14: Exodus 34:6-7
- Day 15: James 1:2-4
- Day 16: Romans 5:1-2
- Day 17: Romans 5:3-4
- Day 18: Proverbs 31:20
- Day 19: Colossians 3:12
- Day 20: Titus 3:1-2
- Day 21: Ephesians 4:1-2
- Day 22: 2 Peter 1:5-6
- Day 23: 2 Peter 1:7-8
- Day 24: Hebrews 11:1-2
- Day 25: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 26: Romans 14:19
- Day 27: Proverbs 25:28
- Day 28: Proverbs 16:32
- Day 29: Titus 2:11-14
- Day 30: Philippians 4:8

Kingdom Bloggers

Weekly Service Schedule for September 2026

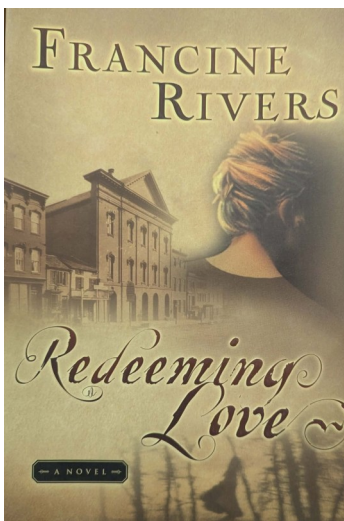
Service	6th	13th	20th	27th
Greeter	Tom Wahl	Daphne Valade	Walt Reed	Lee Habermehl
Greeter	Paula Wahl	Karen Huguelet	Marion Reed	Cyndy Habermehl
Nursery	Patty Hewitt	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Volunteer Needed
Nursery	Shana Post	Paula Wahl	Laurie Valade	Volunteer Needed
Sound	Sarah Bias	Aaron Zander	Volunteer Needed	Wyatt Crego
Computer	Maddie Bias	Matthew Zander	Volunteer Needed	Cait Crego
Call to Worship & Prayer	James Huguelet	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	Layne Valade
Prayer Elder	Lee Habermehl	James Huguelet	Brian Reed	Carl Cooke
Jr. Church Teacher	Diane Lepior	Becky Durling	Amber Bias	Paula Wahl
Jr. Church Helper	Amber Evans	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	Jenny Habermehl
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Layne Valade 2 Corinthians 12:19	Dan Bryant 2 Corinthians 13:11	No Reading Needed	Carl Cooke Colossians 1:6
Benediction	Matt Post	James Huguelet	Layne Valade	Brian Reed
Financial Team	Dan Bryant	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl	Layne Valade
Financial Team	James Huguelet	Matt Post	James Hugelot	Tom Wahl
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!

September Book Report

Redeeming Love ***Francine Rivers***



California's gold rush, 1856. A time when men sold their souls for a bag of gold and women sold their bodies for a place to sleep. Angel expects nothing from men but betrayal. Sold into prostitution as a child, she survives by keeping her hatred alive. And what she hates most are the men who use her, leaving her empty and dead inside. Then she meets Michael Hosea.

A man who seeks his Father's heart in everything. Michael Hosea obeys God's call to marry Angel and love her unconditionally. Slowly, day by day, he defies Angel's every bitter expectation until, despite her resistance, her frozen heart begins to thaw. But with her unexpected softening come overwhelming feelings of unworthiness and fear. And so Angel runs. Back to the darkness, away from her husband's pursuing love, terrified of the truth she no longer can deny: Her final healing must come from the One who loves her even more than Michael Hosea does....the One who will never let her go. A powerful retelling of the book of Hosea. Redeeming Love is a life-changing story of God's unconditional, redemptive, all-consuming love.

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.

This Month's Cause for Celebration!



BIAS,
ZANDER,
PRICE
EVANS
RANCOUR
VALADE,
HEWITT,
HUGUELET,

SARAH
ISAAC
DEBBIE
JOSH
PEGGY
CEVIN
PATTY
KAREN

6-Sep
11-Sep
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13-Sep
14-Sep
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The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

Psalms 145:17



6 Al & Amber Bias
12 Brian & Karla Reed



Kids Corner

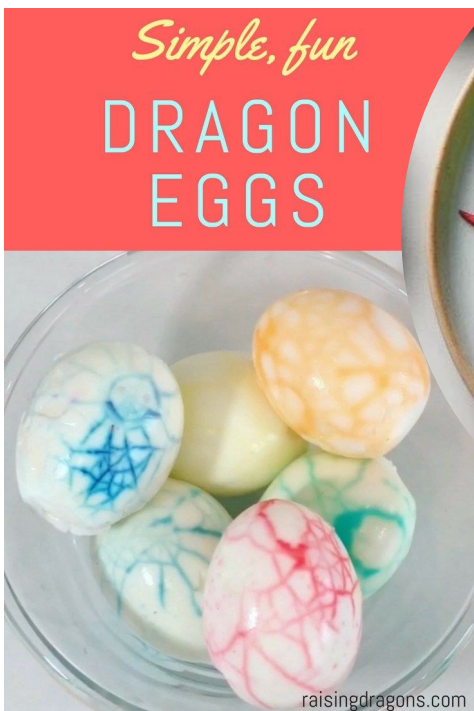
Celebrate Dragons!



Fire Breathing Dragon

Transform an ordinary toilet paper roll into a fiery dragon with this fun and easy kids' craft! Perfect for rainy afternoons or indoor activities, this project uses simple supplies like tissue paper to create flames that "breathe" when you blow through the tube. This interactive craft encourages imagination and is a great way to keep little hands busy. Whether you're searching for fun activities for kids or something creative to try at home, this dragon is a surefire hit!

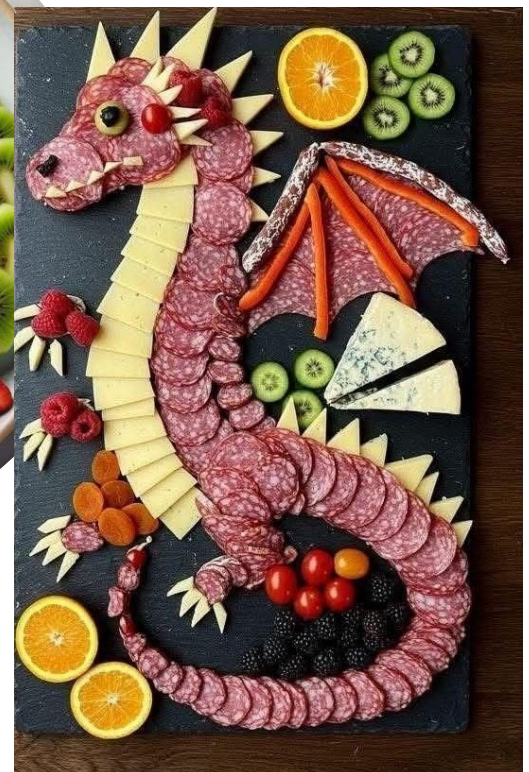
Check out the Library—visit the library for books to read about dragons. You can also look in the Bible for dragons.



Hard boil eggs, gently crack them then color them like you do Easter eggs. When you peel them, they will look like the picture.



Have a dragon party with a charcuterie board of fruits or meats and cheese, in the shape of a dragon.



Mission News!



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Even so, the work moved slowly. Strong taboos, spiritual opposition, illnesses, and a lack of steady translation help all stood in the way, compounded by the discovery that the Wiwa language was among the most difficult in the world. Dottie proved an exceptional linguist, one of the very few non-native speakers able to master its structure. The family's path was further tested when Bob contracted Chagas disease, an often-fatal illness, in 1975. He eventually made a miraculous recovery only to have to face increasing guerrilla activity, which eventually forced the Hoppes to leave the field for several years.

Through it all, Dottie persevered — continuing the translation work even after Bob's death in 2017. Just a few years ago, sixty years of faithful labor bore fruit. The book of Genesis and the entire New Testament, save Revelation, had been translated, printed, recorded, and placed in the hands of the Wiwa people.

Dottie's faith in God was unshakable. It carried her through hardship with a steady grace and a quiet confidence that God was present in every circumstance. She rarely seemed stressed, and she had a natural gift for finding the bright side of things. She loved serving others and was known far and wide for her hospitality — she was just as likely to set a table for thirty as for three. She willingly gave up physical comforts to live in a remote corner of the world so that the Gospel might reach people that others had overlooked, and she did it without complaint. Fluent in at least four languages, Dottie took genuine joy in speaking each one. She was also instrumental in encouraging her sister Esther and her family to join the mission field in Colombia.

Dottie was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Esther (Hawkins) Moneysmith; her husband, Bob Hoppe; her brother, Don Paul Moneysmith; and her sister, Esther (Fred) Gross. She is survived by her children, Matthew (Erica) Hoppe, Nathan (Gabriela) Hoppe, and Rachel Rendon, along with 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was deeply loved. Though she will be sorely missed we take comfort in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, when we will be united again.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 18th at 2:00 P.M. at the Village Bible Church in Cherokee Village, Arkansas. Interment will be held at Oaklawn Cemetery. The service will be live streamed and on demand on the VBCCV YouTube page. The page is listed here: <https://youtube.com/@vbccv5051?si=nsjdUMbDMJNF7fea>

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the [gofundme](https://gofundme.com/).

Hey! Check out the up-to-date Mission cabinets! We now have all our current missionaries and information about them in the cabinets so you can get to know them and see what they are up to!

Just a reminder! Our Christmas gifts for our missionaries will be sent early to them, so they can receive it before Christmas. The big jar by the mailboxes are to collect (all year) to save up for their gift!

Dottie: We were sorry to hear about the passing of Dottie Hoppe but rejoiced in her home going to our Lord and Savior, July 11, 2026. Our mission team decided to move \$50 of Dottie's support to Mark and Kim Dalman's support.

Operation Christmas Child is starting again! (I'm so excited!) You can pick up your boxes in the overflow area. If you're not sure how to pack a box, Karla Reed will be available to help!

Pick a box, decide if you want to pack for a boy or girl. Include At least one or more items of the following: a **Wow gift** (Soccer ball, nice truck, Or a doll or stuffie) **Hygiene items:** (Toothbrush, combs, brushes, hair ties and bows, fingernail files and clippers; **School items:** (Pencils, pens, crayons, sharpeners, calculators, erasers, colored pencils, notebooks, paper, pencil bag) **Wearables:** (hats, tee shirts, dresses, shorts, pants, socks, sunglasses, shoes) and **Toys:** (Lots of toys! Fun filler toys, games, little trucks and cars, little dolls, blocks, play dough, coloring books, jump ropes, yo-yo's...) Fill the box to the top!!

Halloween Outreach: We will start collecting candy for the Halloween outreach on Sunday, September 27th. We will share more about this in the next newsletter!

Grandma's Kitchen

LEAN & GREEN

PHILLY CHEESESTEAK STUFFED PEPPERS

YIELD: 4 SERVINGS (2 BELL PEPPER HALVES PER SERVING)

PER SERVING: 1 LEAN | 3 GREEN | 3 CONDIMENTS

TOTAL TIME: 30 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- ☐ 4 medium green bell peppers
- ☐ 1/3 cup diced yellow onion
- ☐ 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ☐ 1/4 cup low sodium beef broth
- ☐ 6 oz. sliced baby bella mushrooms
- ☐ 1 lb. thinly shaved, deli roast beef
- ☐ 4 Tbsp low-fat cream cheese
- ☐ 4, 1-oz. slices reduced-fat provolone cheese

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Slice peppers in half lengthwise, remove ribs and seeds, and set aside.
3. In a large skillet, sauté the onions and garlic in broth over medium-high heat for about 5 minutes, or until onions are translucent. Add the mushrooms, and continue to cook until mushrooms are tender.
4. Mix in the roast beef and heat through, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove skillet from heat, and stir in cream cheese.
5. Line the inside of each bell pepper with a quarter slice of cheese. Next, fill each pepper with an eighth of the roast beef mixture, then top with the another quarter slice of cheese. Repeat for remaining bell pepper halves. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until peppers are tender and cheese on top is melted and bubbly.



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Mexican Fiesta Taco Turkey Burger

YIELD: 1 Serving

PER SERVING: 1 Lean, 3 Green & 3 Condiments

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 oz raw 85%-94% fat-free ground turkey - yields 5 oz cooked
- 1/4 cup chopped green peppers
- 1/4 cup chopped red peppers
- 2 tsp low sodium taco seasoning mix
- 1 Tbsp water
- dash of Worcestershire sauce
- dash Tabasco sauce

DIRECTIONS:

Place turkey, peppers, taco seasoning mix, water, Worcestershire, and Tabasco into a bowl. Mix until just combined. Form patties. Cook for 3-4 minutes per side or until internal temperature reaches 165°.



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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	4	5
6  7 pm Evening Service	7	8	9	10	11	12 8 am  Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15 pm Come Night
13 Kids C.E. begins again today	14 Missions Mtg 10 am C.E. 6 pm	15	16 Ladies Fellowship 10 am Elders 7 pm	17	18	19 Pantry Ministry 10 am to Noon 
20	21	22	23	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		
				1. David 2. Absalom 3. Solomon 4. Nebuchadnezzar 5. Cyrus 6. Nehemiah		
				7. Herod 8. Peter 9. Stephen 10. Jesus 11. Gethsemane 12. temple		

He who heeds the word wisely will find good.
And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.

Proverbs 16:20



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