



## TWO FRIDAYS

I find it interesting that the one of largest, if not the largest, retail days of the year is the day after we are to give thanks for what we already have.

### **BLACK FRIDAY**





Historically, Black Friday has been a day of chaos as the crowds would gather to rush through their favorite retail stores to purchase things they didn't really need. People would spend the night outside various shops hoping to be one of the first people to enter and purchase whatever the doorbuster deal was for that season.

I'm sure you've seen videos of large crowds gathering outside retail shops, and when the doors opened at ungodly hours in the morning, a great stampede would ensue at the risk of all those involved.

Black Friday is named such because it's the opportunity for those retail shops to end their fiscal year in the black on their Profit & Loss statements, but maybe it's black because it reveals our ingrained sinful materialism, our desire for more, and our lack of contentment. Maybe it's black because it shows our desire to GET rather than to be thankful and content with what we've already been GIVEN.



Is there anything innately wrong with Black Friday?

No.

I like a good deal just as much as the next guy. It's a great opportunity to get Christmas gifts at a discounted price.

No, there's nothing inherently wrong or sinful about Black Friday, but it can reveal to us our own sinfulness and lack of gratitude for what the Lord has already blessed us with.

Black Friday seems to have become a day of GETTING.

But there's another Friday that we should consider:



# **GOOD FRIDAY**



Yes, I know, Good Friday isn't until the Spring, but my daughter, Reagan, was reading over my shoulder as I was writing this, and she brought up this interesting contrast between Black Friday and Good Friday.

Good Friday was a day of GIVING, not GETTING.

Good Friday was the day when Jesus willingly gave His life, became our substitutionary atonement, and took the punishment that we deserved for our sin (even the sins that can be revealed in our hearts on Black Friday) when He died on the cross for our sin.

He GAVE everything.

What a sharp contrast to Black Friday.

Even today, now that Thanksgiving is over, people will shift their attention to Christmas—the day we celebrate God coming to be with His creation. The day we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Jesus was born on mission. He was born to die. He was born so that He could GIVE Himself to us that we may GET salvation and eternal life.

He was born for Good Friday to redeem us from our Black Fridays.

Let us be ALWAYS thankful for that.

Derrick Marrs  
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## **NEW PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Help Bancroft Bible Camp  
Raise Funds by Taking Your Vehicle to**



**For A Great Shine Every Time!**  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Purchase any single car wash to help Bancroft Gospel Ministry raise funds for our Bible Camp to help with operational costs and support our efforts! We will receive 30% of the single wash sales earned using our fundraiser's wash code!

**Visit any of the TruShine Car Wash Locations**

203 Linden Square Drive Bristol, VA 24202	25017 Western Loop Abingdon, VA 24211	
3033 Boones Creek Road Johnson City, TN 37615	2227 Fort Henry Drive Kingsport, TN 37664	116 Allensville Road Sevierville, TN 37876
1912 Highway 394 Blountville, TN 37617	1541 W Jackson Blvd Jonesborough, TN 37659	

**Follow the Instructions Below**

Pull up to one of the pay stations.  
Follow the screen prompts to buy a single wash.  
Push the "ENTER WASH CODE" button at the bottom left of the screen.

**Enter Wash Code: 14140**

14140 is the unique number associated with this fundraiser.  
You must enter this code to participate in the fundraiser.

Select the car wash of your choice.  
Select your payment method. Insert Payment.  
If preferred, print the receipt for your records.

**Thank you for participating in the  
Bancroft Bible Camp Fundraiser!**

# **STOCK DONATOR**

You can now partner with Bancroft through donating stocks to help financially support the ministry!

By donating stock that has increased in value, you will avoid paying tax on the capital gains. Many donors have found this is an easy way to increase their donation while helping themselves at tax time.

[Donate Stock to Bancroft!](#)

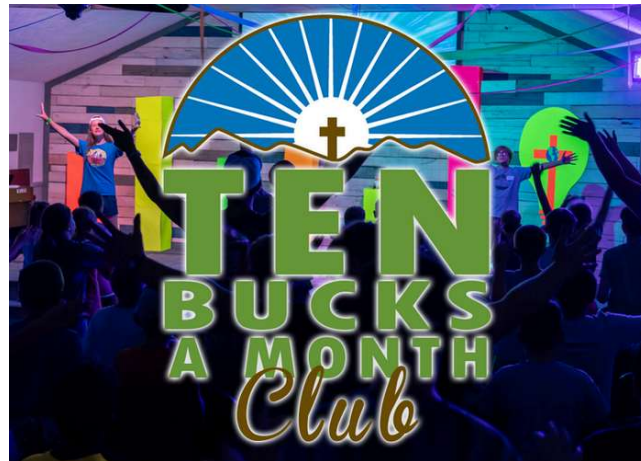


You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but have you heard of **Giving Tuesday**?

It's a global day of giving, and it's a great opportunity to make a difference in your community by donating to the causes and ministries you care about.

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (so, **December 2** this year). Would you consider financially partnering with us on a monthly basis to continue God's work here at Bancroft?

Feeling Giving?



For the price of a movie ticket or a fast-food meal, you can make a lasting impact for the kingdom of God by supporting a ministry who has served the Lord and our community for over 100 years!

Click the button below and become part of a team of people desiring to make an eternal difference by financially supporting Bancroft! You can give **more** than \$10 if you choose and you can even make it a recurring donation for your convenience!

JOIN THE CLUB!

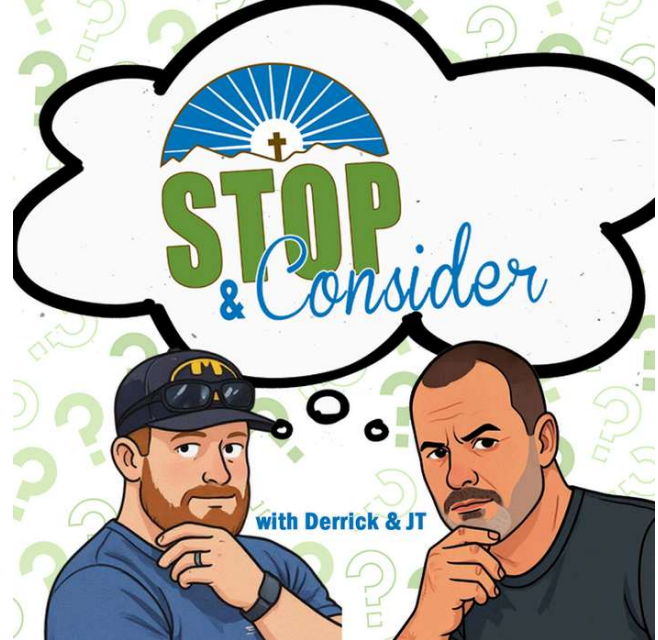
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**NEW PODCAST**  
**EPISODES DROP**  
**TODAY!**

For your Black Friday special, we are dropping our latest episode of the STOP & Consider Podcast, and I would have to say that it's quite timely considering what today is!

As you are out and about on this Black Friday, jump onto your podcast platform of choice and take a listen!

In the hustle and bustle of the day--it's appropriate.



If you aren't familiar with podcasts or how to listen to them, feel free to simply visit our website and listen from there. Here is the link for your convenience:

[www.bancroftgospelministry.org/stopandconsider](http://www.bancroftgospelministry.org/stopandconsider)

If you are into the podcast world, below are the links to your favorite podcast platforms for easy access. Currently, the only podcast that has video is through Spotify, but videos to YouTube are coming in Season 2! Be sure to subscribe, like, and comment!

Apple Podcasts:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/stop-and-consider/id1843097127>

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<https://www.youtube.com/@STOPandConsider>

Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/5an3QuCPoO4dH9Xa4xp2uc>

Amazon Music:

<https://music.amazon.com/podcasts/41b83bb5-ef2f-4f4e-ae1f-bcd85adbc43f/stop-and-consider>

iHeartRadio:

<https://iheart.com/podcast/296982721/>

New episodes drop every two weeks, and as always, THANKS for listening!

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EPISODE!

We only have a few more episodes in Season 1, but don't let the end of Season 1 send you into a depressing holiday slump!

Christmas is coming early with a special **EXTRA** episode dropping the week before Christmas (Friday, December 19)!



Also, because you are all on Santa's Nice List, we will be bringing you a new weekly podcast called, "**Camp Tales!**"

Camp Tales will be a shorter, weekly podcast filled with stories about camp both past and present.

We will have special guests throughout the year and plenty of stories. So, in between seasons, there will still be plenty of content for you to consume!

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