

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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REPENTANCE ISN'T.../ REPENTANCE IS...

Church Family, I was sent this by a member: I love it and wanted to share it with you. Please take time to read it.

Repentance isn't groveling for forgiveness you already have—it's changing your mind to align with how God sees you and your situation.

Your new nature doesn't repent from sin; it repents toward God. You're not constantly apologizing for who you are or begging for acceptance you already possess. You're adjusting your perspective to match His truth about who you've always been in Christ.

True repentance is about upgrading your mindset, not downgrading your identity.

Here's the New Creation approach to repentance:

- You repent from wrong thinking, not from your identity
- You align your mind with God's perspective, not grovel for His acceptance
- You change your viewpoint, not your standing with Him
- You adjust your lens to see what He sees, not apologize for existing
- You turn toward His truth about you, not away from who you are

A mindset can only be replaced with another mindset. When you realize you've been thinking wrong about yourself, God, or your situation, you don't need to punish yourself. You need to reframe your perspective to match His upstairs view.

The old covenant said "repent and then God will forgive." The new covenant says "because God has forgiven, now you can repent" without fear or condemnation.

Your repentance flows from security, not insecurity. From love, not fear. From identity confidence, not identity crisis. You're safe to acknowledge wrong thinking because your standing with God isn't based on perfect thinking.

When you mess up, the question isn't "How do I get back in God's good graces?" The question is "How does God want to reframe my thinking about this situation?"

Kingdom routine: When guilt or condemnation tries to accompany repentance, reset to rest in your forgiven identity. God isn't waiting for you to grovel—He's waiting to show you His perspective on what happened.

**God loves you
and so do I!
Pastor Rick**

If my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray and seek my face
and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven,
and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Notices/Events/Free/For Sale/Help Wanted

If you have something you no longer need or want, an upcoming event, or have a notice to share with the church, feel free to advertise it here to the members of Crossroads. Give your info to Beth (office) for posting. If the info goes in the newsletter, remember that it will be posted online, so do not put in private information.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

The **DECORATIONS COMMITTEE** needs help and someone to be the chairperson. The committee changes up the sanctuary decorations for seasons and/or special holidays. There isn't a lot of time required and even if you don't have the "gift" you can help take down and put up/out decorations. We especially need our "summer stayers" to join. Men, you are helpful as well!

The **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** needs volunteers to join the committee. With enough volunteers, Sunday mornings can have a rotation again and will have enough people to assist at other events like our business meeting potlucks.

TO SIGN UP/ASK QUESTIONS, SEE BETH OR JOANNA ANY TIME.

MEN'S BREAKFAST!

First SATURDAY of each month at 8:00 AM at the church.

Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6

Sign up in the info area. If you can help in the kitchen, please come at 7am to help "Chef" Lafe.



Food, Fellowship, and God's Word



First SATURDAY of each month at 8:30 AM at a local eatery.

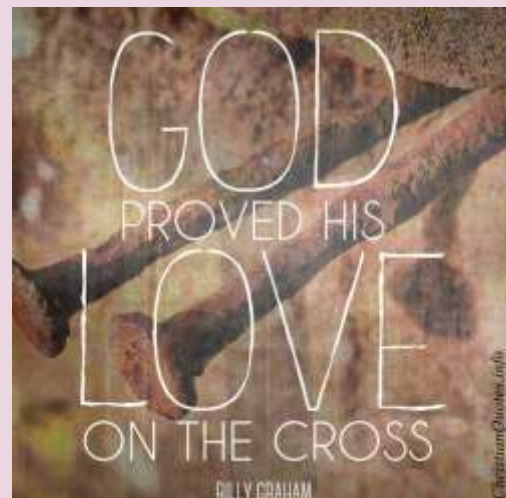
**Sep 6 at Gold Canyon Café
Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6**

Sign up in the info area. Bring a friend or family member!

CHURCH ETTIQUETTE

- 1) COME. Never miss church unless it is absolutely necessary. George Washington's pastor said of him, "No company ever kept him from church."
- 2) COME EARLY. Rushing into church the last minute is not conducive to true worship.
- 3) COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY. "The church service is not a convention that a family should merely send a delegate."
- 4) TAKE A PLACE TOWARD THE FRONT OF CHURCH. Leave the rear seats for those who may come late, and for backsliders, and mothers with children.
- 5) BE DEVOUT. The church is not a theater or place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge or sleep. God's house deserves our very utmost reverence.
- 6) HELP STRANGERS TO FIND AND FOLLOW THE SERVICE. If they have no book, share yours with them. Sing! Join in the worship! Don't just sit!
- 7) ALWAYS—REMEMBER THAT STRANGERS ARE THE GUESTS OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit in your home.
- 8) GIVE A GOOD OFFERING TO GOD. God loveth a cheerful giver. Freely ye have received.
- 9) NEVER RUSH FOR THE DOOR after benediction as though the church were on fire. Speak and be spoken to. Be congenial.
- 10) NEVER STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS NOT PERFECT. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.

Author Unknown



Matthew 25:40

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

GOOD NEWS GLOBAL is another local prison ministry that we support at the Pinal County Correctional Center in Florence, Arizona.

Did you know? Approximately 11 million people incarcerated worldwide are facing crushing darkness and despair. We're here to change that. Every one of those carries a story – a story steeped in despair, plagued by loneliness, and shrouded in regret. These aren't just numbers, they're human beings, enduring their darkest hours, yearning for a flicker of hope amidst the overwhelming shadows of their reality.

Chaplain John Jefferson will be joining us for Mission Sunday on November 2, 2025, as a guest speaker. Save the date!

This ministry provides:

- **Comprehensive Religious Programming** for both inmates and staff that benefit from full-time pastoral presence of a chaplain at their jail.
- **Pastoral Care:** Our experienced chaplains provide tailored spiritual counseling and mentorship, fostering a nurturing environment for both personal and communal growth.
- **Dedicated Support for Staff:** Acknowledging the unique challenges faced by correctional facility staff, we offer specialized support and resources to promote well-being and resilience.
- **Prompt Crisis Intervention:** In moments of crisis, our chaplains are trained to readily assist with challenging situations and crisis moments.

Healthy Spiritual Environment: We work together with other clergy, volunteers, and staff to help generate a positive and safe environment. A jail becomes a sanctuary of hope and transformation when chaplains can do what God has called them to do.

Vision:

We are disrupting the cycle of darkness and despair for all who are behind bars and beyond. It's the power of the Gospel that produces change, brings redemption, and allows everyone to find their purpose in Christ.

Statement of Faith:

- We believe that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," by which we understand that the whole Bible is inspired in that holy men of God were "moved by the Holy Spirit" to write the very words of God. We believe that this divine inspiration extends equally to all parts of the writings as they appeared in the original manuscripts.
- We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three Persons – The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit – and that these three are one God; co-equal and co-existent.
- We believe that the eternal Son of God came into this world that He might manifest God to men, fulfill prophecy, and become the Redeemer of a lost world. He was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit, received a human body and a sinless human nature
- We believe that, owing to death through sin, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless born again. This redemption has been accomplished solely by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was made to be sin, dying in our stead, and that he was bodily and physically raised from the dead for our justification. We believe that the new birth of the believer is an act of God the Spirit and comes only through individual faith in Christ.
- We believe that man was originally created in innocence and that he fell through sin and, as a consequence of his sin, lost his spiritual life, becoming dead in trespasses and sins.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the blessed Trinity, though omnipresent from all eternity, indwells every believer since the day of Pentecost, and by His baptism unites all of Christ's own into one body. He is the source of all power and all acceptable worship and service.

We believe that God has ordained that through the local church the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to be spread and that it is the duty of everyone who is born again, to seek out a local fellowship for the furtherance of the Gospel and his own edification. We believe in the literal resurrection of the body, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost. We believe that the supreme mission of God's people in this age is to preach the Gospel to every creature, and we believe in the second coming of Christ

If you have any questions, ask any of our committee members. God bless you greatly for all you do! Mission Committee



August Average Monthly Attendance

Sunday Worship..... 47
 Sunday School..... 21
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study..... 14

Ministries/Other Actual

New Members:..... 2
Ladies' Bible Study..... 5
Ladies' Breakfast Attendance..... 13
Men's Breakfast Attendance..... 20
 Visitors..... 8



****If you or someone you know needs prayer immediately, contact the office or a prayer chain member.**

****To add to our weekly prayer list, please get the info to the office by noon on Wednesday for the 3pm prayer meeting.**

If you or someone else would like a visit by a member, please contact the office, a visitation team member, or a deacon for assistance. Visits can include taking a meal, hospital visits, communion with a house-bound member, or even just a social or prayer visit to **lift someone's spirits.**

Get Involved!

- **Sunday Fellowship** - coffee & donuts @ 9 am.
- **Sunday School** @ 9:30 am.
- **Worship Service** @ 10:45 am.
- **Ladies' Bible Study and Life Group** Tuesdays @ 10am.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study** @ 3:00 pm.
- **Choir** - (On Break) Thursdays-Practice @ 6pm
- **Ladies' Breakfast - Monthly:** third Friday @ 8:30 am at a local restaurant.
- **Men's Breakfast—Monthly:** First Saturday @ 8:00 am at the church.
- **Connections Saturday** - One Saturday each month. Check church calendar.
- **Volunteering:** The church needs your gifts and talents. See a need? Want to help somehow? Contact the office or the committee chairperson.

NEVER HAD IT SUMMED UP LIKE THIS BEFORE...

Why go to Church?

I think this is fantastic, I just love the guy's answer, and the interpretation for the word BIBLE. Enjoy and pass it on .

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

- ♦ When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!
- ♦ Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!
- ♦ Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!
- ♦ IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !
- ♦ B I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!
- ♦ When you are about to forward this to others, the devil will discourage you.

So go on! Forward this to people who are DEAR to you and TRUST GOD.

Rosh Hashanah in 2025 will begin on the evening of Monday September 22 and end on the evening of Wednesday September 24.

Rosh Hashana marks the Jewish New Year and the start of the Days of Awe, a time for reflection and repentance.

Atheism

The belief that there was nothing and nothing happened to nothing and then nothing magically exploded for no reason, creating everything and then a bunch of everything magically rearranged itself for no reason what so ever into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs.

Makes perfect sense.

THE BIBLE NEVER ONCE
SAYS, "FIGURE IT OUT,"
BUT OVER AND OVER IT
SAYS, "TRUST GOD." HE'S
ALREADY GOT IT ALL
FIGURED OUT.



Always
RESPOND
TO EVERY
IMPULSE TO
pray

FAITH
UPHOLDS
A CHRISTIAN
UNDER
ALL
TRIALS

Come to me,
all you who are
weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

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THE SMALLEST ACT
OF KINDNESS IS WORTH
MORE THAN THE
GRANDEST INTENTION,

— OSCAR WILDE

TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT ON
YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING:

IN ALL YOUR WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM,
AND HE SHALL
DIRECT YOUR PATHS.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?
BE
**STRONG
& COURAGEOUS.**
DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED,
AND DO NOT BE DISMAYED.

FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.

DEATH TO THE
CHRISTIAN
IS THE FUNERAL OF
ALL HIS SORROWS
AND EVILS,
AND THE RESURRECTION,
OF ALL HIS JOYS.



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GRACE IS THE **FREE,**
UNDESERVED GOODNESS
AND FAVOR OF GOD TO **MANKIND**

— Matthew HENRY

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Start or continue your daily Bible reading plan today!</i>	1 HOLIDAY Office Closed	2 No-Ladies Bible Study	3 No Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	4	5	6 8:00 am-Men's Breakfast (Church) 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast (Gold Cyn Cafe)
7 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship The Lord's Supper 12:15:Hospitality Mtg (Full Moon tonight)	8 <i>Star Trek Day</i>	9 10:00am-Ladies Bible Study	10 3:00pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	11 <i>PATRIOT DAY</i> (24 th Anniversary of 9/11)	12 Office Closed	13
14 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship	15	16 10:30am-Ladies Bible Study	17 3:00pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study CONSTITUTION DAY	18	19 <i>Talk Like a Pirate Day</i>	20
21 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship After Church: Missions Mtg <i>Int'l Day of Peace</i>	22 Fall Begins <i>Rosh Hashanah begins at sun-down</i>	23 10:00am-Ladies Bible Study	24 3:00pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study <i>Rosh Hashanah ends after sun-down</i>	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship	29	30 10:00am-Ladies Bible Study				
<i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i>	<div> <p>"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:51 (NIV)</p> </div>					

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MATTHEW 28:18-20
WIN SOULS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

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