

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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Discovering Strength in Times of Trouble: Finding Hope in Psalm 73:24-26

Often Marines during arduous training exercises will answer the question, "How are you doing?" with a sarcastic response, "Great! Every day is an adventure, and every meal is a feast."

The adventure part is probably true, but I would **hardly call Meals ready to Eat (MRE's) sumptuous fare.**

Some people cope with hard times with stoicism mixed with a little sarcasm; but most of us find that turning to God's word is our best way of finding encouragement and hope.

These verses from Psalm 73, offers a comforting message by reminding us of the strength that can be found in God's unwavering presence.

Psalm 73:23-26

23 **"Yet I am always with you;**
you hold me by my right hand.

24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you?

And earth has nothing I desire besides you."

When we seek the Lord's presence, we are assured that he is with us and that he will guide us. Our thoughts are lifted because our gaze is heavenward. As we consider His glory our yearning for Him occupies our hearts.

Life's trials might leave us feeling weak and disheartened, but verse 26 reminds us that even in our weakest moments, God's strength remains constant. When our own strength falters, God steps in as the anchor that steadies us.

26 **"My flesh and my heart may fail,**
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever."

In times of trouble, let us find solace in these verses. As we place our trust in God's enduring strength, we can rest assured that He is our unwavering refuge, guiding us through life's challenges with hope and encouragement.

God Loves you and so do !!!!

Pastor Rick

Patriot Day, holiday observed in the United States on September 11 to commemorate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Virginia and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania. The holiday also recognizes those who died attempting to rescue people trapped by the attacks.

By a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress on Dec. 18, 2001, September 11 was designated as Patriot Day. The resolution calls for the president of the United States to issue a yearly proclamation requesting that all U.S. flags be flown at half-staff. Further, Americans are asked to honour the dead with a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the time that the first airplane struck the World Trade Center, and to respect the ceremonies of remembrance when they are conducted. Prior to passage of the resolution, several other names had been proposed for the day, such as the National Day of Remembrance and the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. —<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Patriot-Day>



IMPORTANT NOTICE

NEW SANCTUARY SECURITY SYSTEM

To the Crossroads Baptist Congregation:

Please note: Due to the break-in and vandalism of the kitchen and sanctuary on July 22, we had an alarm system installed the first week of August.

Any member with a key to the sanctuary and/or kitchen, needs to **register** as a user **OR** return the key to the office if you don't want to use the alarm system.

Be aware: Entering the sanctuary without a passcode when the alarm is armed, will set off a very loud alarm that also goes to the security company and police. (Yikes!)

Thank you for your cooperation!
You are loved by God and your church staff!

Scriptures for the Month

September

Favor



- Day 1: Psalm 5:12
- Day 2: Psalm 90:17
- Day 3: Psalm 84:11
- Day 4: Psalm 30:5
- Day 5: Ephesians 1:11
- Day 6: 2 Corinthians 9:8
- Day 7: Ephesians 2:8
- Day 8: Esther 5:8
- Day 9: John 1:16
- Day 10: Luke 1:30
- Day 11: Luke 2:52
- Day 12: Proverbs 12:2
- Day 13: Proverbs 3:4
- Day 14: Proverbs 8:35
- Day 15: Psalm 68:19
- Day 16: Romans 15:13
- Day 17: Ruth 2:10
- Day 18: Romans 5:17
- Day 19: Romans 6:14
- Day 20: Psalm 89:17
- Day 21: Psalm 106:4
- Day 22: Psalm 102:13
- Day 23: Proverbs 3:33-35
- Day 24: Proverbs 16:15
- Day 25: Judges 6:17
- Day 26: Acts 7:10
- Day 27: Matthew 5:3-11
- Day 28: Isaiah 60:10
- Day 29: Isaiah 58:11-12
- Day 30: Isaiah 49:11-13
- Day 31: Genesis 26:3-4

*Favor opens any door
while it remains closed
for everyone else.*

-Sunday Adelaia

2023 Monthly Bible Reading Plan

Start Now! It's never too late!

TURNING POINT'S

365 - DAY

BIBLE READING PLAN



One of the best ways to know God is to become acquainted with the full counsel of His written Word. This reading plan will guide you through all 66 books of the Bible in the coming year.

SEPTEMBER

1 Ezekiel 25 - 27	17 Daniel 4 - 5	31 Jonah 1 - 4
2 Ezekiel 28 - 30	18 Daniel 6 - 8	32 Micah 1 - 4
3 Ezekiel 31 - 32	19 Daniel 9 - 12	33 Micah 5 - 7
4 Ezekiel 33 - 35	20 Hosea 1 - 4	34 Nahum 1 - 3
5 Ezekiel 36 - 38	21 Hosea 5 - 9	35 Habakkuk 1 - 3
6 Ezekiel 39 - 40	22 Hosea 10 - 14	36 Zephaniah 1 - 3
7 Ezekiel 41 - 43	23 Joel 1 - 3	37 Haggai 1 - 2
8 Ezekiel 44 - 46	24 Amos 1 - 4	38 Zechariah 1 - 5
9 Ezekiel 47 - 48	25 Amos 5 - 9	39 Zechariah 6 - 10
10 Daniel 1 - 3	26 Obadiah 1	40 Zechariah 11 - 14



WORD SEARCH

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A	G	I	N	N	E	E	M	A	X	E	T
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K	I	O	E	J	O	C	I	I	R	I	E
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CHRONICLES JEREMIAH TIMOTHY
 DANIEL JOEL
 EPHESIANS JOHN
 ESTHER JUDE
 GENESIS MARK
 HAGGAI MATTHEW
 HEBREWS NAHUM
 ISAIAH ROMANS

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"Humility is not thinking less of yourself,
 but thinking of yourself less."
 -C.S. Lewis
 Mere Christianity



YOU ARE
 THE ONLY BIBLE
SOME UNBELIEVERS
 WILL EVER READ.

John MacArthur



August Average Monthly Attendance

Sunday Worship:49
 Sunday School:33
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 16
Ladies' Bible Study:.....7

Actual Attendance

Ladies' Breakfast:8



If you would like to have, or know of a church member who would like, a visit &/or the

Lord's Supper taken to them, contact the office, Lynne Basch, or one of the deacons.



If you or someone you know needs prayer immediately, contact our new Prayer Chain Chair, April Inman.

Need a Handyman/ Painter?

The church has been utilizing Richard Elizondo for two years for many projects inside and outside of the church (our sanctuary is one of them). A few members have also hired him for things at their homes.

Richard is dependable and honest. His fees are reasonable.

Reach him at 480-255-4698



- **Sunday Fellowship** - coffee & donuts 9:00 am.
- **Sunday School** at 9:30 am.
- **Worship Service** at 10:45 am.
- **Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study** at 10:00 am.
- **Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study** at 3:00 pm.
- **The Ladies' Breakfast—Monthly:** third Friday at 8:30 am.
- **Game Day—Monthly:** On summer hiatus. (Third Tuesday at 1:00 pm)
- The **Men's IMPACT** is on hiatus. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and here.
- **Volunteering Your Time:** The church needs your gifts and talents. See a need? Want to help somehow? Contact the office.



Hymns and Where They Came From....

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

♪ I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

♪ I need Thee ev'ry hour, Stay Thou nearby; Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.

♪ I need Thee ev'ry hour, In joy or pain; Come quickly, and abide, Or life is vain.

♪ I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will, And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

♪ *I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

—Annie Sherwood Hawks (1835-1918), Robert Lowry (1826-1899), refrain

You don't often think of hymns being written by thirty-seven-year-old homemakers from Brooklyn, but that's the story of this hymn. Annie Hawks was busy with her household chores when the words came to her. She later wrote, "I was so filled with a sense of nearness to my Master that, wondering how one could live without Him in either joy or pain, these words, 'I need thee every hour,' were flashed into my mind. Seating myself by the open window in the balmy air of the bright June day, I caught up my pencil and the words were soon committed to paper."

The pastor of her Baptist church was a musician, and he put the words to music. Two years later Dwight L. Moody and Ira Sankey discovered the song, and it became famous, much to the amazement of Annie Hawks.

Hawks reflected, "It was not until years later, when the shadow fell over my way, the shadow of a great loss, that I understood something of the comforting power in the words." God often allows us to learn in the sunshine what we will need to lean on in the darkness.

From **The One Year® Book of Hymns**, 365 Devotional Readings Based on GREAT HYMNS of the Faith, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. © 1995 by Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Notton

Alligators → can live up to 100 years which is why there is an increased chance that they will see you later



WHAT IS ROSH HASHANAH?

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/4762/jewish/What-Is-Rosh-Hashanah.htm

What: Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the universe, the day G♫d created Adam and Eve, and it's celebrated as the head of the Jewish year.

When: Rosh Hashanah is observed on the first two days of the Jewish new year, Tishrei 1 and 2, beginning at sundown on the eve of Tishrei 1. **Rosh Hashanah 2023** begins at **sundown on September 15** and continues through **nightfall on September 17**

How: Rosh Hashanah is celebrated with candle lighting in the evenings, festive meals with sweet delicacies during the night and day, prayer services that include the sounding of the ram's horn (*shofar*) on both mornings, and desisting from creative work. See our calendar for details.

The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah actually means "Head of the Year." Just like the head controls the body, our actions on Rosh Hashanah have a tremendous impact on the rest of the year.

As we read in the Rosh Hashanah prayers, each year on this day "all inhabitants of the world pass before G♫d like a flock of sheep," and it is decreed in the heavenly court "who shall live, and who shall die ... who shall be impoverished and who shall be enriched; who shall fall and who shall rise."

It is a day of prayer, a time to ask the Almighty to grant us a year of peace, prosperity and blessing. But it is also a joyous day when we proclaim G♫d King of the Universe.

Yom Kippur In Brief

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/177886/jewish/What-Is-Yom-Kippur.htm

What: Yom Kippur fast day is the holiest day of the year, when we are closest to G♫d and to the essence of our souls. Yom Kippur means "Day of Atonement," as the verse states, "For on this day He will forgive you, to purify you, that you be cleansed from all your sins before G♫d."¹

When: The 10th day of Tishrei (in **2023**, from several minutes before sunset on **Sunday, September 24**, until after nightfall on **Monday, September 25**), coming on the heels of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year, which is on the first and second days of Tishrei).

How: For nearly 26 hours we "afflict our souls": we abstain from food and drink, do not wash or apply lotions or creams, do not wear leather footwear, and abstain from marital relations. Instead, we spend the day in synagogue, praying for forgiveness.





Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have a "S" in it?



When you are a first time visitor at a small church...



LAUGH!!!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?



How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow road sign?



REFLECTIONS

my help comes from the
LORD
the maker of
HEAVEN & EARTH

"While others are congratulating themselves, I have to lie humbly at the foot of Christ's cross & marvel that I am saved at all!"
Charles Spurgeon

This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.
2 Chronicles 20:15



HEAVENLY FATHER
PLEASE MAKE
MY DAYS
USEFUL
MY NIGHTS
RESTFUL
MY HOME
PEACEFUL
AND MY
EFFORTS FRUITFUL

If you look at the **world**, you'll be **distressed**.
If you look **within**, you'll be **depressed**.
If you look at **God** you'll be at **rest**.
— Corrie Ten Boom —
AZ QUOTES



When you're relying on your own works for salvation.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Start your monthly Bible reading plan Ezekiel 25 through Zechariah 14 (The plan is in the monthly newsletter)</i></p>					1 Office Closed	2
3 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship & The Lord's Supper	4 HOLIDAY-Labor Day Office Closed	5 10am-Ladies' Bible Study	6 <i>NO Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</i>	7 6pm Choir Practice	8	9
10 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship <i>Grandparents' Day</i>	11 Patriot Day	12 10am-Ladies' Bible Study	13 3pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	14 9am-Property Committee Meeting <i>NO Choir Practice</i>	15 Office Closed 8:30am-Ladies' Breakfast @ iHop	16 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
17 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship	18	19 10am-Ladies' Bible Study 11:30am-Life Group Planning Meeting	20 3pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	21 6pm-Choir Practice	22	23 10am-Decorations Committee Mtg
24 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship Yom Kippur begins at sundown	25	26 10am-Ladies' Bible Study	27 3pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	28 <i>NO Choir Practice</i>	29 Office Closed	30
<p><i>"Do not be afraid, God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)</i></p>						

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