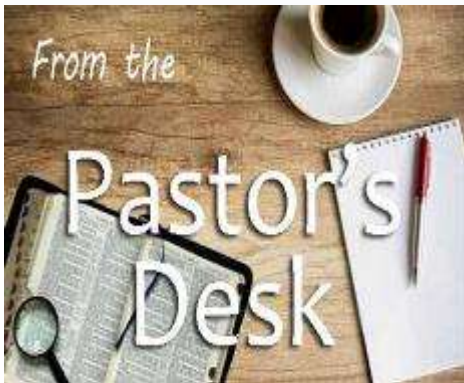


# Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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**JULY 2023**



## **Happy Independence Day!**

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, let us also remember the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. Let us take a minute and explore the timeless wisdom of 1 Corinthians 10:31, which says, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

This verse reminds us of our purpose as believers and it offers guidance for living a life that honors our Savior.

**July 4th: A Celebration of Freedom:** As we gather with family and friends to commemorate our nation's independence, let us remember that true freedom is found in Christ. In all our celebrations, may we strive to bring glory to God and demonstrate His love through our actions and interactions.

**Faith in Action:** How we live our lives matters. Each decision, big or small, offers an opportunity to glorify God. Whether it is through our work, relationships, or daily routines, let us seek to reflect Christ's love and character. Our actions should be a testimony to the transformative power of the Gospel. Let us choose to transform our precious moments into "Holy Moments."

**A Life of Worship:** We are blessed to have the freedom to worship. Worship is not limited to the walls of a church building. It encompasses our entire lives. Every moment, every thought, every breath can be an act of worship. As we go about our daily activities, let us do so with an attitude of gratitude and reverence, recognizing that this privilege was bought by precious blood. Yes, the precious blood of Jesus gave us our spiritual freedom, and the spilled blood of our patriots gave us liberty to practice our faith. Every aspect of our lives is an opportunity to honor God.

May the words of 1 Corinthians 10:31 resonate in our hearts as we navigate the days ahead. Together, let us live out our faith boldly, shining as beacons of light in a world in need of God's love and truth.



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


*Pastor Rick*



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH  
IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,  
INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND  
JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Don't be fooled.

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WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE  
*Self-Evident*, THAT ALL MEN  
ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE  
ENDOWED BY THEIR *Creator*  
WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS,  
THAT AMONG THESE ARE *Life,*  
*Liberty,* AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY  
from  FreedomWorks

Independence Day

is a time to remember  
our freedoms and  
thank God for them.

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# 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.

### JULY

1 Proverbs 4 - 7	11 Ecclesiastes 5 - 8	21 Isaiah 25 - 28
2 Proverbs 8 - 11	12 Ecclesiastes 9 - 12	22 Isaiah 29 - 31
3 Proverbs 12 - 14	13 Song of Solomon 1 - 4	23 Isaiah 32 - 34
4 Proverbs 15 - 17	14 Song of Solomon 5 - 8	24 Isaiah 35 - 37
5 Proverbs 18 - 20	15 Isaiah 1 - 3	25 Isaiah 38 - 40
6 Proverbs 21 - 23	16 Isaiah 4 - 8	26 Isaiah 41 - 43
7 Proverbs 24 - 26	17 Isaiah 9 - 11	27 Isaiah 44 - 46
8 Proverbs 27 - 29	18 Isaiah 12 - 14	28 Isaiah 47 - 49
9 Proverbs 30 - 31	19 Isaiah 15 - 19	29 Isaiah 50 - 52
10 Ecclesiastes 1 - 4	20 Isaiah 20 - 24	30 Isaiah 53 - 56
		31 Isaiah 57 - 59



# Scriptures for the Month

## July Key Verses

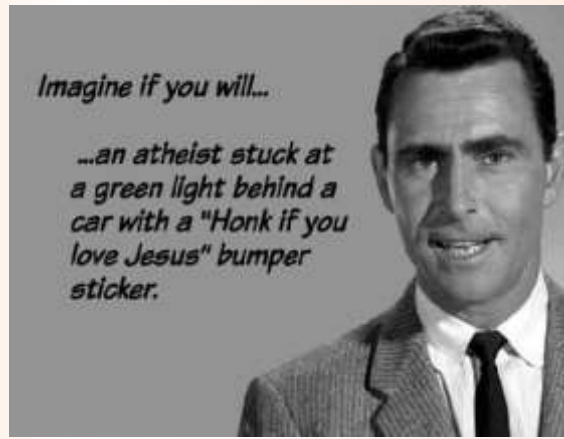
- Day 1: Jeremiah 29:11
- Day 2: John 3:16
- Day 3: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 4: Romans 12:12
- Day 5: Matthew 6:33
- Day 6: Romans 8:28
- Day 7: Genesis 1:1
- Day 8: John 1:1
- Day 9: Matthew 22:36-40
- Day 10: John 14:6
- Day 11: Philippians 1:6
- Day 12: 1 Samuel 15:22
- Day 13: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 14: Hebrews 11:6
- Day 15: Isaiah 40:31
- Day 16: Hebrews 11:1-2
- Day 17: Joshua 1:9
- Day 18: Exodus 20:3
- Day 19: 2 Timothy 1:7
- Day 20: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- Day 21: Mark 16:15 -18
- Day 22: Matthew 6:9-13
- Day 23: Psalm 100 :1-2
- Day 24: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Day 25: Ephesians 1:18
- Day 26: Proverbs 9:10
- Day 27: Matthew 11:28
- Day 28: Psalm 23:1-3
- Day 29: Philippians 4:13
- Day 30: Hebrews 13:8
- Day 31: John 3:17

The best way to gain wisdom is by  
applying God's Word to your life."

Unknown

[susanldavis.com](http://susanldavis.com)





If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.



LAUGH!!!

I went to school to become a wit, only got halfway through.







June Average  
Monthly Attendance

Actual Attendance

Sunday Worship: ..... 451  
Sunday School: ..... 28  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: ..... 13  
**Ladies' Bible Study:..... 5**

**Ladies' Breakfast:** ..... 5  
Social Saturday: Painting: ..... 10  
Game Day: (On summer hiatus)



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

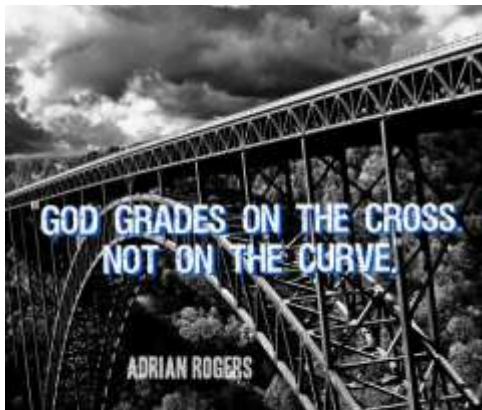
**Lord's Supper taken to them, contact the office, Lynne Basch, or one of the deacons.**



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

Can you help? Or know someone who might?

As you know, Frank is still looking for a place to call his own for himself and his dog Ember. Please be in prayer for their needs.



- **Sunday Fellowship** - coffee & donuts 9:00 am.
- **Bible Study** at 9:30 am.
- **Worship Service** at 10:45 am.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study** at 3:00 pm.
- **The Ladies' Breakfast—Monthly:** third Friday at 8:30 am.
- **Game Day—Monthly:** 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.





Photo credit: Mary Courtney

### LITTLE ANGELS

- "Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I don't know why, but the scientists are working on it" Beth, 8
- "It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to wear those angel clothes." William, 7
- "Angels love God too. They are His messengers. If God wants a candy bar or a soda, they get it for him" Cameron, 6
- "Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The basic message is where you went wrong before you got dead." Josie, 8
- "Some of the angels are in charge of helping kids while God is busy with other things. I know they helped me with my math test last week." Beth, 9
- "Angels live in cloud houses made by God and His Son. I hear he is a very good carpenter." Sam, 7



Submission to newsletter





Q:  
I'm from another country and am visiting some of my relatives here who are in graduate school. I asked them what your festival on July 4 means, but they were not sure. Does it have something to do with your Christian religion?

A:  
July 4th commemorated the day in 1776 that our nation declared itself to be an independent nation, and no longer a colony of England. On that date, a number of our leading citizens signed what is known as the Declaration of Independence, stating our determination to become a free country.

Our independence did not come easily; only after several difficult years of war would it finally be won. Nor were our first years as a nation free from problems and controversies (as is still true). But our forefathers were determined to establish a free and democratic system of government, and the Declaration of Independence (together with our Constitution and the Bill of Rights) became the foundation for this. They have stood the test of time, and on July 4th we give thanks for the wisdom and faith and courage of those leaders.

Although it is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for many Americans July 4th is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia (which proclaimed our independence) are these words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV). Our legal system reflects our Judeo-Christian roots.

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the



There are only **two defining forces** that have ever offered to die for your; Jesus Christ and the American soldier.

One died for your soul.



The other for y our freedom.

You can judge a country's worth by how many are trying to in in and how many are trying to get out.

*Submitted by Dianne Nelson-Berman*

<https://billygraham.org/answer/fourth-of-july-celebrations-recall-americas-history-and-enduring-faith-in-god/>



# Jun 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	We d	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Start your monthly Bible reading plan <a href="#">Job 21—Proverbs 3</a> (The plan is in the monthly newsletter)</p>				<p>1 No Choir Practice</p> <p>1927-Peace Bridge opens between U.S. &amp; Canada</p>	2	3
<p>4 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship <b>&amp; The Lord's Supper</b></p>	5	<p>6 10am-Ladies' Bible Study</p> <p>1944-WWII D-Day (U.S. lands in Normandy, France)</p>	<p>7 3 pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</p> <p>1775-United Colonies become The United States</p>	<p>8 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	9	<p>10 1752-Benjamin Franklin discovers electricity</p>
<p>1942-WWII Battle of Midway</p>						
<p>11 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship</p>	12	<p>13 10am-Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>14 3pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</p> <p>1775-The U.S. Army is formed</p>	<p>15 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 8:30am-Ladies' Breakfast @ IHop</p>	<p>17 1963-U.S. Supreme Court rules against Bible reading &amp; prayer in public schools 1775-Battle of Bunker Hill</p>
<p>18 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship</p>	<p>19 1964-Civil Rights Act of 1964 approved</p>	<p>20 10am-Ladies' Bible Study</p> <p>1 pm Game Day</p>	<p>21 3pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</p>	<p>22 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	23	<p>24 12-3pm-Social Saturday: Paint Class (Open to men and women)</p>
<p>25 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship</p> <p>1929-Hoover Dam construction authorized (was Boulder Dam)</p>	26	<p>27 10am-Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>28 3pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</p> <p>1894-Labor Day established as holiday for federal employees</p>	<p>29 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	30	<p>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</p>

*"Happy are those who trust in the Lord, who rely on the Lord." Jeremiah 17:7-8 (CEB)*

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**MATTHEW 28:18-20**  
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