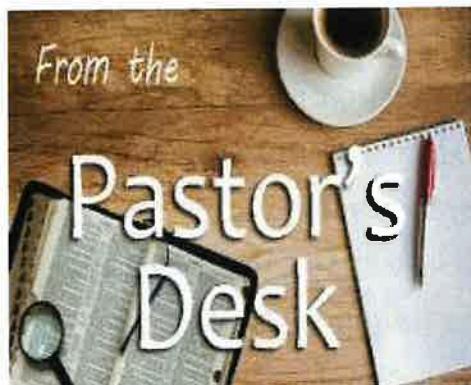


Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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JUNE 2023



I want to thank everyone who has joined me in prayer asking the Lord to preserve my vision. I am happy to report that I have had my first treatments and my second round is at the end of June. I am getting shots of Syfovre in each eye. (Syfovre is a new treatment for Macular Degeneration). The drug is designed to slow the rate of degeneration. Fortunately for me I know a savior who specializes in "eye problems."

I can't pass up the opportunity to share some thoughts from scripture related to eyes.

Matthew 6:22-23 states, *"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"* These verses hold profound applications for Christians in their spiritual journey.

Pure and Focused. It is essential that believers maintain a pure and focused heart. The "eye" symbolizes our perception and desires. As Christians, we are called to guard our hearts against worldly influences that can lead us astray from God's truth. By keeping our eyes healthy, fixed on God's Word and His will, we allow His light to guide us and illuminate our path.

Spiritual Discernment. Matthew 6:22-23 highlights the significance of spiritual perception. Our eyes can be a gateway to our souls, and what we choose to focus on greatly affects our spiritual well-being. It calls Christians to evaluate the nature of the things they expose themselves to—whether they are promoting godliness or darkness. Through prayer, Bible study, and seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance, believers can cultivate discernment and make wise choices that align with God's principles.

Spiritual Darkness Has consequences. If we allow ourselves to be consumed by worldly values, our spiritual vitality diminishes, and our ability to perceive God's truth weakens. It emphasizes the need for Christians to be vigilant and strive for spiritual health continually.

Invaluable applications. Matthew 6:22-23 urges believers to guard their hearts, cultivate spiritual discernment, and avoid the darkness of worldly influences.

I pray that each of us will walk in the light of God's truth, experiencing His guidance and experiencing a thriving relationship with Him.

God loves you and so do I!!!

Pastor Rick

THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR AND OFFICE STAFF

A special "THANK YOU!" to everyone that helped with the two work days held on May 6 & 27, due to the office wing new flooring and baseboards installation. You know who you are! We had helpers of a wide variety ages (up to their 90's!) and abilities and everyone of you made an great impact! Moving everything from the classrooms and choir room to the far side of the sanctuary and then back again was an enormous job that was made manageable by each of you who sacrificed your time and energy to make it happen.

Not everything that came out went back. AZ Baptist Childrens Services were thrilled about receiving toddler toys and such for their ministries, as well as our neighbors at Mtn. View Lutheran Church. We had an abundance of chairs and were able to donate a large portion of them to a local church that needed them and couldn't afford new ones.

The large classroom has been reorganized and converted to a multipurpose storage room. It holds our extra church chairs, church decorations, the food pantry, some custodial supplies, AND now has a projects work table area. All that and a large open versatile area in the middle.

The smaller classroom is now going to be a conference/meeting room, prayer room, and small classroom. It's not quite ready, but that room will now have a useful purpose.

The nursery is being set up again and when finished, can be used for all ages as needed.

The ladies' room by the office is now being refreshed. A new coat of paint (not brownish gold anymore!), new flooring, etc., and due to consistent issues, one toilet of the two has been removed permanently, along with the stall doors and dividers. When we have little ones using that room, there will be a place for diaper changes as well. Beth and Joanna are looking forward to a room that doesn't have years of uncleanable dirt all around!

The office looks so much different with the lighter flooring, newer paint, and some reorganization in the office and storage room. It's definitely much more inviting and more pleasant to work in.

Many hands did make light work! May God bless each and everyone who helped!

Summer Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed every other Friday during the summer.

Friday closure dates:

June 23

July 7 & 21

August 4 & 18

September 1, 15 & 29

October 13

Contact Beth Silvers (number in the family directory) if you need access to the office on any of these Fridays

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.

JUNE

1 Job 21 - 24	11 Psalms 34 - 37	21 Psalms 89 - 94
2 Job 25 - 30	12 Psalms 38 - 42	22 Psalms 95 - 103
3 Job 31 - 34	13 Psalms 43 - 49	23 Psalms 104 - 106
4 Job 35 - 38	14 Psalms 50 - 55	24 Psalms 107 - 111
5 Job 39 - 42	15 Psalms 56 - 61	25 Psalms 112 - 118
6 Psalms 1 - 8	16 Psalms 62 - 68	26 Psalm 119
7 Psalms 9 - 17	17 Psalms 69 - 72	27 Psalms 120 - 133
8 Psalms 18 - 21	18 Psalms 73 - 77	28 Psalms 134 - 140
9 Psalms 22 - 27	19 Psalms 78 - 80	29 Psalms 141 - 150
10 Psalms 28 - 33	20 Psalms 81 - 88	30 Proverbs 1 - 3



Scriptures for the Month

June

Abide

- Day 1: John 15:1-3
- Day 2: John 15:4-5
- Day 3: John 15: 7-8
- Day 4: Galatians 2:20
- Day 5: Colossians 3:1-3
- Day 6: 1 John 2:28
- Day 7: John 14:21
- Day 8: John 15:10
- Day 9: Galatians 5:22-23
- Day 10: 2 John 1:9
- Day 11: Colossians 1:27
- Day 12: Revelation 3:20
- Day 13: Romans 8:9-10
- Day 14: Ephesians 3:17-20
- Day 15: John 3:6-9
- Day 16: John 14:17
- Day 17: 1 John 2:27
- Day 18: 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Day 19: Romans 8:11
- Day 20: John 10:28-29
- Day 21: 1 John 3:6
- Day 22: 1 John 4:13
- Day 23: 1 Corinthians 3:16
- Day 24: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 25: Philippians 3:9-10
- Day 26: John 6:56
- Day 27: John 17:23-24
- Day 28: 1 John 2:24-25
- Day 29: Revelation 21:3-4
- Day 30: John 17:21-22

"The fruit of the Spirit is the outward evidence of the inward reality of a heart "abiding" in Christ."

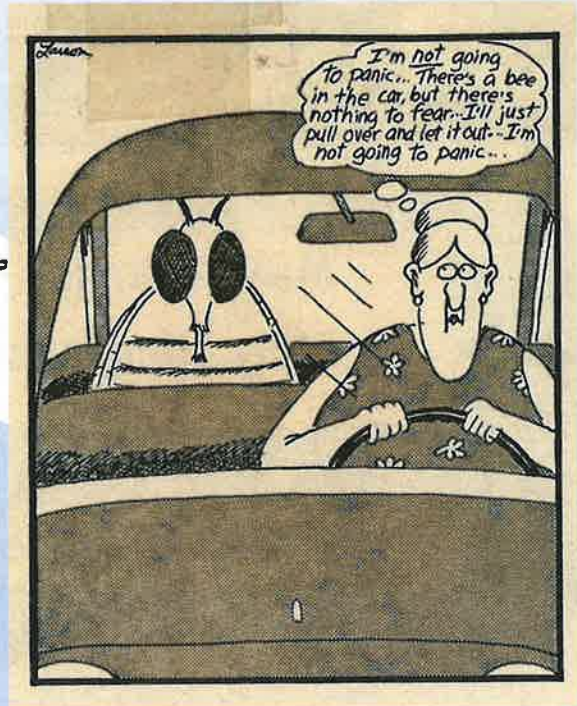
Richard J. Foster

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- Sherman_Beardman** 1.7k points 2 years ago
The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.
- madamplease** 13.7k points 1 year ago
Pronouncing words that end in 'ough'. Cough, bough, rough, dough, through, though....
- Vaxtin** 4.7k points 4 years ago
Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?
- AdventurousMan** 4.6k points 4 years ago
Why does fridge have a "D" in it, but refrigerator doesn't?
- Djimmieboy** 248 points 1 year ago
Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe aren't?
- MundaneRiot** 261 points 4 years ago
You can drink a drink but you can't food a food.
- cherishPanda** 214 points 4 years ago
The word "queue" is just a Q followed by four silent letters
- saranowitz** 1 point 10 years ago
Why is a "w" called a "Double-U" when it is clearly a "Double-V"?

- UPS:**
"Your package is in your city, on a truck driven by Mike. It will arrive at 6:27pm today."
- FedEx:**
"Your package is coming. You'll get it when we get there."
- USPS:**
"What package?"
- Amazon:**
"We are already inside your residence. Check the bathroom."
- Facebook:**
"We know you were thinking about getting a toaster oven yesterday. Here are 20 ads for toaster ovens."



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community

BULLETIN BOARD

**May Average
Monthly Attendance**

Actual Attendance

Sunday Worship:	51
Sunday School:	31
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study:	13
Ladies' Bible Study:	5
Church Work Days:	15
Ladies' Breakfast:	4
Social Saturday-Wreaths:	6



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

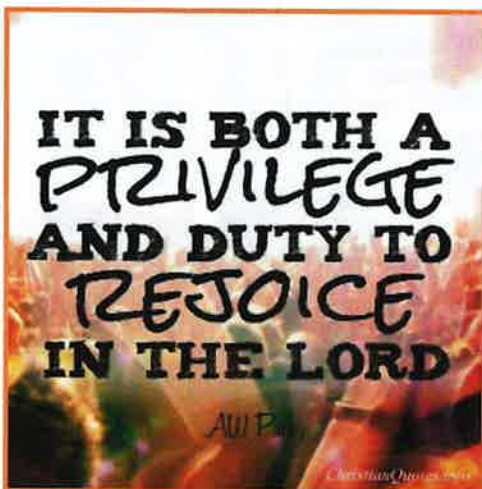
Lord's Supper taken to them, contact the office, Lynne Basch, or one of the deacons.



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.

GET INVOLVED

How to cheat a cheater???????

It seems that most everything we get now-days has to be evaluated to see if it's a scam of some kind. More and more, scammers are making calls, texts, and emails look legitimate. From pretending to be a family member we aren't in close contact with and sending texts or emails with requests and links that only are lies and scams to get our personal information so they can take advantage of us. We all need to be on alert and cannot let our guards down. Many of us may have been scammed at some point, but can still be vulnerable to the newer methods to get our hard-earned money through payments by cashier checks, gift cards, requests for banking information, one-time codes, or just account information. This article from Good Housekeeping has some great information and ways to avoid getting scammed, and what to do if you do. (check out the refusal script!) Also, get the FTC brochure 'How to Avoid a Scam' in the back.

How to Avoid a Scam

By Sarah Wharton

(from <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/money/a38579607/how-to-avoid-a-scam/>)

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Pros share the red flags of frauds and cons to keep your family's personal information safe.

With so many convincing cons in play online and over the phone, it's easy to feel like we're all just one wrong move away from losing our life savings. **Nearly 2.2 million people reported losing a total of more than \$3 billion to scams in 2020 alone**, and a whopping 1.4 million reported **identity theft** – that's twice as many victims as in 2019.

Our experts at the [Good Housekeeping Institute](#) teamed with security pros to round up smart strategies that will help keep your family safe from potential scams and fraud. These tips will help protect you on the phone, via email, in person and beyond.

How to spot a phone call or email scam

1. **The caller's phone number looks similar to yours.** Fraudsters use software that mimics, or "spoofs," local numbers to make incoming calls look as if they're coming from your community so you're more likely to answer.
2. **The email address has a typo or seems "off."** Always check the email header carefully; sometimes scammers will change just one or two letters in an email address. Hover over hyperlinks to view the web address they'll direct you to; if they seem vague or inauthentic, don't click them.
3. **You're pressured to act fast.** Cons often create a sense of urgency. "They want to instill fear or excitement," says [Kathy Stokes](#), director of fraud prevention programs with the [AARP Fraud Watch Network](#). "For fear, it might be 'This is the Social Security Administration, and your number has been suspended because of criminal activity.' For excitement, it could be 'This is Publishers Clearing House. You've won a million dollars!'" Be aware that government agencies like the IRS will not call you out of the blue and demand payment.
4. **They request payment in gift cards.** Stokes does not mince words on this: "Any time somebody asks you to pay for some obligation by purchasing a gift card and sharing the numbers from the back, it is a scam – 100% of the time. It is just not a legitimate form of payment."

Top tips to avoid a phone scam

- ✓ **Turn on call blockers.** Register for the [FTC Do Not Call Registry](#), and use the tools built into your phone and provided by your mobile carrier (e.g., [AT&T Call Protect](#), [Verizon Call Filter](#), [T-Mobile Scam Shield](#)). Check your smartphone's settings to modify privacy options or enable call-blocking features.
 - ✓ **Verify the phone number.** If you suspect that a call you've answered from a business is a scam, hang up and find a valid phone number to call to confirm that the company reached out. The same goes for emails and texts: Don't click provided links or open attachments.
 - ✓ **Create a refusal script.** Stokes says her mother would feel rude hanging up on a caller, even if she suspected a scam. So she and her mom created a refusal script, which provides language her mom can lean on when she needs to end a call. Says Stokes: "I told her to say, 'I'm sorry, I can't talk right now. I'm having tea with Officer Brady,' and then hang up." Stokes advises that you keep the script next to your phone – or by your door, for unwanted or fishy solicitors – as reinforcement.
 - ✓ **How to avoid getting scammed online**
 - ✓ **Use a password manager.** Our Lab pros love that [Dashlane Premium](#) (\$9 per month for family plan) offers intuitive onboarding and helpful notifications that will alert you to potential security problems.
1. **"Salt" your security questions.** You might feel safer when websites require answers to security

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info into your answers to make them harder to hack. If, say, your high school mascot was a cougar, you can add a memorable word or number to your correct answer – e.g., Cougar719 or CougarDoritos (even better: CoUgarDor!tOs) – that others won't know.

- ✓ **Turn on multi-factor identification.** Yes, it slows things down to have to enter, say, a second code when accessing private data, but a minor inconvenience to you is a big inconvenience to scammers. Stokes agrees that what's known as multi-factor authentication (MFA) is a valuable addition to your security: "The company is going to send that code to me on a known device, and it's just one more step. If the scammer has your phone, it's a different story, but more often than not that's not the case."
- ✓ **Check your email settings.** Mark unwanted emails as spam, strengthen your privacy options in your email security settings and have a secondary email account to use when you need to provide an email address for transactions.
- ✓ **Always verify contact information independently.** Do not call numbers provided in an email, text or letter; look up the business's number before dialing.

What to do if you've been scammed

Some people feel embarrassed that they've fallen for a scam, so they might be reluctant to report it. But a recent AARP study showed that what makes people vulnerable is "not any attribute of the individual who experiences a scam – not socioeconomic status, not age, not educational achievement," says Stokes. "It's what you're experiencing in your life right then. You've lost a job. You've lost a spouse. You've been diagnosed with a serious illness. It's in those moments that we are most susceptible to a scam."

Reporting fraud can help someone else avoid it – or even help bring scammers to justice, because the reports are aggregated and available to law enforcement agencies. **If you think you or a loved one has been scammed...**

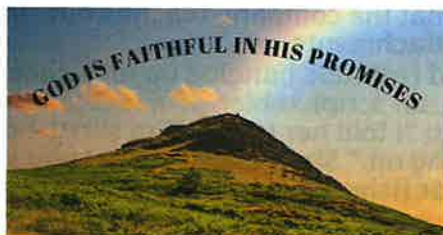
1. **File a complaint** with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center, or contact your FBI field office in person. **Report fraud** to your local police or state law enforcement agency.
2. **Contact the Federal Trade Commission** to report fraud online.
3. **Call AARP's Fraud Helpline** at 877-908-3360. It's free, and specialists can provide support.

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From which hymn is this paraphrase? And what Scripture does it come from?

Your faithfulness is great God, my Father; there is no darkness in or around you. You don't change, your compassions don't end. Who you have always been, you will always be. Every season & harvest, and the sun, moon and stars in their courses, join with all nature in abundant and various types of witness to Your great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endures, Your dear presence to cheer and to guide me; spiritual strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand more. Great is your faithfulness! Great is Your faithfulness! Morning after morning I see new mercies; Everything I have ever needed You have provided—Your faithfulness is great towards me, Lord!



(Great is Thy Faithfulness by Thomas Obadiah Chisholm. Lamentations 3:22-25)

Jun 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Start your monthly Bible reading plan</i> <i>Job 21—Proverbs 3</i> <i>(The plan is in the monthly newsletter)</i></p>				<p>1 No Choir Practice</p> <p><i>1927—Peace Bridge opens between U.S. & Canada</i></p>	2	3
<p>4 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship & The Lord's Supper</p>	5	<p>6 10am-Ladies' Bible Study</p> <p><i>1944-WWII D-Day (U.S. lands in Normandy, France)</i></p>	<p>7 3 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p> <p><i>1775-United Colonies become The United States</i></p>	<p>8 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	9	<p>10 <i>1752-Benjamin Franklin discovers electricity</i></p>
<p><i>1942-WWII Battle of Midway</i></p>						
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<p>18 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship</p>	<p>19 <i>1964-Civil Rights Act of 1964 approved</i></p>	<p>20 10am-Ladies' Bible Study</p> <p>1 pm Game Day</p>	<p>21 3pm-Prayer Meeting & 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><i>1929-Hoover Dam construction authorized (was Boulder Dam)</i></p>	26	<p>27 10am-Ladies' Bible Study</p>	<p>28 3pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p> <p><i>1894-Labor Day established as holiday for federal employees</i></p>	<p>29 6pm-Choir Practice</p>	30	<p><i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i></p>

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

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