Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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Dear Beloved Crossroads Family,

The Apostle Paul often opened his letters with the salutation: "Grace and peace be with you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." Such a short statement; yet it is so full of truth and promise. The Lord has shown us much favor and I want to share one recent example.

At 3 a.m. on Saturday, July 22nd, our church was broken into and was vandalized. The criminal gained entry by breaking the

hinges on a side door and removed the door. He proceeded to demolish the kitchen area by breaking stoves and ripping off cabinet doors. He broke dishes and generally tossed everything he could onto the floors. He took a fire extinguisher and discharged it over all the seats of the sanctuary and over the altar. We did not discover the mess until 9 a.m. that day.

By Sunday morning service everything was in good order. So why do I say that the Lord was good? No fires, no graffiti, no paint thrown around and no damage to legacy items. We were guarded by the Lord. We were very vulnerable yet very protected. Being vulnerable yet protected is the story of our life.

During life's trials, we find solace in the words of Isaiah 42:3: "A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out." Our Heavenly Father, in His boundless compassion, understands our fragility and carries us through our darkest moments. He gently cradles us, strengthening our weary souls and igniting a spark of hope within.

When life's burdens weigh heavily upon us, let us turn to the comforting words of Matthew 11:28, where our Lord invites, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." In His embrace, we find the refuge we seek—the rest that rejuvenates our spirits and grants us the strength to persevere.

As your pastor, I encourage you to lean on the Lord during your trying seasons. Trust in His unfailing love and draw strength from His promises. He is our source of hope and the rock on which we stand.

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts, and may you find hope and strength as you rest in His loving arms.

Blessings and -

God Loves you and so do 1!!!

P.S. Thank you to the team that worked so hard to restore our church for Sunday Service. I am not listing your names to ensure that you get your full blessing from the Lord. I love you and am deeply thankful to you! Pastor Rick

IMPORTANT NOTICE NEW SANCTUARY SECURITY SYSTEM

To the Crossroads Baptist Congregation: <u>Please note</u>: Due to the break-in and vandalism of the kitchen and sanctuary on July 22, we are having the sanctuary alarmed.

This alarm security system is scheduled to be installed the first week of August.

Any member with a key to enter the sanctuary <u>MUST</u> register as a user. If you have a key to the sanctuary, and no longer require it, please return it to the office.

Set a meeting after August 2 with Beth Silvers between 9:30a & 2:30p to register/get instruction or return keys.

Once the system is set up, entering the sanctuary without a passcode will set off a very loud alarm that also goes to the security company and police. (Yikes!) False alarms may cause the church to be invoiced for unnecessary emergency services.

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

Scriptures for the Month



- Day 1: John 8:12
- · Day 2: John 1:5
- Day 3: 1 John 1:5-7
- · Day 4: Genesis 1:3
- Day 5: Psalm 119:105
- Day 6: Matthew 5:14-16
 Day 17: Psalm18:28
- Day 7: 1 Peter 2:19
- Day 8: Psalm 27:1
- Day 9: Ephesians 5:8-14 Day 20: Daniel 2:22
- Day 10: 2 Corinthians 4:6 Day 21: Luke 8:16-17
- Day 11: John 9:5
- Day 12: James 1:17
- Day 13: Matthew 4:16
- Day 14: Isaiah 60:1
- Day 15: Isaiah 42:16
- Day 16: Isaiah 58:8

- Day 18: 2 Corinthians 6:14
- Day 19: John 12:36

- Day 22: Numbers 6:24-26
- Day 23: Ephesians 1:18
- Day 24: Psalm 37:5-6
- Day 25: 1 Thessalonians 5:5
- Day 26: Micah 7:8
- Day 27: Philippians 2:14-16
- Day 28: Romans 13:12
- Day 29: Ephesians 5:8-9
- Day 30: Proverbs 4:18
- · Day 31: Philippians 2:14

"Glory in Christ and you can bask in His light forever!"

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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.

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@2021 TORNING POINT MINISTRIES



July Average Monthly Attendance Sunday Worship:46 Sunday School:29 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study:14 Ladies' Bible Study:......6

Actual Attendance



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



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

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

- 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.



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.





AUGUST may just seem like never ending days of heat that no one wants to go out into, but it doesn't have to be a boring month either. According to 'The Spruce' (https://www.thespruce.com/reasons-to-celebrate-in -august-41784), there are plenty of ways to have fun this month!

Before you get 'cabin fever' from staying in as much as possible to stay cool, before you chuck your remote at the TV because there's nothing good or new to watch, check out these ways to liven up your hot summer days. Include friends and family and brighten someone else's summer days as well!

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A pastor asked on older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast. "Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flower." The

pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. AMEN!

Hymns and Where They Came From

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Isaac Watts devoted much of his life to writing, including essays, sermons, and hymns, despite his frail health. He is considered the father of English hymnody crafting songs like the Christmas carol "Joy to the World". As a teen, Watts was concerned with the crude lyrics that most English-speaking congregations used to praise God. Watts was challenged by his father to create something better, so he began to write hymns. At first, he wrote new versions of Bible verses in the book of Psalms. Then in 1707, Watts wrote, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," which reflected his personal feelings. This writing style was considered controversial at the time, but the song became so popular and had a significant impact on the church. Theologian Matthew Arnold came to call it the greatest hymn in the English language.

https://www.beliefnet.com/entertainment/music/the-history-behind-your-favorite -church-hymns.aspx

"Wherever He Leads, I'll Go"

Two friends, R.S. Jones and B.B. McKinney, were having lunch at an Alabama Sunday school conference in 1936. Jones had just returned from Brazil, where he was a missionary. Jones was heartbroken, because just days before he found out that health issues would keep him from returning to the country to do God's work. McKinney, a hymn writer, asked Jones what he was going to do. Jones replied, "Wherever He leads, I'll go". This statement was so powerful that McKinney penned the classic hymn that afternoon, and later that night performed it after Jones had preached in the church. Since then, the song has been such in many worship services. We might know where God will lead us, but we can trust He knows what He is doing. *https://www.beliefnet.com/entertainment/music/the-history-behind-your-favorite -church-hymns.aspx*

TEN WAYS TO LOVE

- 1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18:13)
- 2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
- Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
- 4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
- 5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
- 6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
- 7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
- 8. Trust without wavering. ([Corinthians 13:7)
- 9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
- 10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)







Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red)...I can't see you anymore... I am not going to let you hurt me like this again!

Trainer: It was a sit up. You did one sit up.



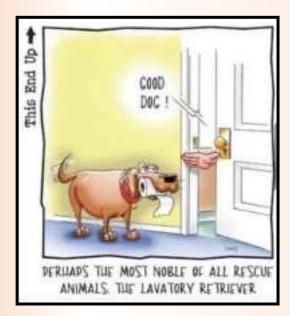
I USED TO ENVY PEOPLE WHO COULD DO A CARTWHEEL BUT NOW I'M JEALOUS OF ANYONE WHO CAN GET UP OFF THE FLOOR WITHOUT MAKING GRUNTING NOISES AND HOLDING ONTO FURNITURE

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