

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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MAY 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



April Average Monthly Attendance

Sunday Worship: 71
 Sunday School: 35
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 20
Ladies' Bible Study: 6

Ladies' Breakfast: 7
 Choir Practice & Sundays: 7



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 Prayer Chain Chair, Martha Finton.

Can you help? Or know someone who might?

Our brother in Christ, Frank, is in need of a place to call his own home. If you have, or know of someone who has a small place where Frank and his dog, Ember, could land, please contact the office or Pastor Rick in order to follow up on the possibility. Ideas have included a small casta, a small trailer, a room with its own entry and bathroom. You get the idea. Frank lives on a fixed income, so nothing expensive please.

Also, be in prayer that God will provide the right place for him that is close enough that he can still be a part of our church fellowship and services



- **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.

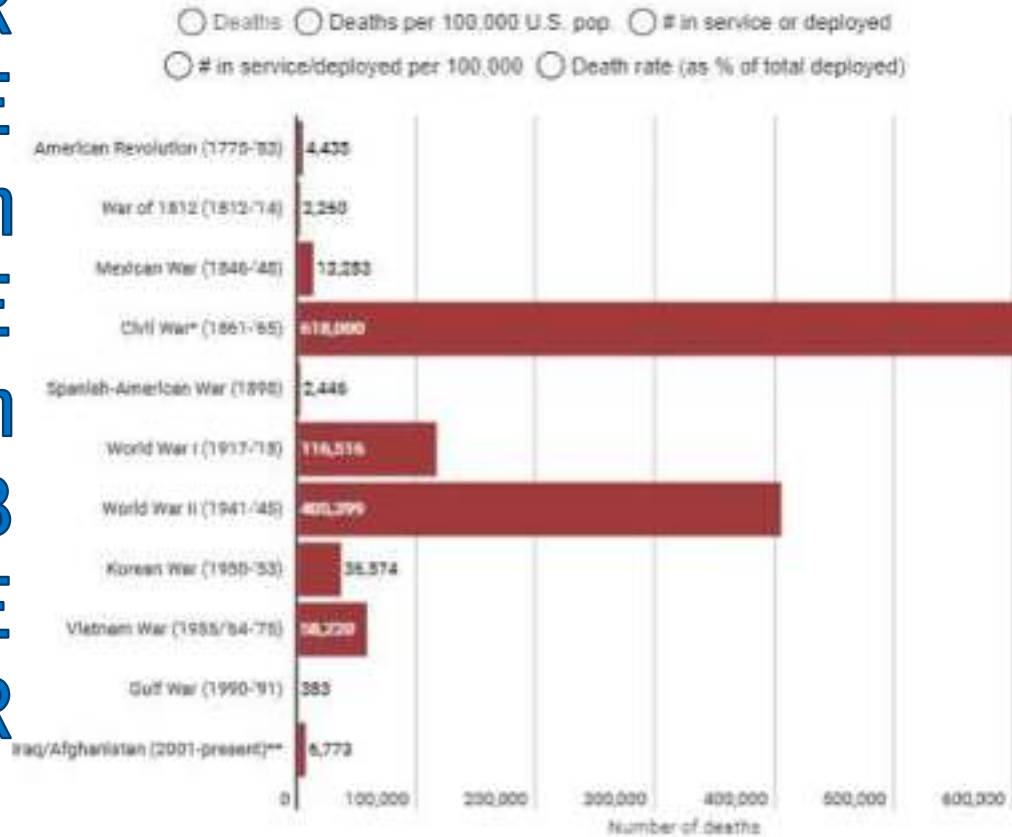
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U.S. War Deaths, by the Numbers

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* Civil War figures include Union and Confederate soldiers. This is the conventionally accepted estimate, although one recent analysis puts it at 750,000.

** Department of Defense, May 2016 (U.S. troops remain minimally involved in both conflict zones)

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Infogram

Sources

- War fatalities/deployments: Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense
- Population figures: Paul Waldman, American Prospect (based on U.S. Census data from the year each war began)

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CHURCH NOTICE & HELP NEEDED

Please note: New flooring will be installed in the office, hall, choir room, and classrooms May 8 –13. On Saturday, May 6, @ 10am, we are holding a church workday. If you can volunteer, please come help move items out of the choir and classrooms.

Many hands make light work!

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." - Psalm 56:3



"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (Psalm 103)

I just came by to tell You, Lord
How happy I have been
Since we found each other's friendship
And You took away my sin.
I don't know much of how to pray
but I think about You everyday
So Jesus, this is me just checking in today.

I just came by to tell you, (your name)
How happy I have been
Since we found this friendship
And I took away your sin.
I think about you always
And I love to hear you pray
So (your name), this is Jesus
Just checking in today! (Author Unknown)

Submitted by Lynda Groome



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.

MAY

1 1 Chronicles 7 - 9	11 2 Chronicles 12 - 16	21 Nehemiah 1 - 3
2 1 Chronicles 10 - 12	12 2 Chronicles 17 - 20	22 Nehemiah 4 - 7
3 1 Chronicles 13 - 16	13 2 Chronicles 21 - 24	23 Nehemiah 8 - 10
4 1 Chronicles 17 - 19	14 2 Chronicles 25 - 28	24 Nehemiah 11 - 13
5 1 Chronicles 20 - 23	15 2 Chronicles 29 - 31	25 Esther 1 - 5
6 1 Chronicles 24 - 26	16 2 Chronicles 32 - 34	26 Esther 6 - 10
7 1 Chronicles 27 - 29	17 2 Chronicles 35 - 36	27 Job 1 - 4
8 2 Chronicles 1 - 4	18 Ezra 1 - 4	28 Job 5 - 8
9 2 Chronicles 5 - 7	19 Ezra 5 - 7	29 Job 9 - 12
10 2 Chronicles 8 - 11	20 Ezra 8 - 10	30 Job 13 - 16
		31 Job 17 - 20



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

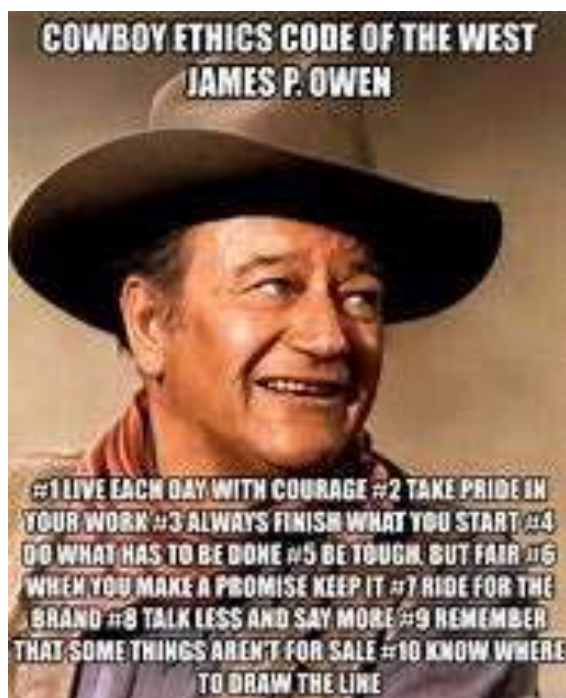
Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably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



WHEN PARENTS GET OLD ...

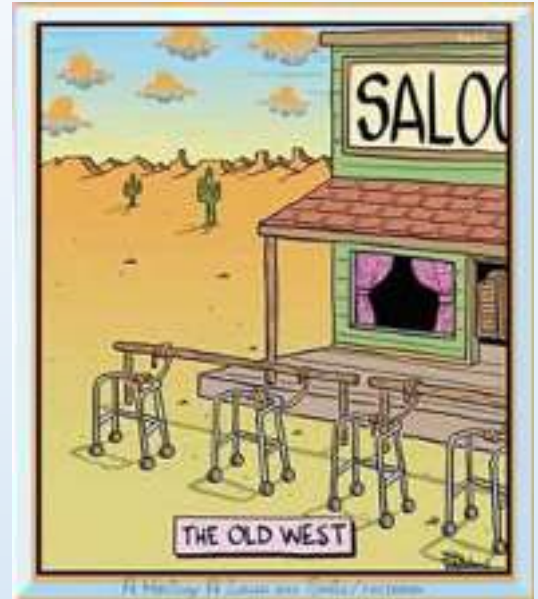
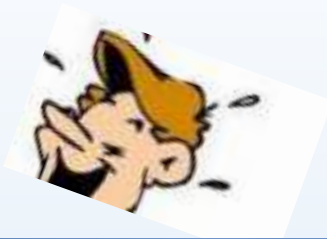
- Let them grow old with the same love that they let you grow ...
- Let them speak and tell repeated stories with the same patience and interest that they heard yours as a child ...
- Let them overcome, like so many times when they let you win ...
- Let them enjoy their friends just as they let you ...
- Let them enjoy the talks with their grandchildren, because they see you in them ...
- Let them enjoy living among the objects that have accompanied them for a long time, because they suffer when they feel that you tear pieces of this life away ...
- Let them be wrong, like so many times you have been wrong and they didn't embarrass you by correcting you ...
- LET THEM LIVE and try to make them happy the last stretch of the path they have left to go; give them your hand, just like they gave you their hand when you started your



Some of the best words
literally ever:

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| Bamboozled | Flabbergasted |
| Discombobulated | Shenanigans |
| Cattywampus | Lollygag |
| Malarkey | Kerfuffle |
| Brouhaha | Nincompoop |
| Skedaddle | Pumpernickel |
| Doochiekey | Thingamajig |
| Persnickety | Whatsit |
| Whatnot | Whatchamacallit |
| Gobsmacked | Flummoved |
| Flibbertigibbet | Dingleberry |
| Tenterhooks | Gobbledygook |
| Poppycock | Canoodle |
| Whippersnapper | Codswallop |

I challenge you to use
at least 2-3 in a sentence.



What do you call a
bear with no teeth?
A gummy bear.

Clock for
retired people



I've always wondered
why lemonade is
made from artificial
flavors but furniture
polish is made from
real lemons.

Scriptures for the Month

May

God's Helping Hand

- Day 1: Psalm 121:2
- Day 2: Hebrews 13:6
- Day 3: Genesis 49:25
- Day 4: Isaiah 50:7
- Day 5: Isaiah 50:9
- Day 6: Psalm 54:4
- Day 7: Psalm 63:7
- Day 8: Psalm 86:17
- Day 9: Psalm 118:13
- Day 10: Psalm 121:2
- Day 11: Psalm 40:17
- Day 12: Psalm 70:5
- Day 13: 2 Samuel 22:36
- Day 14: Psalm 18:35
- Day 15: Psalm 18:35
- Day 16: Isaiah 44:2
- Day 17: Psalm 42:5
- Day 18: Psalm 33:20
- Day 19: Psalm 115:11
- Day 20: Psalm 46:5
- Day 21: Psalm 146:5
- Day 22: Psalm 94:17
- Day 23: 1 Samuel 7:12
- Day 24: Psalm 124:8
- Day 25: Deuteronomy 33:29
- Day 26: Psalm 43:5
- Day 27: Exodus 18:4
- Day 28: Psalm 41:13
- Day 29: Psalm 115:9-10
- Day 30: Philippians 4:13
- Day 31: John 14:26

"Never doubt God's desire or ability to help you."

T.B. Joshua



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Start your monthly Bible reading plan</i> <u>1 Chronicles 7 thru Job 20</u> <i>(The plan is in the monthly newsletter)</i></p>	1 May Day	2 10am-Ladies' Bible Study	3 10am-Personnel Committee Meeting	4 6pm-Choir Practice	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 10 am-Church Work-day to move items from classrooms & choir room for new floor installation
7 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship & The Lord's Supper	8 Office/Hallway New Flooring Installation May 8-10	9 10am-Ladies' Bible Study	10 3 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	11 6pm-Choir Practice Classroom/ Women's Restroom New Flooring Installation May 11-12 or 13	12	13
14 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 10am-Ladies' Bible Study	17 3pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	18 6pm-Choir Practice	19 8:30am-Ladies' Breakfast @ iHop	20 Armed Forces Day
21 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship	22	23 10am-Ladies' Bible Study 1 pm Game Day	24 3pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	25 6pm-Choir Practice	26	27 10am-Decorations Committee: Redecorate the Sanctuary
28 9am-Fellowship 9:30am-Bible Study 10:45am-Worship	29 Memorial Day, Observed Holiday Office Closed	30 10am-Ladies' Bible Study	31 3pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study			<i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i>
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p><i>"We walk by faith and not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB)</i></p> </div>						

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