

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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Many churches mark the seasons of the year by using a liturgical calendar.

The purpose of a liturgical calendar is to help faith communities intentionally move through the story of God over the course of the year. A liturgical calendar organizes worship and reflection around key seasons that highlight God's work of remembrance, reflection, and redemption.

If you were to consult such a calendar you would see that Ash Wednesday was celebrated on Feb 18th this year. You may also know that Ash Wednesday is the start of the 40 day Lenten season that concludes with Easter.

Liturgical calendars are predominately used by the Roman Catholic Church. Since the Reformation, there have been many protestant denominations that follow a revised liturgical calendar. For example: Lutherans, Anglicans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists and the American Baptist Churches.

I am sometimes asked if Southern Baptists practice Ash Wednesday. The answer is yes and no.

Because we are autonomous churches within the Southern Baptist Association, churches are free to establish their own practices.

Most Southern Baptists (as a general practice) do not use a liturgical calendar nor do they apply ashes.

This is driven by our belief in “Sola Scriptura” or from “Scripture Alone”. Our theological stance is that if the scripture does not explicitly command it — then it is a man-made tradition or ritual.

Consequently, we don't practice Ash Wednesday; but we do observe the Lord's Supper and

Baptism. They are explicitly commanded in scripture.

Interestingly, we are not always consistent with our claim of 'Sola Scriptura' as many churches celebrate July 4th, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Did you know that Easter is only mentioned in one Bible translation? That would be the KJV at Acts 12:4.

I am glad that we make an exception for our Easter Observances. I am also glad that others are free to establish their own holidays, spiritual observances and feasts.

These events offer up the themes of remembrance, reflection, and redemption. All of which are solid Spiritual principles.

Where am I going with this? Back to scripture.

Romans 14:1–6 (NIV) — 1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. 2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does

not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

Putting an ashen cross on your forehead is not heresy. Especially, if you were doing it as remembrance of the Lord and reflecting on His death and His provision for your redemption.

Just don't think that a cross on your head is the same as the cross in your heart. Give grace to your brothers from other Christian traditions.

In the end, the question is not whether a church follows a liturgical calendar or observes a

particular day, but whether our hearts are oriented toward Christ.

Practices like Ash Wednesday, Lent, or Easter are meaningful only insofar as they lead us to deeper remembrance of what God has done, honest reflection on who we are before Him, and renewed gratitude for the redemption we have received through Jesus. Scripture reminds us that believers will not always express their faith in the same ways, and that is by God's design. When our traditions are held with humility and grace, they can become helpful guides rather than points of division. May we extend that same grace to one another, remembering that outward expressions matter far less than a life inwardly shaped by the cross and faithfully lived to the glory of God.

God loves you and so do !!!!

Pastor Rick



You don't have to give something up to grow closer.
Sometimes you just say yes.

40 Days of Yeses

Small invitations as we walk toward Easter.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			2/18 Spend 5 minutes in quiet prayer.	2/19 Encourage someone	2/20 Take a walk and thank God for His gifts.	2/21 Hold the door open for someone
2/22 REST WORSHIP REFLECT	2/23 Sit in stillness and breathe.	2/24 Forgive someone in your heart.	2/25 Turn off your social media for a night.	2/26 Let go of one worry in prayer.	2/27 Donate something you don't need.	2/28 Replace complaints with gratitude.
3/1 REST WORSHIP REFLECT	3/2 Leave an extra tip today.	3/3 Send an encouraging note.	3/4 Pay for a stranger's coffee.	3/5 Offer to help someone.	3/6 Pray for someone	3/7 Read one Psalm.
3/8 REST WORSHIP REFLECT	3/9 Choose calm instead of reacting quickly.	3/10 Choose patience over frustration.	3/11 Ask God for wisdom in one specific area.	3/12 Text someone you've been thinking about.	3/13 Release control of something you're gripping tightly.	3/14 Replace one negative thought with the truth.
3/15 REST WORSHIP REFLECT	3/16 Compliment someone sincerely.	3/17 Send a thank-you note.	3/18 Fast from criticism for the day.	3/19 Extend grace where it's not earned.	3/20 Speak gently today.	3/21 Do one unseen kindness.
3/22 REST WORSHIP REFLECT	3/23 Write one gratitude.	3/24 Let go of being right.	3/25 Read one gospel story.	3/26 Read one verse slowly. Twice.	3/27 Let someone merge in traffic.	3/28 Listen without interrupting.
3/29 REST WORSHIP REFLECT	3/30 Encourage someone.	3/31 Make someone's day easier.	4/1 Check in on someone.	4/2 Choose a kinder tone	4/3 Practice patience	4/4 Give thanks for your blessings.

Everyday
Journ



Begin anywhere. Join Anytime.



Notices/Events

If you have something you no longer need or want, an upcoming event, or have a notice to share with the church, feel free to advertise it here to the members of Crossroads. Give your info to Amos (office) for posting. If the info goes in the newsletter, remember that it will be posted online, so do not put in private information.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

The **DECORATIONS COMMITTEE** needs volunteers. The committee changes up the sanctuary decorations for seasons and/or special holidays. There isn't a lot of time required and even if you don't have the "gift" you can help take down and put up/out decorations. We especially need our "summer stayers" to join. Men, you are helpful as well!

The **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** needs volunteers to join the committee. With enough volunteers, Sunday mornings can have a rotation again and will have enough people to assist at other events like our business meeting, potlucks, Concerts even on the upcoming National Prayers day on May 7, 2026.

TO SIGN UP/ASK QUESTIONS, SEE DAVID ANYTIME.

Important

MEN'S BREAKFAST!



First SATURDAY of each month at 8:00 AM at the church.

March 7, April 4., May 7

Sign up in the info area. If you can help in the kitchen, please come at 7:00 am to help "Chef" Lafe. Food, Fellowship, and God's Word

For more info Contact Lafe @ 719-342-0431

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1st Chairperson Committee Meeting @ 10:15 AM @ Choir room

March 5th, 2026 Concert THE NEEDHAMS @ First Baptist Church, @ 7 PM

March 8th, 2026 Worship Speaker Linda Rinzel (HopeWomen's)

March 8th, 2026@ Visitation Committee Meeting after Service

March 15, 2026 2@ Women's Craft & Bake sale after Service

March 22 Missions Meeting after service



First SATURDAY of each month at 8:30 AM at a local eatery.

**March 7 at Gold Canyon Café
April 4, May 7,**

Sign up in the info area. Bring a friend or family member!

For more info Contact .Joanna @

480-560-9964

The CLASSIFIED page

If you have a need for repair work around your home, able to perform handyman or cleaning service, or know of job opportunities, this is the place to be. Give your info to Amos (office) for posting. If the info goes in the newsletter, remember that it will be posted online, so do not put in private information.

Handyman needed

Homes need repair at times and when those small, but needed things breakdown, you need help. We have several members of the church who are experience in many areas. The Property Committee can help with many home issues. Please let the church office know of your needs and the Property team will be notified.

If you are experienced with tools, please let the office know of your talents. We are here to serve our church family in many areas and you can be a blessing to others in need.

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT JOANNA**



Have something you want to sell or give away? Take a picture of it , provide a description, and send to the office. We will place it in the newsletter and on the website.

Do you need something for your home? Before you buy it, we can put your need in the Bulletin and who knows, someone may be able to help .

(Tax Return Prep, Landscaping, Home cleaning, etc).

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT THE OFFICE**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you know of any job openings that would interest our church family or friends of the church, please let the office know.



Our church pantry is available for our church members, their families, and those in our community. We have a variety of canned and packaged goods, cleaning supplies and hygiene items. If you have a need or you know of a neighbor who is struggling, please let the office

What is new ???

- ⇒ If for any reason you are unable to attend a meeting in person, we can provide you with a Microsoft Teams or Zoom meeting link if you let the office know in advance.
- ⇒ Benevolence Donations & Suggestion Boxes

If you need prayer, our staff and deacons are always available. Please contact the office if you would like pray-





**February 2026 Average
Monthly Attendance**

Sunday Worship 64
Sunday School 35
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 28

Ministries/Other Actual

New Members: 0
Ladies' Bible Study 7
Ladies' Breakfast Attendance 10
Ladies Valentine's Breakfast Attendance.....29
Visitors 3



*Jeans needed to make Prayer
Pockets for Operation
Christmas Child Shoeboxes.*

*See Mary Murray with any
questions.*



**WHEN YOU ARE
HANGING ON BY
A THREAD, MAKE
SURE IT'S THE HEM
OF HIS
GARMENT**

AMEN

Get Involved!

- Sunday Fellowship - coffee & donuts @ 9 am.
- Sunday School @ 9:30 am.
- Worship Service @ 10:45 am.
- Ladies' Bible Study and Life Group
- Tuesdays @ 10 am.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study @ 3:00 pm.
- Choir - Wednesday- No Practice @ 5 pm
- Ladies' Breakfast - Monthly: First Saturday @ 8:30 am at a local restaurant.
- Men's Breakfast—Monthly: First Saturday @ 8:00 am at the church.
- Connections Saturday - One Saturday each quarter. Check church calendar.
- Volunteering: The church needs your gifts and talents. See a need? Want to help somehow? Contact the office or the committee chairperson.

Missions News

- News off/from missions supported by Crossroads Baptist Church

Matthew 25:40

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for

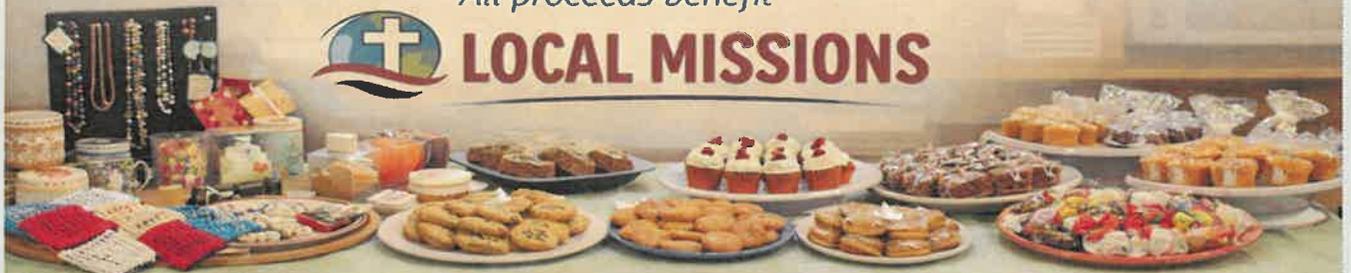
WOMEN'S CRAFT & BAKE SALE

After Service – March 15

All proceeds benefit



LOCAL MISSIONS



Homemade baked goods • Handcrafted items

Come support the cause!

Volunteers needed to help with setup on March 14

MISSION FOCUS

Current Needs



APACHE JUNCTION

- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Laundry Pods
- Cleaning Supplies
- Ladies Socks - New
- Individual Size Chips
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Diapers (2T / 3T)



*Check Missions Corner
for prayers & other
literature*

By Mary Murray

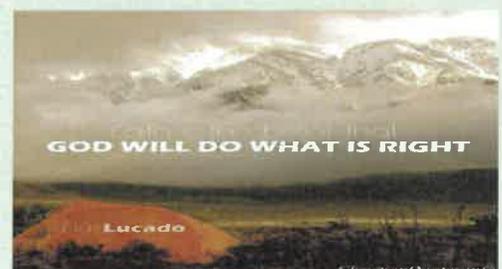
From Lisa Dela

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

~by Walt Huntley

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike.
Because he was not treated fair in things he didn't like,
If only once he'd given up and said, "That's it, I'm through!"
"I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do."
I'll give my orders to the sun-cut off the heat supply!"
"And to the moon-give no more light, and run the oceans
dry."
"Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure
on,
Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"

You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game,
For no one has been more abused or met with more
disdain
Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me
With all the favors of His grace, and everything for free.
Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we
owe.
We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;
But what a mess we'd all be in,if God should go on strike.





The Wisdom message

I Cor. 12:8 tells us, “For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit...”

This “word of wisdom” in the Greek is “logos sophia.”

The word logos is first made popular to us in the beginning of John’s Gospel as he declares that the Word or logos was with God and was God. John is redefining a pagan understanding of logos to include many gods of inferior rankings produced from the superior ranked god, solving the problem of how a good god could produce an evil world. In pagan understanding the superior god didn’t produce or create our world, it was the inferior ranked and evil god that created our world. John takes the whole of these deities together as being the real deity of Jesus. He is the logos. He is the Creator - who was with God and was God. Poor theology by the pagans, became great theology in the writing of the Apostle John.

In the Greek language wisdom is the word “sophia.” She is the Greek god Sophia. Again, this word is redefined by our New Testament writers to be sophia or just wisdom without the deity part. Truth is once again restored.

You can imagine my excitement in seeing these two powerful words used together in the Greek in I Cor. 12:8. The first spiritual gift listed by the Apostle Paul in this passage is logos sophia - the powerful word of wisdom spoken by a godly man or woman into someones personal challenges.

Let us always seek after the wisdom that comes from God.

God bless you greatly - Lafe

By your servant, Lafe.



THINGS TO DO!

Overview of the iPhone Calendar Scam

The iPhone calendar scam involves cybercriminals flooding users' calendars with fake event invites and notifications. These alerts often claim that the user has won a prize or that their device is infected, prompting them to click on malicious links.

How the Scam Works

Subscription Method

- Scammers trick users into subscribing to rogue calendars.
 - This usually happens when users click on a suspicious link or pop-up.
- Once subscribed, users receive a barrage of spam notifications directly on their devices.

Common Signs of the Scam

- Unexpected events with strange titles.
- Unknown subscribed calendars that the user did not add.

Frequent notifications about fake security alerts or prizes.

How to Remove Spam Events

Steps to Unsubscribe

1. Go to Settings: Open your iPhone settings.
2. Access Calendar Accounts: Navigate to Apps > Calendar > Calendar Accounts.

3. Identify Subscribed Calendars: Look for any unfamiliar calendars.

Delete Suspicious Subscriptions: Remove any calendars you did not knowingly subscribe to.

Additional Measures

- Open the Calendar app, find the suspicious event, and unsubscribe directly.
- Block the sender's email address in your mail app for extra security.

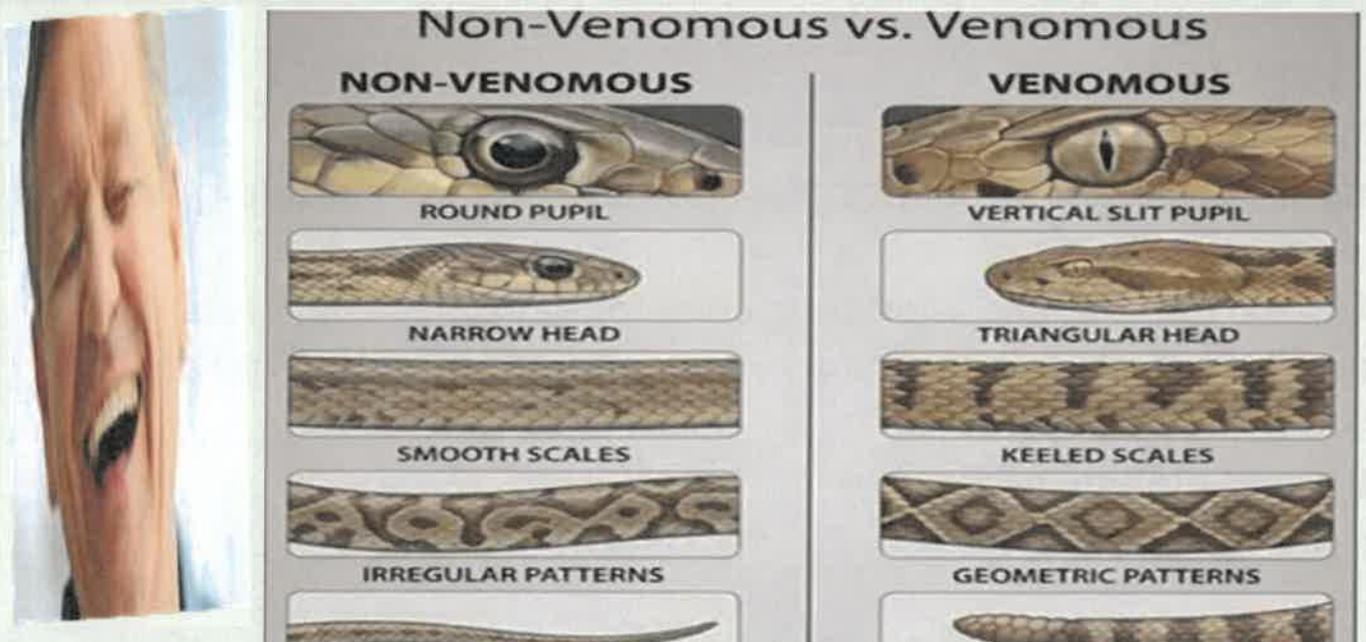
If issues persist, consider offloading and reinstalling the Calendar app.

Prevention Tips

- Be cautious with links in emails or messages.
- Set calendar invites to require manual approval.

Regularly check your calendar settings for unknown subscriptions. By following these steps, users can effectively manage and eliminate unwanted calendar spam.

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A lady went to the Pastor and said ... "I won't be attending Church anymore."

He said, "May I ask why??"

She said, "I see people on their cell phones during the service, some are gossiping, some just ain't living right, they are all just hypocrites."

The Pastor got silent and he said, "Ok... But can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?"

She said, "What's that?"

He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the Church 2 times and don't let any water fall out the glass."

She said, "Yes I can do that."

She came back and said "It's done."

He asked her 3 questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their phone?
2. Did you see anybody gossiping?
3. Was anybody living wrong?

She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't fall."

He told her, "When you come to Church, you should be just that focused on God , so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said 'Follow me.' He did not say follow Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused YOU are on God."

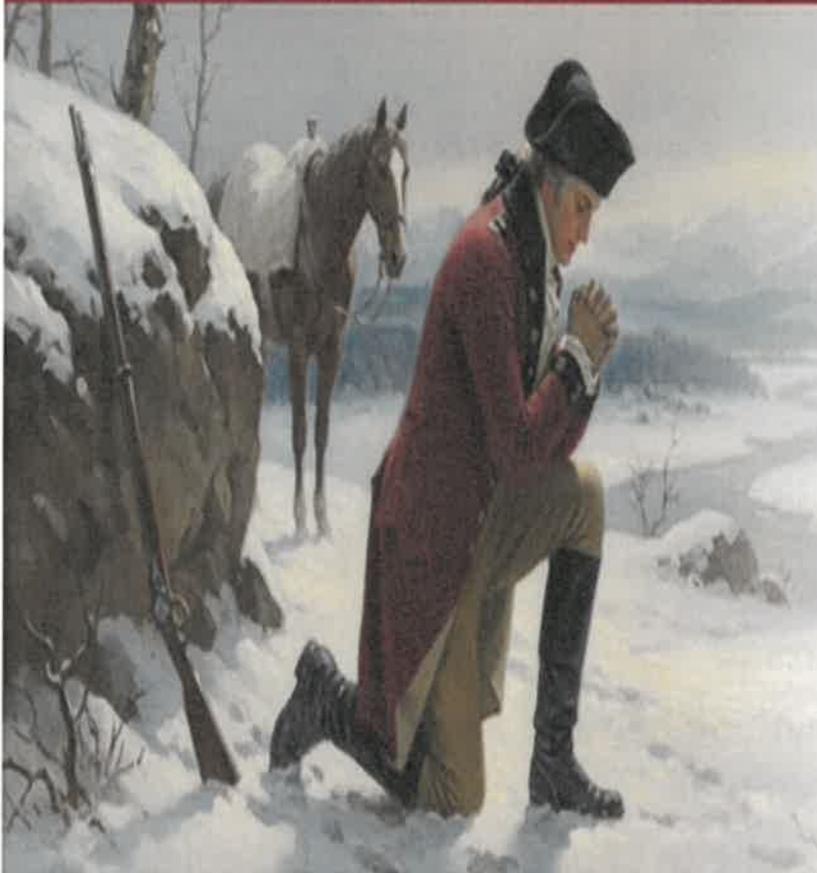
Shared from I'm so blessed daily

From Mary M.



GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS SEEKING HIM IN ALL GENERATIONS

1 CHRONICLES 16:24



4:00-7:00pm Thursday

MAY 7, 2026
FLAT IRON PARK

AJ MINISTERIAL GROUP:
Love Gospel Church • Bridge Gospel
Rock Church • Table Of Grace
Crossroads Baptist Church
Grace In Motion



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 Am-Bible Study 10:15 Chairperson Committee meeting 10:45 am-Worship	2	3 10:00 Am-Ladies Bible Study 1	4 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	5 Concert THE NEED-HAMS @ First Baptist Church, @ 7 PM	6	7 8:00 -Men's Breakfast @ church 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast (Gold Cyn Cafe)
8 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 Am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship <u>Speaker: Linda Rinzel (HopeWomen's) Viistation Committee meeting</u>	9	10 10:00 Am-Ladies Bible Study 1	11 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	12	13	14
15 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am after service Women's Craft & Bake Sale	16	17 10:00 Am-Ladies Bible Study	18 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	19	20	21
22 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 Am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship Mission Meeting after service	23	24 10:00 Am-Ladies Bible Study	25 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	26	27	28 10 00 Am Craft Day (Men and Women)
29 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 Am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship	30	31	<i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 20px; padding: 20px; text-align: center;"> <p>“Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”</p> <p>Psalm 37:4 (KJV)</p> </div>		

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MATTHEW 28:18-20
WIN SOULS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

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