

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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“Christ Above All”

A Journey Through Colossians

On Sunday April 26th, we concluded our journey through Colossians.

I think it would be helpful to look back to reflect not just on what we learned, but studied, but on who we have seen — Jesus Christ in His supremacy.

Colossians 1 — Christ Over Creation and Redemption

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. All things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

He is also the head of the church and the reconciler of all things through His cross. The Creator is also our Redeemer.

Throughout our journey in Colossians, the Christ who was revealed is the supreme Lord over all creation and redemption, the visible image of the invisible God.

He is the One in whom all things hold together, the head of the church, and the reconciler of all things through His cross.

In Him Dwells All The Fullness Of Deity,

We are made complete in Him. Christ is shown as the One who triumphs over every competing claim, transforms every aspect of daily living, and empowers our witness to the world.

This is the Christ—preeminent, sufficient, and ever present in every area of our life

Colossians 2 — Christ Over Every Competing Claim

The tag line is: **“JESUS PLUS NOTHING!”**

Nothing is missing in Jesus Christ. Therefore, nothing needs to be added. Any attempt to add to the Jesus of our Gospels introduces error and untruth. The revelation of Jesus is complete and sufficient for Salvation and an abundant life.

In Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and we are complete in Him.

Christ canceled our debt and triumphed over spiritual powers. Therefore, we reject legalism, human philosophy, and empty religion.

We are completed by our being “in Christ”. We are new, righteous and on the path of immortality.

Colossians 3 — Christ in Daily Living

Set your minds on things above, where Christ is. Put off the old self and put on the new.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Christ transforms relationships—marriage, family, and work—all under His lordship.

Our God is a God of order and details. He has provided us with a map and oriented us with our North Star — Jesus Christ, Lord of Lords.

Colossians 4 — Christ in Our Witness

Devote yourselves to prayer. Live wisely among outsiders. Let your speech always be full of grace.

The Gospel advances through faithful believers who proclaim Christ.

We have been saved to do Kingdom Work. Jesus has a passion for sinners His desire is that none should be lost. We have but a short time before Jesus returns. We cannot afford to waste the time made available to us to proclaim our Lord. We must ask the Holy Spirit to lead us to people who need to hear the Gospel proclaimed.

The telling is our job. The calling belongs to the Holy Spirit.

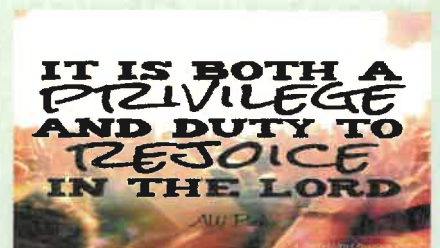
Final Reflection

Christ is supreme over creation, sufficient for salvation, central to our lives, and the message we proclaim.

May we lift Him higher, trust Him fully, and follow Him completely.

God loves you and so do I!!!

Pastor Rick





The Wisdom message

Allow me to further define godly wisdom.

I introduced us to wisdom in December by talking about the wisest of men visiting the child Jesus.

In February, I contrasted love's importance to wisdom's greater importance. Doing the loving thing is always wise. And last month we learned that Jesus is the wisdom of God.

What is it that separates godly wisdom from human wisdom? One answer is that godly wisdom endures, while worldly wisdom fades. We are told in I Cor. 13:8 that knowledge (or information) will pass away. But James 3:17 says that godly wisdom is first of all or most importantly "pure." This word for "pure" in the Greek is the same word that is more often translated "holy." In other words, godly wisdom will endure the test of time and will never pass away.

To a culture without absolutes, we offer godly wisdom. Wisdom that endures, that lasts, and never passes away is godly wisdom. Absolute truth is found in God's Word because it is revealed to us from God Himself. These absolutes - like His never ending love, His eternal forgiveness, and His promises - are the wisdom of God. Absolute truths are godly wisdom. Truths that will never change forever are absolute and final.

Outside of Biblical truths, we do not deal in absolutes or godly wisdom very often. Medical truths today are laughed at tomorrow. Science changes its positions with new studies all of the time. Knowledge is expanding and growing. But godly wisdom is nuggets to be gained through study, prayer, and the council of godly men and women. The absolutes that will endure forever are available to those who but ask (James 1:5).

God bless you greatly,
Lafe M





The Theological Reflection on Suffering and Joy

"If Your GOD Is So Good...Why Suffering??"

James 1:2—"consider it all joy."

4:12 "Rejoice as you share."

1 Peter 1:6-7— "You rejoice in this."

Romans 5:3-5, "we also boast"

Rejoice? Boast?? Yes, in our salvation because of the sacrifice of Christ? Well, yes, but

No. With the hope of eternity in the LORD's presence? YES, certainly, but NO. In hopes of a new resurrected body? Definitely YES, but NO.

The common thread connecting these passages & many other examples in Holy Scripture is well, we are commanded—yes, commanded—to celebrate with great joy any & all trials, sufferings, or afflictions that come to us! What's wrong with that statement?... Nothing! God's will & way seem illogical to the world... But there is purpose for good in all pain...

You see, our faith never grows one iota when we are perched upon the mountain & all is well.

In fact, we may be in serious jeopardy of digressing back to trusting in ourselves instead of GOD! The body has no use for a Lone Ranger Christian! When we reach our wits' end, we have nowhere else to turn except to Jesus!

As we draw nearer to GOD & lean wholly on Him, our faith matures & ages like fine wine, so to speak:

Afflictions produce endurance.

Endurance produces proven character.

Proven character produces hope and

This hope will not disappoint!

The Apostle Paul, who quite probably endured more persecution

than any true believer ever, documents his travails as a secondary

main theme throughout the book of 2 Corinthians. 1:2-5: the comfort of GOD in afflictions

4:7-12, 16-18—"We have this treasure in jars of clay."

6:3-10 "We commend ourselves for great endurance in affliction."



7:40—"I am overflowing with joy at our affliction.

11:16, 23-30" If boasting is necessary, I will boast in my weakness!"

Then finally, in Chapter 12:9 with his famous "thorn in the flesh"

Please fall on Jesus' ear as He replies plainly.

"My grace is sufficient, for my power is made perfect through your weakness"...(Mike drop!)

Paul responds in verse 10.

"Therefore, I will boast all the more about my weaknesses.

so that Christ's power may reside in me...

In Philippians 3:10, Paul boldly proclaims, "My goal is to know Him & the power of His resurrection & the fellowship of His sufferings."

So in this season of physical unrest & uncertainty that I am going through at this present time:

I will rely on and trust in the promises of Jesus made in the upper room just hours before. He was arrested.

"My peace I leave with you...not as the world gives peace" (John 14:27).

"In this world you will have trials, troubles, tribulations,

But be of great cheer; I have overcome the world!"

So I echo the Apostle Paul:

I will gladly boast in my weaknesses (for His grace is always truly sufficient).

"My GOD will supply All your Needs through His riches in Christ Jesus!" Philippians 4:19

May our Awesome GOD richly bless you!

From: Tom W.



**April 2026 Average
Monthly Attendance**

Ministries/Other Actual

- Sunday Worship 69
- Sunday School 38
- Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 18

- New Members: 0
- Ladies' Bible Study 8
- Ladies' Breakfast Attendance 10
- Men's Breakfast Attendance.....15
- Visitors 12



WANTED

Submissions for the newsletter. Submit to Amos or Pastor Rick by email or place in the "Office" mailbox just outside the hall office door.

- 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.

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.

TO SIGN UP/ASK QUESTIONS, SEE DAVID ANYTIME.

Important

MEN'S BREAKFAST!



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

May 2, June 6, July 4

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

May 2nd: Men's and Ladies' Breakfast

May 3rd: Lord's Supper

May 3rd Counters Brainstorming after service

May 7th: National Day of Prayers got cancelled.

May 10th Mother's day

May 12th: @ 12 Pm Security Committee Meeting

May 23th: @ 10 Am Craft Day

May 25th: @ The office will be closed for Memorial Day.



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

April 11 at Gold Canyon Café

May 2, June 6, July 4

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 .

(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 ???

- ⇒ We can provide you a link to attend ~~Virtually a meeting with a Microsoft Teams, or Zoom meeting link if you let the office know in advance.~~
- ⇒ The Security Committee has its ~~cubbyhole, and we urge all committees to check it weekly; it is located near the office hallway.~~
- ⇒ ~~Lost and Found bins are outside the office hallway door, if you leave something in church, it will be there.~~

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





Origin of Mother's Day

(Clear, Detailed Explanation)

1. The Modern Mother's Day Started in the U.S.

The holiday as we know it today was founded by **Anna Jarvis**. After her mother, **Ann Reeves Jarvis**, passed away in 1905, Anna began a campaign to create a national day to honor mothers.

- The **first official Mother's Day service** was held on **May 10, 1908**, in Grafton, West Virginia.
- By **1914**, President **Woodrow Wilson** declared Mother's Day a **national holiday**, celebrated on the **second Sunday of May**.

2. The Role of Ann Reeves Jarvis

Before the holiday existed, Ann Reeves Jarvis was a community activist who organized:

- **Mothers' Day Work Clubs** to improve health and sanitation
- **Mothers' Friendship Day** to promote peace and reconciliation after the Civil War These efforts inspired her daughter Anna to honor her legacy.

3. Earlier Influences and Traditions

Although the modern holiday is American, it has deeper historical roots:

- **Mothering Sunday** in the Christian tradition (UK), celebrated since the Middle Ages

- Ancient festivals honoring mother goddesses like **Cybele** (Greek) and **Rhea** (Roman) These older traditions influenced the idea of celebrating motherhood, but they are **not the direct origin** of the U.S. holiday.

4. Other Early Advocates

Several women contributed to the movement:

- **Julia Ward Howe** (author of *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*) promoted a **Mother's Day for Peace** in the 1870s.
- **Mary Towles Sasseen**, a Kentucky teacher, organized one of the earliest school-based Mother's Day observances in 1887.

5. A Holiday That Became Commercialized

Ironically, Anna Jarvis later fought **against** the commercialization of Mother's Day, believing it had drifted away from her original vision of **simple, heartfelt appreciation**.

From Wikipedia & Britannica.



The best interpreter of a book is generally the man who wrote it. The Holy Ghost wrote the Scriptures. Go to Him to get their meaning, and you will not be misled.

C.H. Spurgeon

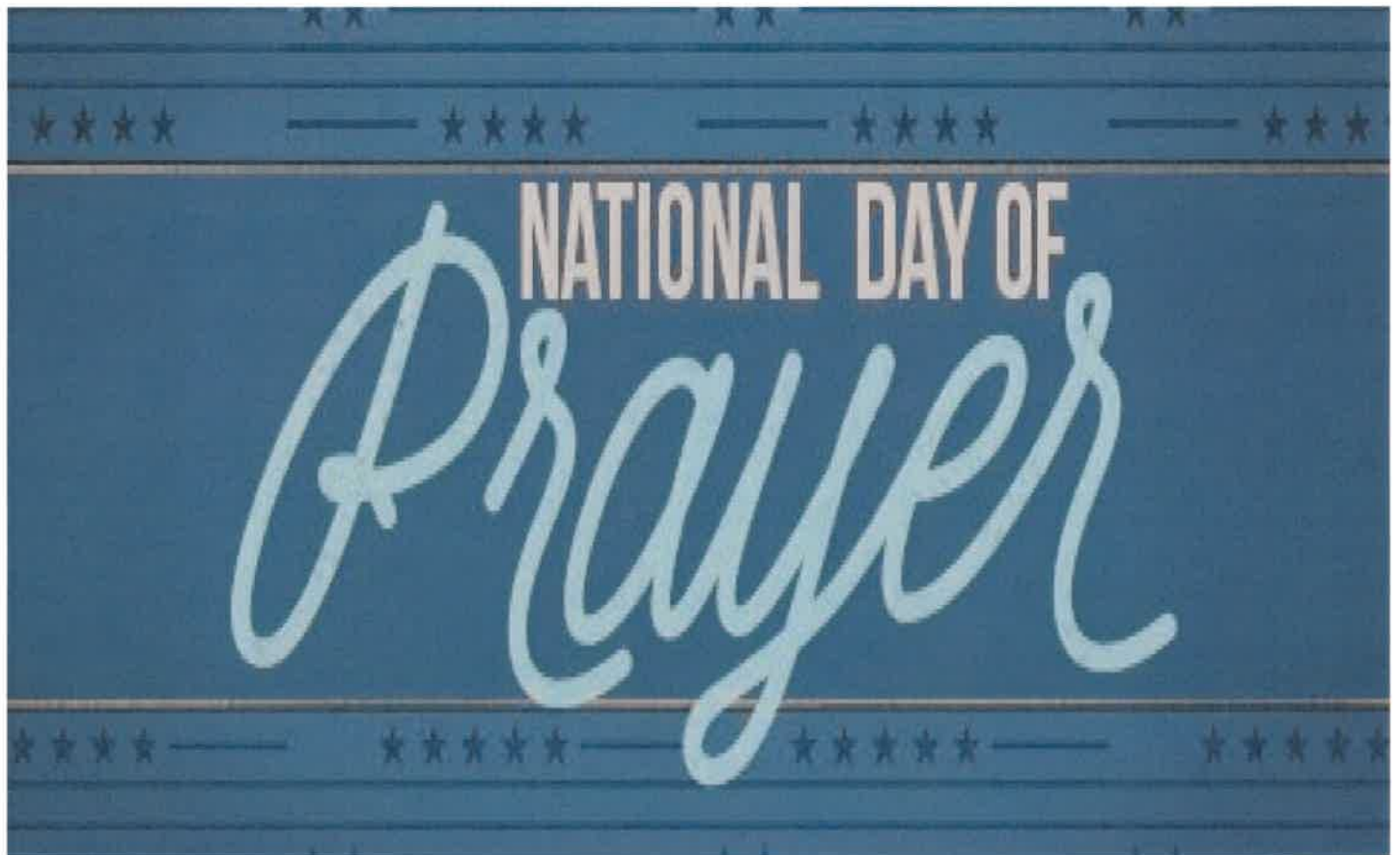


Sometimes we're so ashamed of ourselves that we automatically feel like Jesus is too.

But He's not. He knew you'd struggle, He knew you'd make some wrong decisions, He knew you'd go through some rough phases, but He still chose the cross.

Don't run from Him.

Run to Him.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p><i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i></p>	1	2 Men's and Ladies Breakfast
<p>3 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 Am-Bible Study 10:45 am Worship. Counters Meeting After service.</p>	4	<p>5 10:00 Am-Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>6 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	<p>7 National Day of Prayers got cancelled</p> 	8	9
<p>10 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am Worship Mother's Day</p>	11	<p>12 10:00 Am-Ladies Bible Study Security Committee Meeting @ 12:00 am</p>	<p>13 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 Am-Bible Study 10:45 am Worship</p>	18	<p>19 10:00 Am-Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>20 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	21	22	23 Craft Day @ 10 Am
<p>24 9 00 Am-Fellowship 9:30 Am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship</p>	<p>25 Office will be Closed</p> 	<p>26 10:00 Am-Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>27 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study</p>	28	29	30
31	<p><i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i></p>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px;"> <p>“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’”</p> <p>Proverbs 31:28–29</p> </div>		

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