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WELCOME TO CROSSROADS

We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship today! We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about our service.

We are here to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and to glorify God by living faithfully for Him and serving Him as He directs us.

SERVICE & MINISTRY TIMES

Sunday School: 10:00am

Sunday Morning Service: 11:00am

Adult Choir Practice: Sundays at 5:30pm

Orchestra & Youth Choir Practice: Sundays at 6:00pm

Men & Women's Prayer Meetings: Sundays at 6:00pm

Midweek Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00pm

MINISTERING TO OUR CHILDREN

At Crossroads we encourage each family to determine when their children are ready to join us for the entire worship service. We understand that this is a process and varies from child to child and from family to family.

We offer the following options for your children:

- Nurseries on the West Hall for Infants & Toddlers.
- Nursery #3 on the South Hall (front entrance) for 3 years old
- Children's Churches are available for children from age 3 through 6th grade. (Morning only)

Nurseries are available on Sunday and Wednesday

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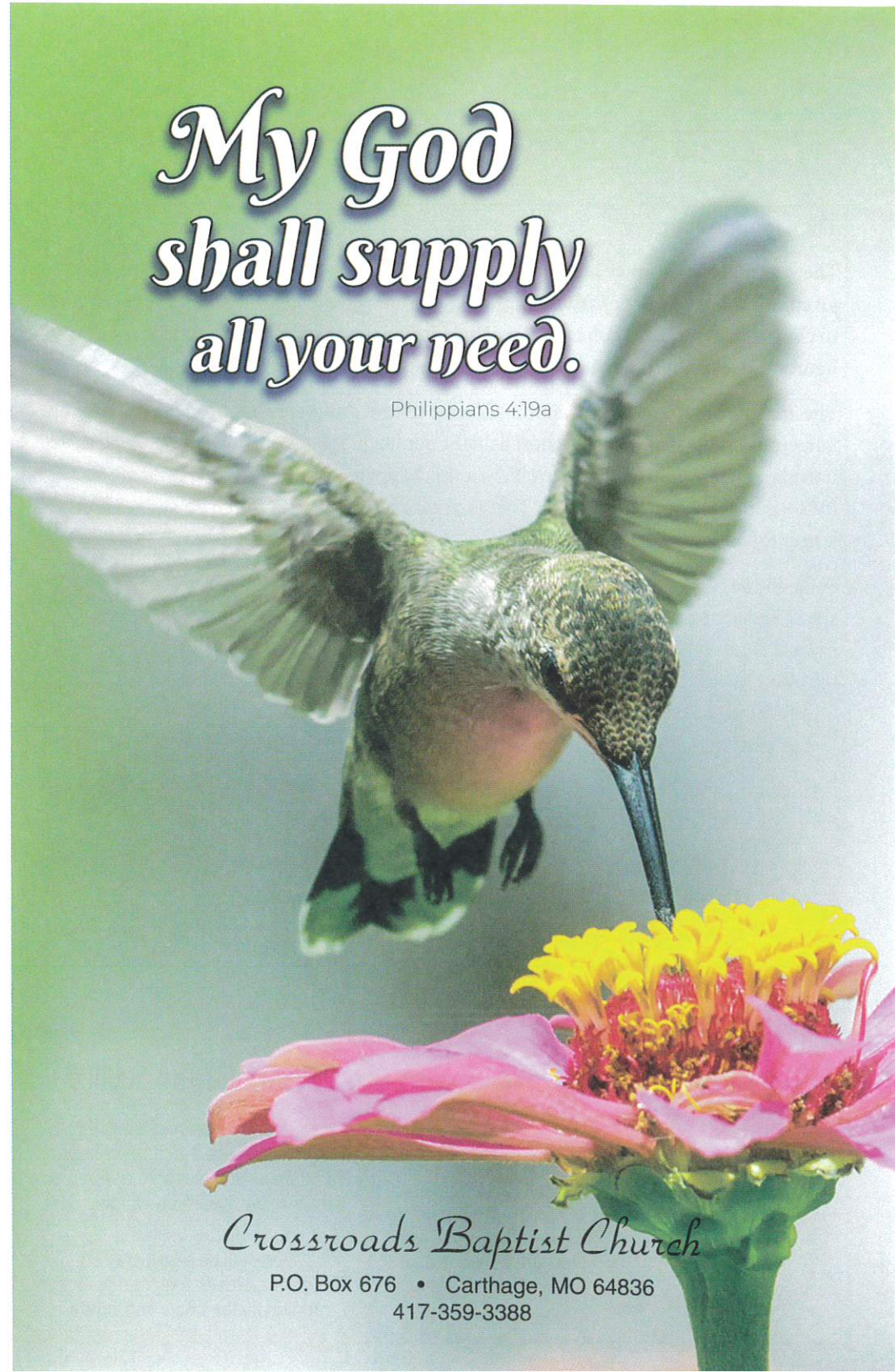
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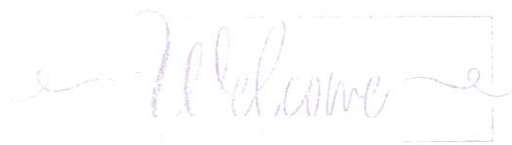
Philippians 4:19a



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September 21st

The Church Squirt

The sea squirt is a strange creature. It seems to be a backward oriented creature. The juvenile sea squirt wanders through the sea searching for a suitable rock or hunk of coral to cling to and make its home for life. When it finds its spot and takes root, it somehow figures it doesn't need a brain anymore. So it eats it.

The analogy between the sea squirt and some tenure professors has been pointed out on numerous occasions—but the church ought not laugh too loudly. It does the same thing. It finds a home and then settles in. When this happens, it enters what is known as a PVS—persistent vegetative state. That is, it eats its brain. The church grows inward, no longer following its God-given mission.

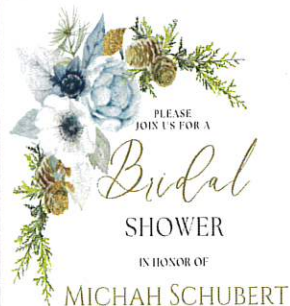
Someone has criticized the ingrown church with these words: "Today, we in the church speak and act on little but that which relates to ourselves. We become completely inward focused." What is born out of this mindset is a kind of indoor spirit that does for the church what an ingrown toenail can do to the human body: it becomes diseased and infected and is a danger to the whole organism. An ingrown spirit can hinder the church just as much as an ingrown toenail.

During our annual Missions Conference, we were reminded of why God put His church here. Now let's embrace this again and do our part!

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." - Matthew 28:19-20



Pastor Morgan



Saturday,
September 27th, 10am

A small request: bring your favorite meal plans with recipes to share with Michah. She's not registered, but gift idea cards are provided at the back table.

TREATS ON THE SQUARE

As a further outreach of the G.R.O.W. ministry, we have a goal of passing out 2,000 tracts and candy to children on the Carthage square on October 31st.

There will be a prep day on September 27th at 10am at the church to bundle the tracts and candy.



the MATT STENSAAS family UGANDA

Matt & Keila
Kimberly

JULY - AUGUST 2025

Uniquely Ugandan



As English is mainly a second language here in Uganda, many words are written as they are pronounced. Hence "Visitors Home Hotel" is written like this.

Prayer Requests

- Bible translation works in Ruryankore and Jambakoto.
- Preaching point in Karamoja.
- New churches in Ribweryakyona, Kyinyalyo and Kajwenge.
- Mountain ministry.
- Marries, Kendra, and Kirsten in the US.
- Faithfulness of those leading in the churches.
- School Project



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School Project

We have been missionaries in Uganda for 26+ years and our three-fold purpose has been: 1) to bring glory to the name of Jesus Christ; 2) to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ; and 3) to disciple, train and equip the body of Christ to go out and do the same. In other words, we are building a legacy.

Not knowing how much longer God will use us here, we are endeavoring to bear "fruit that remains." We are currently doing all that we can to reach children, young people, singles, married, and even the elderly. In order to build this legacy we have come to realize that we need a better Christian foundation for the children. (Half of Uganda's 40 million population is under the age of 15.)

While we are already using Sunday School classes to teach them the Word of God and we are allowed to go into some schools on a weekly basis, we have seen the need to do more. After seeing the worldly influence taking hold on our church members' children, we began talking about this desperate need. As we talked, we realized God has already provided the land where this school could be built, and we have the needed godly teachers and administrators who are members of our independent Baptist churches.

Therefore, we believe the Lord is leading us to begin this much needed work. We are stepping out by faith to begin and maintain a Baptist school in our area. The one remaining need we have (other than continue prayer) is finances.

In order to build the needed structures, get the necessary paperwork and registration approval, and provide the administration and teacher salaries for the first year, we will need several thousand dollars. **We praise the Lord that we have already been given 60% of what is needed to begin the work.** We are trusting God to provide the remaining funds. Would you please pray and ask the Lord if He would have you assist with this need? For any more information or any questions, please email and ask.

New Church

After several years of soul-winning, discipling, planning, teaching and more teaching, we praise the Lord that there is now another independent Baptist church here in the Kasese District of Uganda. **On July 19, we officially chartered the Kajwenge Independent Baptist Church.** Ten people signed the charter membership and Bro. Mbayahi Chrispo is leading this work. We thank the Lord for another church that is preaching the Gospel here in Uganda. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in the Lord and serve Him.

2nd Anniversary of the Church in Ribweryakyona

We enjoyed celebrating this special day in the mountain village of Ribweryakyona. **We had several elected officials and even the police chief from that area come on that day.** What a blessing to know that the church is reaching out into the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Family

Marcus continues to do well serving in a church in Mississippi while working in the food industry. Kendra returned to Pensacola for her nursing classes, and Kirsten returned to Golden State for her elementary education classes. Kimberly is in the second half of her junior year while attending Bible college here in Kasese. What a blessing it is to hear how God is using each of them in different ways!

Please continue to pray for our children, especially those who are in "the foreign field" of America.

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Administration building for the school



Mark from Kajwenge getting baptized



New church members in Kajwenge.

Stay up-to-date with our brief monthly videos on our website.



CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR PRIOR WEEK

Wednesday	72	Sunday AM	243
Sunday School	148	Sunday PM	162

Nursery Schedule for the Week:

Sunday PM: Kristi & Alyssa Booth
Wednesday: KayLen Bosancu & Renea Block

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!