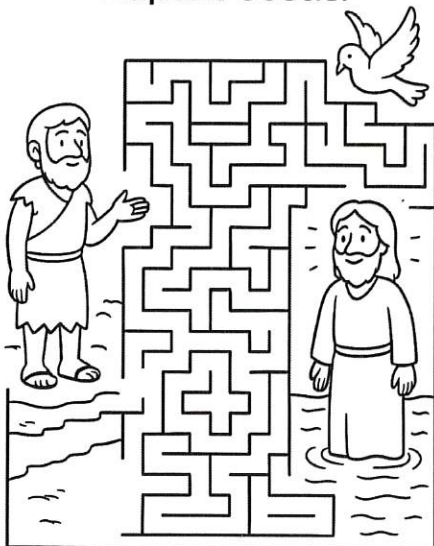


Help John the Baptist Baptize Jesus!



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

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 2-3 years old

Children's Churches are available for children from age 3 through 6th grade. (Morning only)

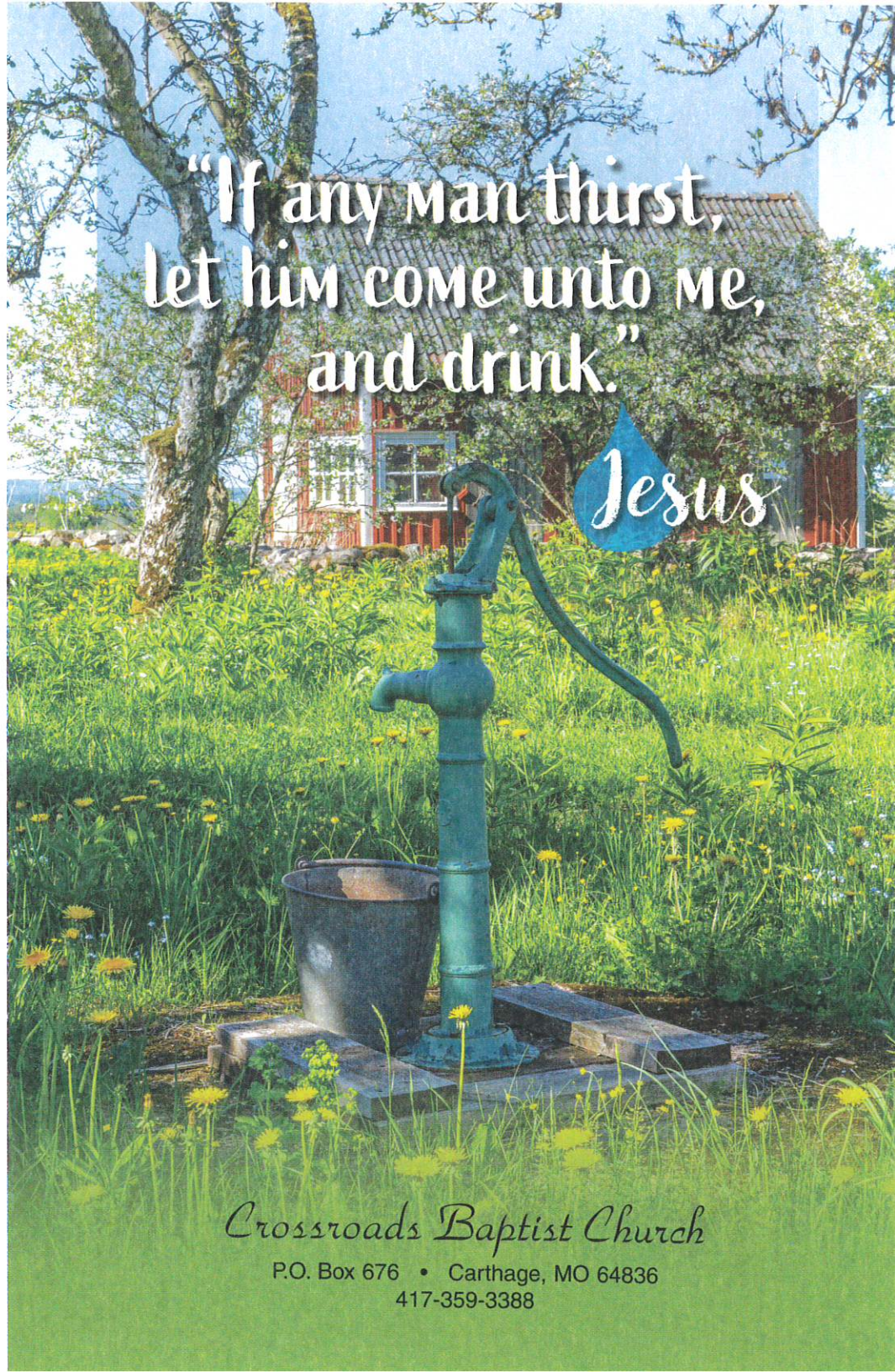
Nurseries are available on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

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"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| 7 Gary & Sarah Ball Taco Night | 8 Savanna Bridges Hudson Marti | 9 Brooklyn Bridges | 10 Skip Bailey Deanna Burns | 11 Dondi Daughenbaugh Randy & Lora McDaniel | 12 Elia Silvertooth Zane White Kaley Lewis | 13 Randy & Juanita Kling G.R.O.W. R Team |
| 14 Janice Nixon Kendal Schubert Daniel Stewart | 15 Tiffany Silvertooth | 16 FRESH VEGGIES FROM THE GARDEN | 17 NATIONAL PRALINES | 18 NATIONAL GO FISHING DAY | 19 Judy Baugh Renea Block Kristi Booth Daniel Bosanou | 20 G.R.O.W. O Team |
| 21 Mark & Carol Golden Stuffed Potatoes Day Sandwich & Finger Food | 22 Matthew Smith | 23 Mike & Rebecca Quealy | 24 | 25 Seth & Jennifer Demarest | 26 Michael Schubert | 27 David Schubert Denae Trantham David & Deb Regehr G.R.O.W. W Team |
| 28 Donna Bragg | 29 Jason Ritchie | 30 Clint Silvertooth Keith & Crystal Shelby | TEEN CAMP | | | |

The Power and Promise of Prayer

As Jesus brings the Sermon on the Mount toward its conclusion in Matthew 7:7-12, He turns His attention to a subject every Christian knows well—and yet often struggles with: prayer. Most believers would readily admit that prayer is important, but many also confess that their prayer life is inconsistent or weak. Why is that?

Part of the struggle is simply that prayer requires effort. It demands time, focus, and persistence in a world filled with distractions. I suppose another roadblock is pride. You may not have an outright pride that causes you to believe that you don't need God. But like me, perhaps you've had more than one prayerless day which sort of implies it. And then I think another major source of prayerlessness is unbelief. At its core, a lack of prayer is often a lack of confidence in God's power and willingness to answer. If we truly believed that prayer works, we would pray far more than we do.

Prayer Fuels Obedience and Love

At first glance, I could not understand how verse 12—the Golden Rule—was connected to the teaching on prayer. But it is deeply connected. Jesus commands us to treat others as we would want to be treated, a standard that is easy to understand, but not so easy to do.

Throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus weaves together two dimensions of life: our relationship with God (vertical) and our relationships with others (horizontal). These two are inseparable. Our prayer life affects how we treat others, and our treatment of others affects our prayers (Mt. 6:14-15; 1 Pet. 3:7).

Prayer is like the Golden Key to living out the Golden Rule. When we feel unable to love others as we should—whether in our marriages, families, or even toward difficult people—Jesus has already given us the solution: ask for help. Prayer is the means by which we receive the grace and strength to obey (Heb. 4:16).

Prayer as Spiritual Power

Prayer isn't just about getting things done. It is the means by which we receive the spiritual energy to follow Christ. It is the fuel that enables us to act like the people he has saved us to be. It is like a corporate credit card, that empowers you to carry out the Master's business even though you are bankrupt in spirit (Mt. 5:3).

So pray. Ask for the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Ask for help in your relationships, in your struggles, and in your spiritual battles. Seek God's face. Knock with persistence.

And as you do, believe that your Father hears you—and that He delights in giving His children exactly what they need to follow Him.

Assistant Pastor Silvertooth

