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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

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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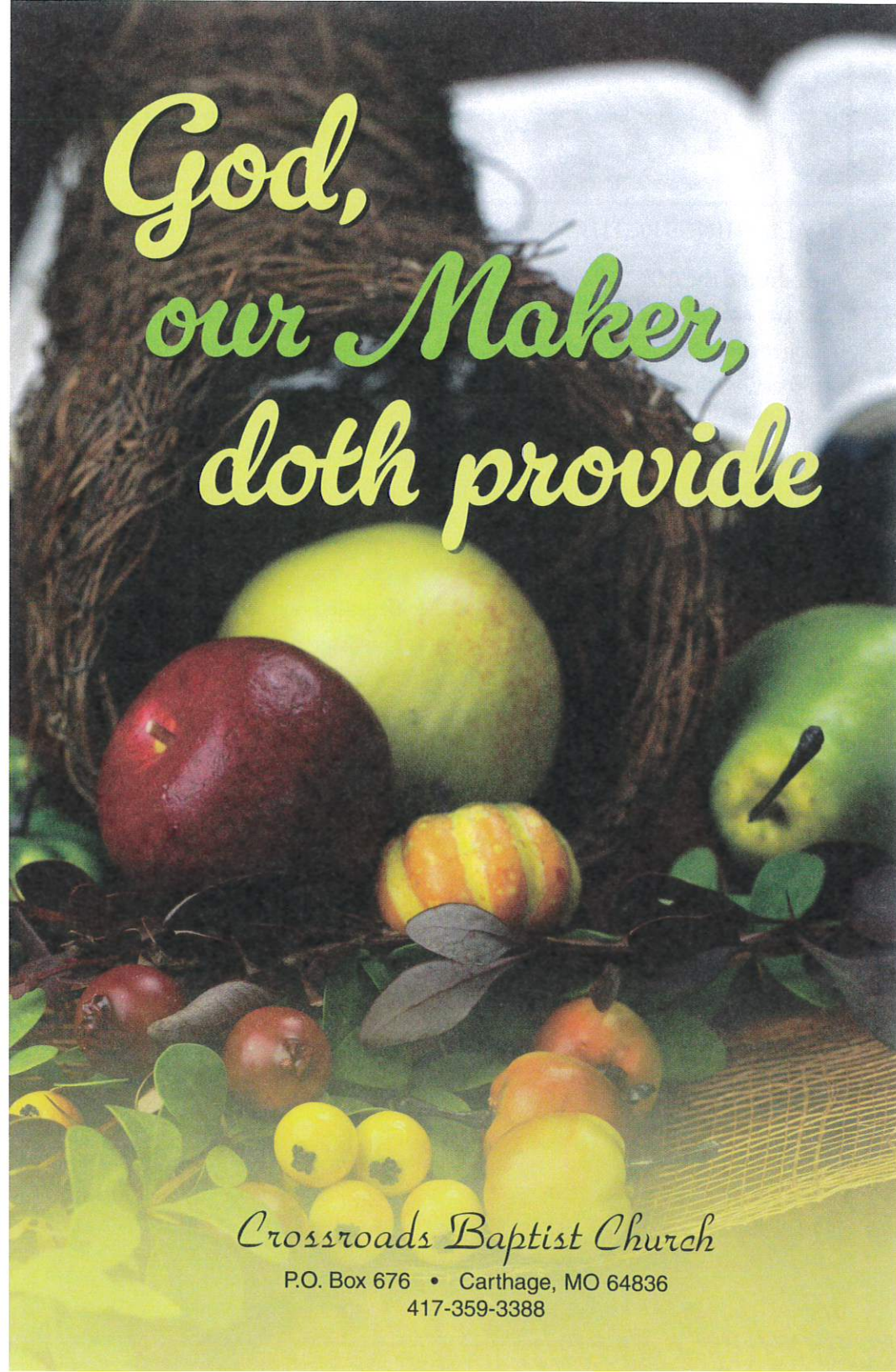
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*God,
 our Maker,
 doth provide*



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Welcome

We're Glad You're Here!

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IN ALL THINGS BE THANKFUL

Back during the dark days of 1929, a group of ministers in the Northeast, all graduates of the Boston School of Theology, gathered to discuss how they should conduct their Thanksgiving Sunday services. Things were about as bad as they could get, with no sign of relief. The bread lines were depressingly long, the stock market had plummeted, and the term Great Depression seemed an apt description for the mood of the country. With human misery and suffering all about them they thought they should not preach on Thanksgiving. After all, there was very little to be thankful for.

But it was Dr. William L. Stiger, pastor of a large congregation in the city that rallied the group. This was not the time, he suggested, to give mere passing mention to Thanksgiving, just the opposite. This was the time for the nation to get matters in perspective and thank God for blessings always present but perhaps suppressed due to intense hardship.

Truly the ministers struck upon something. The most intense moments of thankfulness are not found in times of plenty, but when difficulties abound.

Think of the Pilgrims that first Thanksgiving. Half their number dead, men without a country, but still there was thanksgiving to God. Their gratitude was not for something but in something.

Are you undergoing intense hardship? You are experiencing your own personal Great Depression. Why should you be thankful on this day? Three reasons:

- 1) We must learn to be thankful, or we become bitter.
- 2) We must learn to be thankful, or we will become discouraged.
- 3) We must learn to be thankful, or we will grow arrogant and self-satisfied.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" - Ephesians 5:20

Pastor Morgan



September 25th, 2025

Dear Supporters, Family, and Friends,

We have some very exciting news: Abby and I are expecting our second child! It's a baby boy. His name is Jonathan Lawrence Barrett. Please pray for Abby and the baby that everything may go well with this pregnancy. Both Abby and the baby have been doing very well.

Additionally, on September 21st, I was ordained. We had a very special service, and I believe the Lord was honored and glorified through it. My desire is that the Lord may use my life for His purposes. Please continue to pray for us as we serve Him.

In August, we had our annual VBS. It was truly a blessing. Our church people helped serve in three of our church plants. Between the three churches, we had 198 new kids visit, and 78 of them professed to have accepted the Lord as their Savior! Praise the Lord! It was a real blessing to serve the Lord alongside our church people and to see the Lord bless the work that was done.

Construction on the deaf church building is underway, and we are excited to see progress. Meanwhile, we are in contact with some deaf individuals. We plan to have weekly bible studies with them. We are speaking with a boy named Otavio, who first attended our VBS a couple of years ago and has since come to some of our services. He seems very interested in the things of the Lord. Please pray that the Lord can give us wisdom on how to guide this boy in the ways of the Lord.

Please continue to pray for souls. Last month, I had the opportunity to talk with two older men. One of them told me that he felt it was too late for him, that he already lived most of his life the way he wanted to, and that he wasn't willing to talk with me about the gospel (though he did accept a John and Romans and promised me he would read it). The second man I spoke with, whose name is Francisco, also told me that he had thought it was too late for him, but that someone had told him it was never too late for salvation. After going through the plan of salvation with him and talking to him for a long time, he gave his life to the Lord and asked Him to save his Soul. It was a blessing to see this older man bow down and pray to the Lord for salvation.

We are so blessed to be partnered with you in our endeavors to serve the Lord in Brazil, and we are so grateful for your support and prayers. May the Lord bless you.

Joyfully in Christ,

Stephen, Abby, Hannah, and Jonathan Barrett

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