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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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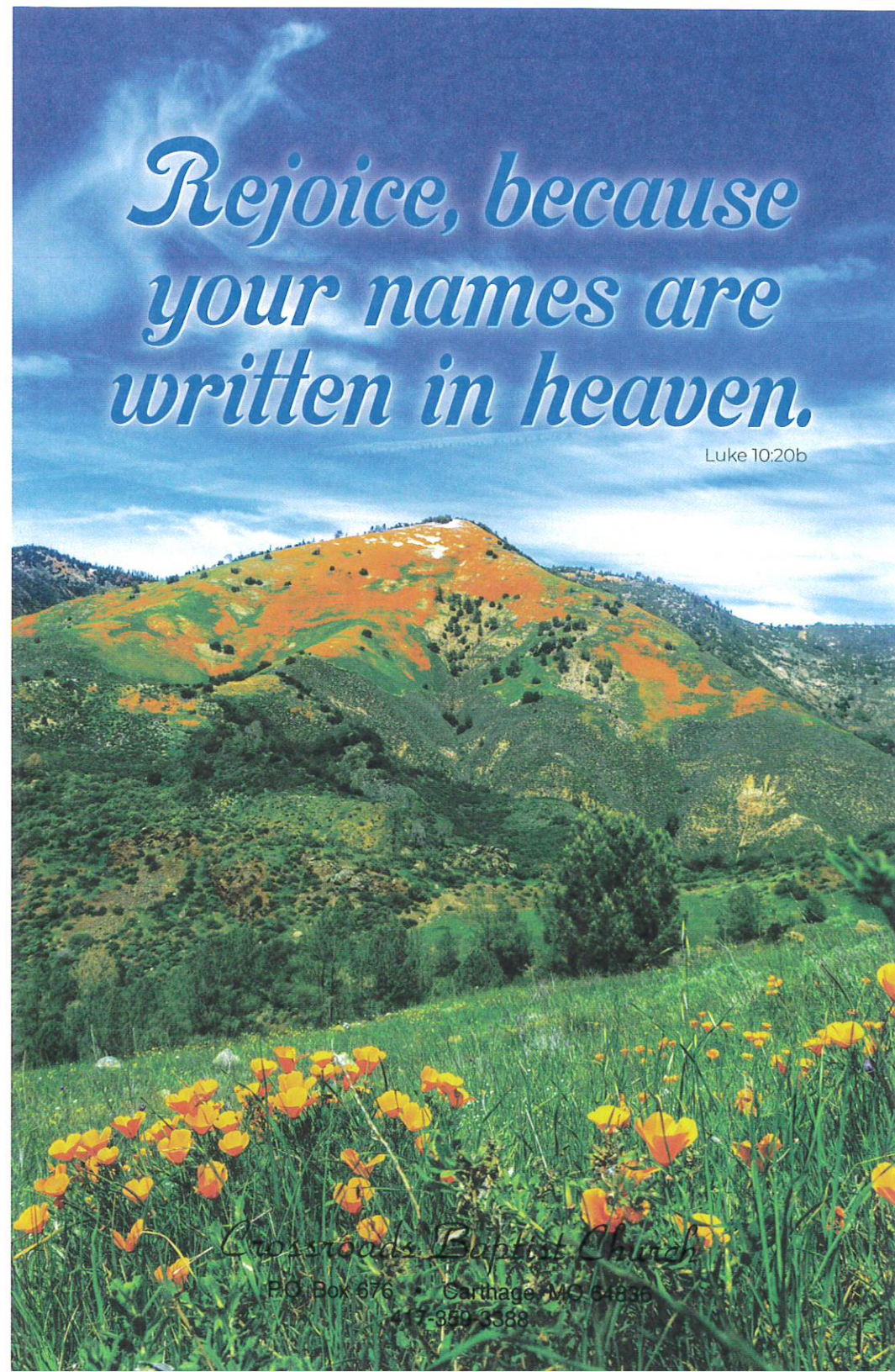
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*Rejoice, because
 your names are
 written in heaven.*

Luke 10:20b



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Welcome

So glad you're here

AUGUST 24TH

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

September
13th—17th

*Do All to the
Glory of God*

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

September 13th,
8:00am

MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 13th,
9:30am

Sign up at the
table in front of
the sound booth
or register online
or in the app.

*Ladies
Brunch*

September 13th,
10:30am

Join us for food,
fellowship and a
time of Q&A with
the missionary
ladies.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS GETS OUT THE STAIN OF SIN

Among the ancient Aztecs, red dye was collected as a yearly religious tribute. Acquiring this bright colorant required hundreds of subjects to comb the desert in search of its source—the tiny female cochineal beetle. Making just a pound of this rare extract required the harvesting of about 70,000 of these insects!

After the arrival of Cortez in the 1500s, Spaniards traded for the dried remains of the cochineal beetle, whose red dye created a brilliant color that no one could duplicate by any other source. Soon after, Europeans used it for coloring fabrics. In the years that followed, Michelangelo used it in paintings and the British and Canadians for their red coats.

Today, less expensive synthetic dyes have mostly replaced this insect dye, but it is still used as a natural FDA-approved coloring for food, drugs and cosmetics.

It's also fascinating to note that Spanish traders never told the Europeans of the dye's origin. And because the little beetles looked so much like seeds, they were traded as grain.

While the dye from this little beetle is used in myriad applications, just be sure that you only let it come in contact with that which you desired dyed a deep crimson red, because there's not much hope that you'll ever get the stain out should you inadvertently spill or apply it!

That said, did you know that the Bible teaches you CAN wash red stains...with blood no less! ...and get pure white?

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." - Isaiah 1:18

Pastor Morgan



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are excited to share a brief update on what the Lord has been doing in our ministry over the past few weeks!

During our recent travels, we have driven more than 8,000 miles, visiting churches and colleges from California to Pennsylvania. It has been a joy to connect with so many great pastors, church members, and college students all across the country, and we have been deeply encouraged by the fervent response we have encountered in each place we have preached and ministered.

One particularly special opportunity was to preach at a new building dedication for a pastor friend and his revitalized church in California. This experience stirred our hearts all over again for the need for more USA church planting—especially in the western United States where the opportunity is great, and the laborers are few.

During our time on three different college campuses, whether over coffee, at the display table, in chapel or in missionary prayer band, we stayed busy encouraging students to consider their role in missions and how God might use them in His work. It was a blessing to recruit some students for CAMP BIMl and speak with several prospects for future Candidate Schools.

On the administrative side, we have now completed all applicant files for the June 2025 Candidate School and are looking forward to welcoming a great group of candidates in just two weeks!

On the home front, we are now settling back in for a summer of work on campus. Pray for us as we help our older children navigate important decisions and new experiences. They will be busy with college applications and driving tests, camp and summer classes.

We remain incredibly thankful to you, our supporting churches. Your prayers, encouragement, and faithful partnership are so important to our work. We enjoyed seeing some of you this spring, and on a personal note, I was especially grateful to be in church with my mother on Mother's Day—something I have not been able to do for years. God is very good to us!

Thank you for standing with our family in this work. We are pressing forward with joy and anticipation for what God has in store!

In Christ for the Harvest,

Jason and Mary Ritchie, Katherine, Anthony, Sean, Emily, Allison, Jenna, & Madelyn

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR PRIOR WEEK

Wednesday	84	Sunday AM	204
Sunday School	147	Sunday PM	114

Nursery Schedule for the Week:

Sunday PM: Darlene Miller & Michah Schubert
Wednesday: Cassie Smith & MiKayla Schubert

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!