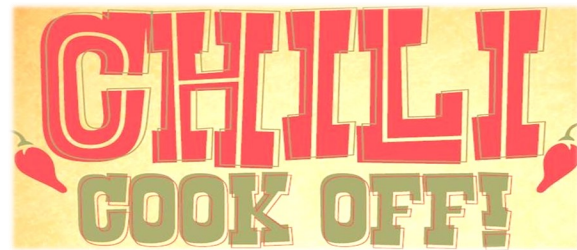


FEBRUARY

CALENDAR:

- * 4—Church of God, service
- * 5—Chili Cook-off, 3pm
- * 13—Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- * 14—Valentine's Day
- * 18—Work Day, 8:30am
- * 20—President's Day, Office Closed
- * 24—Warming Shelter
- * 26—Missions Meeting
- * 27—Elders Meeting, 6:30pm

2017



Sunday February 5 at 3pm

Let's get rowdy and have some fun watching the game and fellowship with your church

Chili entry forms are available on the Welcome Table

Also Needed:

Football snacks like chips, dip, soda, veggies, etc.

If you would like to be a Chili Pepper your help with set-up and/or clean-up would be very much appreciated

See Becky Cromer with questions



CROSSROADS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

For God 
 SO LOVED THE WORLD
 THAT HE GAVE HIS
 ONLY
 BEGOTTEN
 SON SO 
 THAT WHOEVER
 BELIEVES
 IN HIM SHALL
 HAVE EVERLASTING
Life  John 3:16

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

PETE GALVAN	2/01
GYNNY REYES	2/03
DEBBIE VINCELET	2/05
DAVE HENSON	2/10
JULIA AGUILAR	2/10
RACHEL HALL	2/14
MARY IRACHETT	2/22
TINA HALL	2/27



Nonperishable Food Items Needed

Crossroads will continue to collect nonperishable food items for Cheryl Camany, the Homeless Liaison for the Salinas City Elementary School District. Put your items in the barrel in the foyer.

If you have any questions, please see Susan Vargas



Thank You!

FEBRUARY
 LOVE
 VALENTINE
 CANDY
 KISS

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ROSES
 HEART
 CHOCOLATE
 POEMS
 DAY

What If We Just Love?

The following passage comes at a time in Jesus' ministry when He was about to leave this Earth, and He knew it. At that time, He prayed several very important prayers: that He had brought glory to almighty God through His Earthly ministry, that the disciples would be protected from the Evil One, and that all believers would show love to one another with the express outcome that the world might be saved by this example of unity. This passage is the last section of His prayer:

Jesus Prays for All Believers (John 17:20-23)

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

This prayer is especially relevant in the here and now. We have gone through a very divisive presidential campaign. We are experiencing an increase in racial tension across the nation when you would think, at this point in our history, we would see a drastic decrease. We are seeing law enforcement and others in authority positions not receiving even a base level of respect.

What is going on?

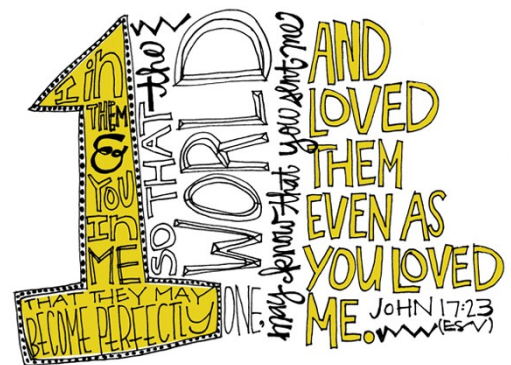
I don't know! I really don't have a clue on how to address the issues I just listed.

But I do know one thing. If everyone in this nation would follow and adhere to John 17:20-23, this Country would be in great shape. Yes, God is the answer, and we know that. But you can't convert an entire nation, you might say. Yes, sadly I would have to agree with you. But if we just do our part in our little corner of the world, and every other believer does their part in their little corner of the world, wouldn't that be a great start?

Believers have to love each other; that's a given. But it extends out further than that. We have to show love to those who are hard to love: the beggar asking for a hand-out, the race car driver who cuts you out of your lane. We have to show love to those who just need it: the pregnant teenager, the neighbor going through a divorce, the parents with out-of-control kids.

We just have to love them through it. Which sometimes is just listening! (Close mouth, open ears)

Alan Stark
Elder



Warming Shelter Dates

Friday, February 24



Crossroads Christian Church will be providing a meal at the Winter Warming Shelter on Market Street. We need several volunteers in multiple areas. We will be providing a meal, drinks and all the paper products etc. needed. The meal is brought to the shelter ready to go. We arrive at 6:45pm to set-up and prepare to serve the meal. Please consider helping with this event. If you have any questions see Deniece. Additional dates to remember:

Friday, March 24, 2017

Friday, April 21, 2017

Raspberry Almond Kiss Cookies

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup white sugar for decoration
- 40 milk chocolate candy kisses, unwrapped
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 4 teaspoons raspberry jam
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract



Directions

1. In a medium bowl, cream together the butter, 1/2 cup white sugar and brown sugar until smooth. blend in the egg and 1 teaspoon almond extract. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; stir into the creamed mixture. Cover dough and refrigerate for at least one hour, or until easy to handle.
2. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Roll dough into 1 inch balls, roll the balls in the remaining white sugar and place them 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden brown. While hot from the oven, immediately press a chocolate kiss into the center of each one. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.
4. In a small bowl, mix together the confectioners' sugar, milk, raspberry jam and 1/4 teaspoon almond extract until smooth. Drizzle over cooled cookies.



Valentines Day Love

February, a month devoted to love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT) Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

I know several people who adore February 14th aka Valentine's Day, getting dressed up, exchanging cutesy gifts and going out on a fancy date. That's all well and good, and as a matter of fact, once upon a time I used to be one of those people.

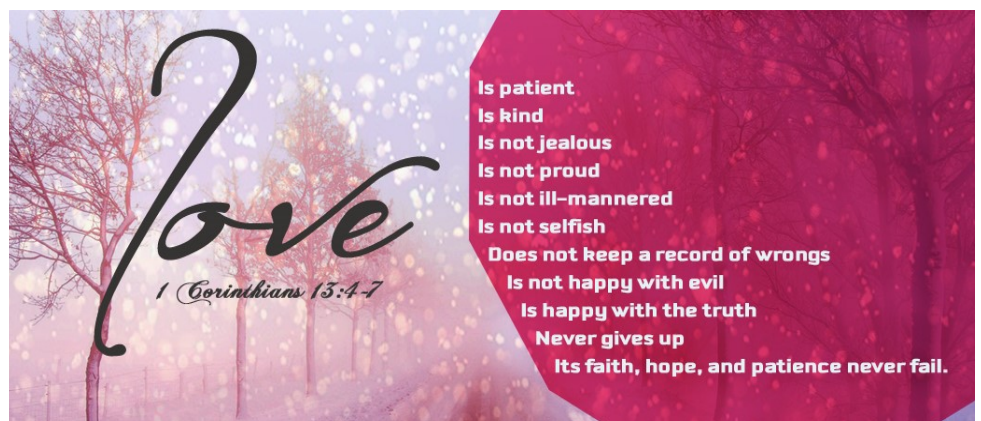
I give my husband a bad time about not being the "romantic" type; but, as it turns out he's been right all along when it comes to Valentine's day (shhhh! don't tell him I told you so). It's just another day and he loves me just as much, if not more, any other day (awww).

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT) Love is patient and kind {this you will always find}. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude {cool it doesn't give you attitude}. It does not demand its own way {week, month or day!}. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged {no being upset at you prolonged}. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out {cause that's what loving God is all about}. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance {ready and willing to give us another chance}.

So love is all these things, but doesn't require us to submit to it on just one particular day or month. I happily enjoy loving my husband, kids, parents, family, friends, and most importantly God, today, tomorrow and on Valentine's Day too.

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Current Groups/Classes

Sunday Morning

Please join us for one of our Bible studies.

Plan to arrive early and join us for coffee and pastries.

9am

Class - Leader

Adult – Jerry Lemmon

Men – Perry Vargas

Women – Ginger Stark - Grace

10:30am - See schedules

Nursery/Toddlers

Pre-K

K-5th grades

Sunday Evening – 5:30pm @ CCC

Alan Stark

Wednesday Morning – 9:30am @ CCC

Women's Bible Study

Chronological Walk through the Bible

See Susan Vargas or Tonna Henson with any questions

Thursday Evening – 6:00pm @ CCC

Women's Bible Study

Grace

Becky Cromer

Our Vision

GLORIFY GOD

Our Mission

Grow in Christ

Serve in Love

Bring others to Jesus