



## CALENDAR:



- \* 9—Dr. Chae Korean Gospel Mission
- \* 10—Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- \* 15—Work Day, 8:30am
- \* 16—Easter Sunday
- \* 21—Warming Shelter
- \* 23—Missions Meeting
- \* 24—Elders Meeting, 6:30pm
- \* 25—W@C Meeting, 6:30pm

## Summer Vacation Bible School



### SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, June 19—Friday, June 23, 2017  
6:00pm—8:30pm

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Join us for Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School! Register your kids today or sign up to volunteer as a leader or helper.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/958f8b>



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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## 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!



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Lippert	4/03
Samantha Hernandez	4/09
Cassie Landis	4/10
Athena Smith	4/12
Kelly Gularte	4/20
Caleb Stark	4/25
Glenice Interrante	4/27
Makayla Lemmon	4/27



## Warming Shelter Friday, April 21

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.



## "What do you plan on doing for the rest of your life?"

I read this article recently and want to share excerpts and add some of my own thoughts. This is definitely a topic most of us kind of "brush over."

The rest of our life....this is a different measure for each of us. Truth is, I like many people still don't know what I want to do for the rest of my life. Does anyone, at any age, know exactly what they plan on doing for the rest of their life?

However, that doesn't stop the question from being asked everyday. It also doesn't stop the anxiety and stress about our future.

We all experience moments like this at any age. During those moments, it is important to go to the Word of God to give us peace and comfort about what lies ahead. Although we don't know the future, He does, and if we listen to Him and follow His plan for us we will realize that His plan is truly greater than our plan could ever be.

"And we know that God works for the good of those who love Him; who have been called according to His purpose." --Romans 8:28

This verse reminds us that God is not against us. Everything that happens in our lives can be used for good if we give it to Him. His purpose for our life is greater than the pain we carry today.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." --Philippians 4:6-7

What makes this verse even more special to us is when we think about who wrote it and when he did. Paul wrote this verse while in jail and being persecuted for preaching Jesus's name. If Paul isn't anxious at life while he is in jail, why should we be nervous about life when we are not sure what we are going to do over the next few years? If we give God our worries through prayer, we will be given peace.

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." --Proverbs 16:9

This verse humbles us when reading it. We can do our best to plan our future but the Lord is more powerful than us and with that power He controls the future. I have no control of it in the end. As Carrie Underwood says in a song, "Jesus take the wheel." We have no control of life nor can we do it without Him.

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." -- Isaiah 40:31

This verse reminds us that our strength comes from the Lord. We must give our life to worshiping Him and we will have the strength to get through any day.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." --Jeremiah 29:11

This verse is very common and used often, but is very important for us to remember daily. His plan at times seems difficult and even not smart; however, His plan for us is constantly greater than we could ever imagine. We must trust in Him and never forget that He is cheering for us and wants the best for us. Not sure who started saying this, but I will close with "Don't worry, Be happy" He is our Savior!

Perry, Deacon



## Box Tops for Education

We love your Box Tops for Education. Each box top is worth 10 cents. Thanks to you we have collected over \$15,500 which has enabled us to purchase carpet, playground equipment, school supplies, books and provide field trips and rewards for the kids.

Christian Children's Ranch

*The Christian Children's Ranch in Eagle, Idaho affords a safe and loving environment to homeless and at risk children (boys & girls, ages 0-17). For the past 73 years the Christian Children's Ranch has provided a quality Christ-centered, family focused, community-based program of care for the many "children of need" coming to us.*

[christianranch.org](http://christianranch.org)



## Spring has Sprung Crossroads Word Search

A R B F O D Y H D E L Q K T B  
E X X N I T W I N V Z O X H R  
V E M H B P S C C I R U V M B  
A R G Z J C G Q B L Q E B E N  
N K A S I I I I M A P Q P C J  
G M V P U O V Z B A F M I J E  
E Z L V W S E U S E P T X P O  
L E G J T R E J B W D W Z Y S  
I E J K W K Y J Y H Z U R R J  
Z A F W W Y M U V R M K I N J  
E C Q X S W F Q D Q M J A H F  
P W S J E D Z K X O O V P X T  
P U E O H F H Z O Y T W M I P  
E M W M I S J L R B C W N L K  
G N I R P S B F A I T H U P B

ALIVE

EVANGELIZE

JESUS

SPRING

BLOOM

FAITH

JOY

DISCIPLE

GIVE

LOVE

## Sour Cream Pound Cake Recipe

**TOTAL TIME:** Prep: 15 min. Bake: 80 min. + cooling **YIELD:** 20 servings

### Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 large eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Confectioners' sugar, optional

### Directions

- In a bowl, cream butter. Gradually beat in sugar until light and fluffy, about 5-7 minutes.
- Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- Combine flour, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream and vanilla.
- Beat on low just until blended.
- Pour into a greased and floured 10-in. tube pan.
- Bake at 325° for 1 hour and 25 minutes or until cake tests done.
- Cool in pan 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.
- Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar if desired.

### Nutritional Facts

1 piece: 311 calories, 13g fat (7g saturated fat), 96mg cholesterol, 163mg sodium, 45g carbohydrate (30g sugars, 1g fiber), 4g protein.



# Spring Cleaning for Heart and Soul

[www.juliabettencourt.com](http://www.juliabettencourt.com)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10*



As spring approaches we develop that urge to make everything in our house clean and in order. The winter months have been long and we begin itching to revive our houses and acquire that freshness that we want to invade us as the first signs of spring arrive.

We long to bring that newness into our homes so we begin, most of us by turning our homes upside down as we clean out closets, take things apart, clean and scour. We reach into every dark corner of our homes in order to make it presentable, fresh, and new.

Sometimes we need to do the same thing with our spiritual houses. We need to take stock and clean up and give them a good strong scrubbing. All of us grow stale sometimes and need a spiritual freshening up. Remember as Christians, Who is living in our spiritual houses.

The Bible says,

*What know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost... 1 Corinthians 6:19.*

Things always get tucked back in the recesses of our spiritual closets that aren't needed. We accumulate grime and dirt on our spiritual floors and walls.

From time to time we need to turn our spiritual homes upside down and clean them inside and out in order to present our bodies "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." as it says in Romans 12:1.

Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work!

## 1 Evaluate.

What needs to be done in order to clean up our spiritual homes? Only you know the areas that need to be worked on in your own individual life. What needs to be improved? Evaluate everything you do and say and think. Is it pleasing to the Lord?

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus... Colossians. 3:17*

## 2 Get rid of junk.

Are there things in your life that are just junk and cluttering up your life? Are there things getting in your way of serving Christ to your greatest potential? Are things like worry, anger, gossip, and bad habits cluttering up your life?

If it's something you should keep in your life, it will pass the following guidelines of Philippians 4:8.

*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

## 3 Gather cleaning tools.

When you clean your house you gather together your cleaning tools, such as scrub brushes, mops, and brooms. All you need to clean your spiritual house is one thing - the Word of God. It is your all-purpose cleaning tool and contains everything you'll need.

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

## 4 Gather cleaners.

Cleaning our homes usually takes all kinds of cleaners—window cleaners, waxes, floor cleaners, bleaches, and disinfectants. When it comes to cleaning our spiritual house, all we need is one all-purpose cleaning agent—the forgiveness of God. It is guaranteed to cleanse all grime and dirt, which embodies itself as sin buildup.

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

## 5 Get to work!

If we gathered all of our cleaning tools and supplies to clean our homes, and even if we had evaluated what work needed to be done and did nothing it would not help us. We have to use the supplies and actually do some work! The same is true with our spiritual homes. God gives us His Word and His precious forgiveness but we have to use them to keep our lives clean.

*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee. Psalm 119:11*

## 6 Determine to keep it clean.

Usually when we finish cleaning our own homes, we look around and say that we'll never let the clutter pile up that high again and we determine not to let it. We should do the same for our spiritual house. Determine not to let it get dirty again. The only way to accomplish this is to keep it up daily by feasting on God's Word and being sensitive to the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.

*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16*

So, are you caught up on your spring cleaning?



# Crossroads Christian Church

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## Elders:

Jerry Lemmon

Alan Stark

Lyn White

## 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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*