

MAY

CALENDAR:

- * 4—National Day of Prayer
- * 8—Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- * 14—Mother's Day
- * 19/20—Relay for Life
- * 20—Work Day, 8:30am
- * 28—Missions Meeting
- * 29—Memorial Day, office closed

So Blessed by You, Mom

*A mother who always cares,
A mother who's always there.
A mother who always prays,
A mother who always stays.
When things get rough,
When life gets tough,
When all is just too much to bear,
God's Word she shares.
God's light she shines.
So blessed God made this mother
mine.*



CROSSROADS
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Protocols:

Your Prayer requests are appreciated and vitally important for the spiritual health of our Crossroads family. The volume can be a bit overwhelming at times. Please don't be alarmed if you don't see your submitted request go out to the chain immediately.

Urgent requests will continue to go out ASAP. All others will accumulate and go out once every 24 to 48 hours. Thank you for your participation in the prayer chain ministry. The importance cannot be overstated.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Deniece Vincent	5/02
Steve Fusco	5/03
Betty Cromer	5/08
Emilee Stark	5/15
Anita Frederick	5/16
Hannah Landis	5/17
Gloria Hall	5/18
Judy Landis	5/25
Cort Kaiser	5/29



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>



Face to Face

My Grandson has extreme eczema.

How did you know this article would begin with " My Grandson?"

Because you know what is so dearly treasured in my heart in my life right now...and as long as I breathe!

The reason I'm telling you about his eczema is for most of his waking day and all of his sleeping hours he has to have his hands covered. He has become quite adept at playing with toys, holding his bottle, even eating his cookies, with his mitts on.

One day last week he was snuggled on my lap for a morning bottle and nap. The morning sun was filtering in through the window and onto his face, a light breeze tickled his bare toes, and KLOVE was playing on the radio.



It was a perfect moment. I decided to take a chance and remove his mitts right before he fell asleep.

The moment they were off, his little freed hand shot straight up to my face and began caressing my cheek, his fingers traced my eyes, he just kept moving his hand all over my face over and over again...and then it rested in my hand, his fingers twisted tightly in mine.

It was one of "Those Moments." The kind that kind of grab you at the throat, make you feel all tingly inside, and quite sure your heart just did a little squeeze.

It literally brought tears to my eyes...and then it hit me.

In the most tiniest form...for a brief moment I thought of how this reminds me of when we see Jesus for the first time. The barrier removed, all earthly weights fallen to the wayside, nothing separating us from His presence.

Can you even imagine??

"I can only imagine what it will be like

When I walk, by your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When your face is before me
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day comes
When I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I would do is forever
Forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine"

Mercy Me.

In His Love,

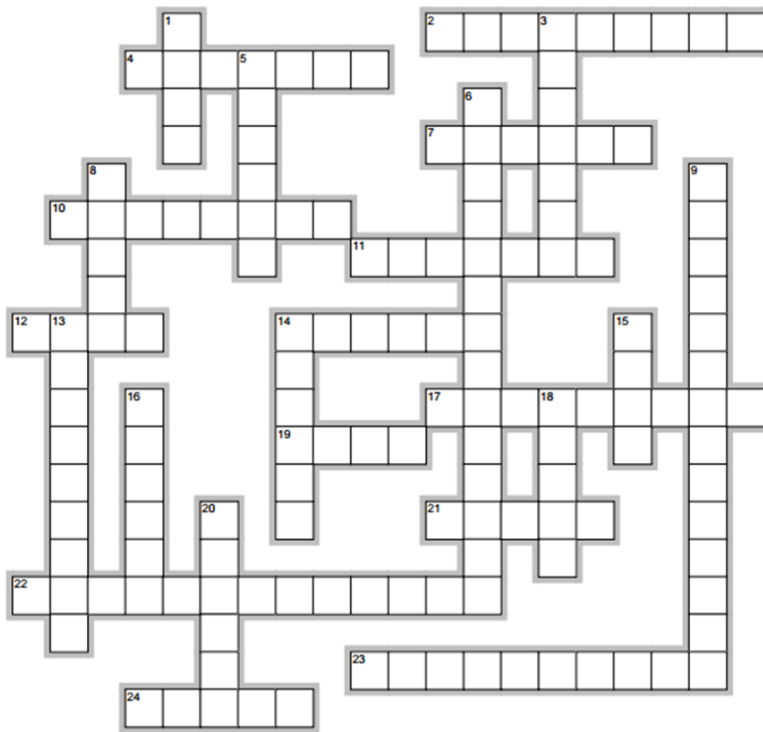
Nan Madruga

Crossroads Leadership Article Contributor



Characters in the Gospel

See how quickly you can think of the names of these important people from the New Testament.
Feel free to consult your Bible as needed.



Across:

2. Mother of John the Baptist
4. Man whom Jesus raised from the dead
7. The earthly father of Jesus
10. Short tax collector
11. Tax collector who became a disciple
12. Temple prophetess
14. He found no guilt in Jesus, yet sentenced him to death
17. Father of John the Baptist
19. Doctor and New Testament writer
21. The disciple who was also called Peter
22. Betrayer of Jesus (2 wds)
23. Blind beggar healed by Jesus
24. The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Down:

1. The mother of Jesus
3. Father of disciples James and John
5. Peter's brother
6. The forerunner of Jesus (3 wds)
8. The tempter
9. Man who issued decree for census (2 wds)
13. He asked, "How can a man be born again?"
14. The disciple who called Nathanael to follow Jesus
15. Writer of the second gospel
16. Mary's very busy sister
18. He had John the Baptist beheaded
20. Official whose daughter was healed by Jesus

Wyoming "Son of a Gun" Beans

From the kitchen of Deb White

Ingredients

- ¾ lb Bacon (chopped)
- 1 onion (chopped)
- 64 oz Canned Pork and Beans 64oz = 2quarts or 8cups
- ¾ Cup Brown Sugar
- 1 ¼ Cups Ketchup
- 1 ½ Tbsps Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 Tbsps Garlic Powder or Fresh
- ¾ tsp Black Pepper (coarse ground)

Directions

- Brown bacon, onions, and garlic in a skillet.
- Drain excess liquid of the beans add to crockpot.
- Thoroughly mix in brown sugar, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce and pepper.
- Cook at low heat (simmer) until liquid is absorbed and mixture is dark in color.
- Stir frequently to keep from burning.
- Cook for at least 20 min.

~ altered to prepare in crockpot for "Warming Shelter."



Thoughts for May...



Tonight we held our quarterly “Women at Crossroads” meeting. Gynny provided our devotional and reminded us that we are loved. She also reminded us that no matter what life throws at us, we are to shine a light that points to Him. There should be something “different” about our responses to life. Gynny really made me think... am I shining His light?

We are told we make a statement to everyone with whom we come in contact. No matter what we think, we are always being watched...by our kids, our grandkids, our parents, a co-worker, a friend, a spouse, a store clerk, a neighbor, a fellow student... or a brother or sister in Christ. I heard it said recently *“We do just two things when we are with people: we either speak Life into them, or we drain them.”* Ouch!

I have a small devotional book by Chuck Swindoll, *Wisdom for the Way*. These words reminded me of the importance of my attitude... and how I share it with others.

Promote Peace

A “peacemaker” is the servant who...first, is at peace with himself – internally, at ease...not agitated, ill-tempered, in turmoil...and therefore, not abrasive. Second, he/she works hard to settle quarrels, not start them...is accepting, tolerant, finds no pleasure in being negative....

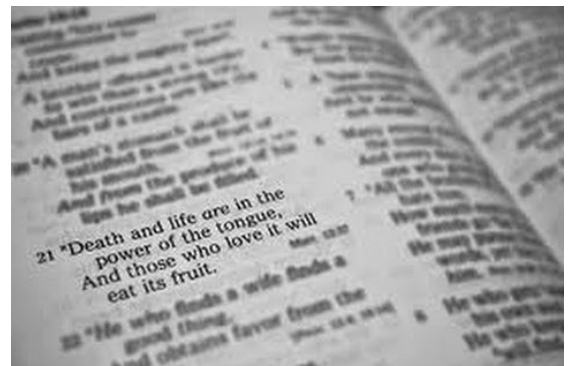
Ever been around Christians who are *not* peacemakers? Of course. Was it pleasant? Did you sense a servant’s heart? Were you built up and encouraged...was the body of Christ strengthened and supported? You know the answers....

Few things are more godlike than peace. When we promote it, pursue it, model it, we are linked directly with Him.

From Chuck Swindoll’s book *Improving your Serve*

I don’t want to drain people. I want to be a light. I pray for nudges from the Holy Spirit... to “speak Life”..... today... in the next week... and in the coming months. Help me Father!

~ Ginger Stark
for Women at Crossroads



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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