

# JULY



## *Calendar of Events:*

- 4 - Independence Day (office closed)
- 8 - Satyn's Baby Shower
- 10 - Board Meeting
- 18 - Cookies due
- 23 - Missions Meeting
- 31 - Elder's Meeting

### In addition:

- \* July 9 - 15 WildSide Camp (grades 6-8)
- \* July 16 - 22 FDC (grades 9-12)
- \* July 20 - 23 CA Rodeo
- \* July 30 - Aug. 4 Adven. Camp (grades 2-5)

## **Jesus on the 4th of July**

We gather 'round to celebrate  
On Independence Day  
Pay homage to our country  
As the children run and play.

With barbecues and picnics  
And fireworks in the air  
The flag we own is proudly flown  
To show how much we care.

The stars and stripes spell freedom  
She waves upon the breeze  
While bursts of colors can be seen  
Above the towering trees.

This is all quite wonderful  
We revel in delight  
But God above in divine love  
Has brought this day to light.

With just a stroke of liberty  
A touch of His great hand  
He gave democracy to us  
And helped this country stand.

The stripes upon our stately flag  
Were touched by His sweet grace  
Each star of white that shines so bright  
Reflects His loving face.

So as you turn to face the flag  
For battles that were fought  
Be filled with pride for those who died  
And freedoms that were bought.

But don't forget to thank the One  
That gives the bright display  
The reason why we paint the sky  
On Independence Day



**CROSSROADS**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Prayer Chain

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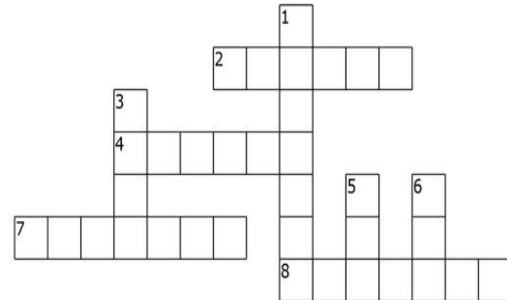
### Protocols:

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.



## Freedom Isn't Free!

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.  
 - Hebrews 9:15



### ACROSS

2. The one who paid the price for our sin
4. Payment for the release of someone
7. To accept something such as a gift
8. Without end; lasting forever

### DOWN

1. To give your word or agree to do something
3. Without cost
5. To come to the end of life
6. To disobey God's law

PROMISE	ETERNAL	CHRIST	RANSOM
DIE	FREE	SIN	RECEIVE

## Independence Day Cookies

### Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup dried blueberries (or blueberry flavored craisins)
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries (or dried cherries, chopped)



### Instructions

1. In a medium bowl combine the dry ingredients of flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
2. In a stand mixer or with a hand-held electric mixer, cream together the butter with the brown and white sugars. Add the vanilla and the egg.
3. Fold in the chips and dried berries.
4. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Drop the cookies by the teaspoon-full onto a parchment lined tray. Bake for 11-13 minutes then cool on wire rack.

## A Haunting Question

A short time ago, Tim Woodroof was meeting with the elders and asked this question “Who are you equipped to serve?” Who are you as a person and who are you as a church equipped to serve? A short question, but a daunting question. Why did he have to go and ask that question? He could have asked any question in the world other than that one. Maybe “How long have you been a Christian?” Or how about “How long have you been attending Crossroads?” He could have even asked me “Have you ever taught an adult Bible class?” I could have answered that one. But “Who are you equipped to serve?” Now I'm sitting there with a blank look on my face with nothing good to say.

If you were part of that weekend meeting, then you were asked that question too. I hope you really struggled with it. I hope it haunted you also. If you weren't part of that weekend meeting, then I'm asking you now. Who are you equipped to serve? I'm thinking you may have to struggle a little bit also. Please find me in the hallways and let me know what your answer is because my answer isn't very good.

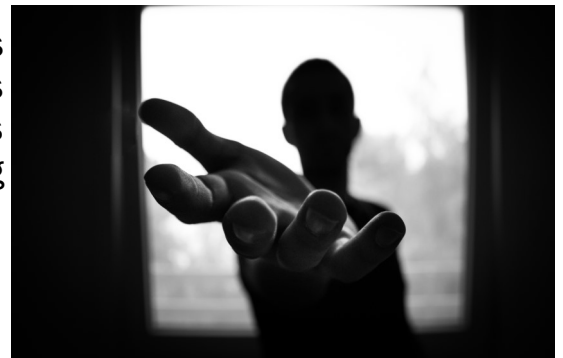
I had to admit I'm equipped to reach people who are just like me. Maybe it's just natural to be able to communicate effectively with people who are similar to yourself, but if we are to seek and save the lost, then maybe we have to do the unnatural. We have to reach out to segments of our society who don't look like us, don't talk like us, don't smell like us, don't act like us, you get the idea. But how? Well, that is the million dollar question.

It could be simply asking the principal next door what are the top three things Crossroads can provide for you for the coming new school year or as hard as diving deep into a program to help young people who want to leave the gang lifestyle.

Whatever it is, it won't be easy. Changing your skill set for who you are equipped to serve is difficult on several levels. Who needs to be served? What skills does it take? Do you have any natural talents? How do you gain the knowledge and experience? All of this being bathed in much prayer.

Crossroads is embarking on a journey. And on this journey we will be asked many more questions just as difficult as “Who are you equipped to serve?” Let's be encouraged, let's be hopeful, let's be expecting great results. Don't forget to pray.

Alan Stark



**Reaching Out!**

# baby Shower

Join us for  
**Satyn's baby shower**  
**Saturday, July 8, 2017**  
**10am - 12pm**  
At the Vargas house  
1691 Little River Drive  
**Satyn Hapach-Carr is**  
**registered at Target**

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Jim Lippert</i>	<i>7/01</i>
<i>Kris Lippert</i>	<i>7/03</i>
<i>Tom Delacruz</i>	<i>7/07</i>
<i>Micah Simpson</i>	<i>7/08</i>
<i>Samantha Reyes</i>	<i>7/10</i>
<i>Tonna Henson</i>	<i>7/29</i>



## **\*\*COOKIES FOR COWBOYS\*\***

The Salinas Valley Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will be hosting a Contestant Hospitality Center for the contestants and their families during the California Rodeo, July 20-23, 2017. The contestant's favorite snack in the contestant center are the yummy "homemade" cookies baked and donated by the churches of Salinas and the 4H's of Salinas and King City. Your **cookies will be picked up sometime after 9 am on Wednesday, July 19<sup>h</sup>**. Your delicious cookies crumble less and travel better when on a plastic or paper plate secured in a recloseable plastic bag or secured tightly with plastic wrap. Please sign up in the foyer or let Brandy know if you are able to donate cookies to these hungry, yet extremely grateful cowboys. Thank you! Your help is appreciated!





As I write this, many of you are scurrying around, in preparation for CCC's summer VBS. We all have busy lives, yet we make time to do "one more thing." I've been catching up on my reading this week, while accompanying Alan to a work conference, and came across an interesting article in the Mastermedia International Newsletter. Mastermedia ministers to people in the entertainment industries, realizing the constant struggle this career choice can mean for a Christian.

The article that caught my attention was written by Susan Zepeda Cagan, Senior Director of Talent Development & Studio Relations for Fandango/NBC Universal. Susan shares from her heart how conflicted she sometimes becomes in her day-to-day work life.

Susan writes "I struggle at times in my work to find meaning in the day-to-day. The stalled projects, long meetings, endless emails and phone calls pile up like noise or a cloud covering the real work I feel called to do. And like many of you, I ask, 'Is this what I should be doing with the time I have Lord?'"

Susan credits the gift of a book about prayer for providing comfort on particularly tough days. The gift was years ago... yet the words continue to ring true. The title of the book, by Pastor Lloyd John Ogilvie, is "Praying Through the Tough Times" and the specific prayer she goes back to on her roughest days is shared in part below.

#### "When I Need Meaning In My Work"

Gracious Father... bless me today in the work I will do... I bring the meaning of my faith to my work rather than trying to make my work the ultimate meaning of my life...

Fill me with Your grace and make me a cheerful person who makes others happier because I am with them. Make me a blessing and not a burden, a lift and not a load, a delight and not a drag. It's great to be alive! Help me make a difference because of the difference You have made in me.

Sometimes my long days of work and my nights of too little rest run together. I need You. I praise You for Your love that embraces me and gives me security. Your joy that uplifts me and gives me resiliency, Your peace that floods my heart and gives me serenity, and the presence of Your Spirit that fills me and gives me strength and endurance.

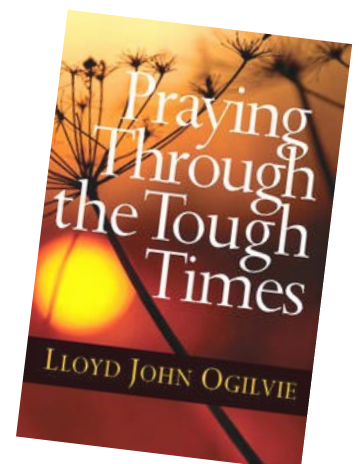
I dedicate this day to You. Help me to realize that it is by Your permission that I breathe my next breath, and by Your grace that I am privileged to use all the gifts... that You provide. Give me a perfect blend of humility and hope, so that I will know You have chosen to bless me this day. My choice is to respond and to commit myself to You.

I thank You for the attitude change that takes place when I remember I am called to... work with excellence to please You. Help me to realize how privileged I am to be able to work, earn wages, and provide for my needs. Thank you for the dignity of work. Whatever I do, in word or deed, I do it to praise You. Amen.

No matter where your days find you... working at home, in the church, or in the workplace... I guarantee, you'll find some words of wisdom, somewhere in this prayer.

Can I get an Amen?

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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 - Summer Break

Becky Cromer

### *Our Vision*

*GLORIFY GOD*

### *Our Mission*

*Grow in Christ*

*Serve in Love*

*Bring others to Jesus*