



Calendar of Events:

- * **8—Teresa & Carlos baby shower**
- * **9—Board Meeting, 6:30pm**
- * **14—Church of God, Building use**
- * **21—Workday, 8:30—11:30am**
- * **31—Harvest Festival, 5:30-8pm**

Harvest Festival

October 31, 2017, 5:30-8:00pm

Christ-centered fun for everyone, a ministry for our church family and our community. Please consider helping. Evening includes: food, fun, bounce house, cake walk, and Trunk or Treat!

Pick up some postcards to hand out to neighbors, friends, and family.

To volunteer or if you have questions please see **Claudia Struby**.



CROSSROADS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

IDES to the Rescue!

Hurricane Harvey

Now - October 15th

International Disaster Emergency Services is on the ground in Texas and Louisiana helping Christian Churches to reach out to those suffering from Harvey. The need is great! Flooding continues...

We can help by praying for open hearts and that God would meet physical needs.

And we can be God's hands and feet by sending our financial support.

Please designate thru Crossroads to "**HARVEY.**"

It's a big job so we've set a **big goal > \$10,000.00!**

We already have a donation of \$2,000.00 so we're on our way!

Any funds you give will be used to reach out in Jesus' name, to rescue, reassure, refresh, restore, rebuild, repair, and recover the lives of those who have suffered so severely from the effects of Harvey.

May God's grace bless you doubly as you reach out and share God's compassion on the suffering!



www.ides.org

October Birthdays

<i>Leonard Lavorato</i>	<i>10/01</i>
<i>Nan Madruga</i>	<i>10/06</i>
<i>Nancy Parkison</i>	<i>10/16</i>
<i>Dale Fuge</i>	<i>10/11</i>
<i>Rose Villarreal</i>	<i>10/14</i>
<i>Ginger Stark</i>	<i>10/18</i>
<i>Rebekah Esparza</i>	<i>10/22</i>
<i>Lyn White</i>	<i>10/29</i>
<i>Jeannie Gaskell</i>	<i>10/30</i>



Raspberry Jell-O Pretzel Dessert

Ingredients:

- 2 cups pretzels (broken into pieces)
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese
- 1 (8 oz) container Cool Whip whipped topping
- 1 large box (6 oz) raspberry Jell-O
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 – 3 cups frozen raspberries (you can also use fresh)

Directions:

1. First Layer – combine broken pretzels, melted margarine and 3 tablespoons sugar. Stir until well blended. Press in 9 x 13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 7 minutes. Cool completely.
2. Second Layer – Beat 1 cup sugar and cream cheese until smooth. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread over pretzel layer. Be sure to seal the cream cheese layer against the sides of the pan so that the jello mixture (3rd layer) will not be able to leak through when added.
3. Third Layer - Mix Jell-O and boiling water until jello is dissolved. Add frozen raspberries. Cool and set slightly. Pour over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until firm.



Using Your Talents For God

I read this devo from Rick Warren of Saddleback Church and had to share some of it with you. I have always loved acrostics and he shares one that I think is easy to remember and a great reminder. Rick shares “God has given you unique abilities, talents, and gifts. At Saddleback Church, we say they represent a person’s SHAPE — Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences. This bundle of talents is the thing God has given you that makes you who you are and sets you apart from other people.”

S – Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12 4-6

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

God gives us spiritual gifts as unique as our fingerprints. They all come from the same place but are unique to each person. Sometimes I feel that some people just try to piggyback off of someone else’s gift and “Be Like them.” God made you “you” for a reason; try and look for the special gifts He has blessed you with and use them for His glory.

H - Heart

We all need to look within. God has given us the talents; we just need to look within and find the talents that are already there.

A – Abilities

Each of us has certain qualities and abilities. Don’t make it feel awkward by trying to be something you are not. Stay within your abilities and knowledge. You will know when God is using you and your gifts for His kingdom.

P – Personality

The combination of characteristics or qualities that form an individual's distinctive character.

I can’t say it enough “we are each unique.” Be yourself in all things you do and you will be much happier in the end.

E – Experiences

Life is just one big “Experience.” Learn from it and grow daily in your walk with the Lord. These experiences are how God shows us our talents in action. Keep a watchful eye out for these moments and hold on to them.

Rick closes his devo with these thoughts and verse:

“When God gives you a talent, He expects you to use it. It’s like a muscle. If you use it, it will grow. If you don’t, you’ll lose it. If you have a talent but are afraid to use it, or if you get lazy and don’t use it to benefit others, you’re going to lose it. Like the parable of the ten talents in Luke 19, if you don’t use what God has given you, He will take it away and give it to someone else who will.

But if you use your talents wisely, God will give you more. If you use your time wisely, God will give you more time. If you use your energy wisely, God will give you more energy. If you use your influence wisely, God will increase your influence. God will bless your level of faithfulness.”

So remember the acrostic S-H-A-P-E and get out there and use your talents or you just might lose them.

Chris S, Deacon



Search Committee - Phase 1 Overview



There are four areas we have been focusing on and researching since starting with IMP: History, Congregation, Kingdom, and Community. Notice how they have us looking into our past, within our church family, and into the local community. These areas will help us plan for our future.

The first area of research is our History. Our history assessment will allow us to capture where we came from and how we can celebrate where we are. This is where we get to see our major events and significant ministries of the past that formed life at CrossRoads, the good times and the bad. Our history can also show us where we struggled most and how we were strengthened in our relationships with Christ to be where we are today.

The second area of research is within the Congregation. The congregational assessment allowed us to listen to your views. Your spiritual walk, your perceptions, beliefs, and your needs and wants for our next minister is important information for our success. Thank you for your time and efforts in taking the survey. We heard your voice.

The third area of research allows us to identify the way God is working around us within the Kingdom. It has helped us understand the way that God is impacting lives of people through other churches. God wants us to focus on His accomplishments and recognize the work of Christ, all around our city. His hand is at work within our church and with other churches.

Our last assessment allows us to look deeper into our Community. We have inquired about the needs of Salinas from several people in the community gleaning several opportunities. With this information, we can create programs that will reach out to the community with the love of Christ. We are not just a church property, a neighborhood, a city, or a county - we are the body of Christ and we are to attend to the community as His servants. The more we are in the community, the more we can find opportunities to serve Christ, using our resources to benefit those less fortunate or in need.

Pulling together these four reports, God has given us a foundation to strengthen and encourage one another. He has been and continues to be by our side and willing to help us through the good and bad times. He will see us through the problems we face and will continue to create opportunities to minister to the community in which we live. What an incredible journey we are on! When God says move and we listen; OH, the joy He must feel!

History **Community**
Congregation **Kingdom**

Criticism Hurts



I was recently doing a 5-day devotion from my Bible app called, "Unglued." It's based on the book by the same name from author, Lysa Terkeurst. I came across one about criticism and it reminded me how important it is to evaluate criticism before we crawl into a hole, or say something we can't take back.

I know there is a saying that you can hear 99 compliments, but you will always remember the 1 criticism; why is that? We need to change that habit. Lysa says, criticism hurts. No matter who you are, how many people are encouraging you, and how happy you felt before you got that criticism, one drop of critical yuck spreads fast and furious.

Several years ago, I took a customer service class and retained this little tidbit of information: "It will benefit your business to view a complaint as an opportunity rather than a criticism." This should be a first step in evaluating criticism. Lysa has a little sermonette she preaches to herself when she receives criticism.

First, quickly discern if they are trying to be helpful or hurtful.

No criticism is fun, but it can be helpful if it is from a wise person speaking words that are truly intended to help us. Proverbs 15:2a says, "The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge ..." , a wise person is someone who:

- Cares enough to get their facts straight and isn't speaking out of assumption.
- Has talked to God and reflects a gentle, caring tone in their communication.
- Wraps their criticism with grace and humility.

This kind of criticism is given with the intent of sharing helpful wisdom that is constructive rather than destructive.

If the criticism is destructive and hurtful, remember the second part of Proverbs 15:2b, "... but the mouth of the fool gushes folly." The definition of folly is a "lack of understanding or sense."

We need to remember this kind of harsh and unnecessary criticism says a lot more about their insecurities than our inadequacies.

We can't fix whatever hurt caused them to lash out. But we can decide to stay calm and not compound the hurt. "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (Proverbs 15:1 NIV)

No matter what kind of criticism we get—helpful or hurtful—it still stings. So, in staying calm, it's as much of a gift to us as it is to the one criticizing us.

She ends the devotion with this prayer, which I adore, because asking God to keep me patient, kind and thoughtful is always a good thing.

Dear Lord, teach me to hold my tongue and trust in You when I am hurt by those around me. Help me to be able to take the criticism that is helpful and leave the criticism that is hurtful. Thank You for Your gentle conviction and patience with me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.




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Like us on  Crossroads Christian Church Salinas

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

Adults - "A Church That Flies"

Tim Woodroof/Jerry Lemmon

10:30am - See schedule

Nursery/Toddlers

Pre-K

K-5th grades

Sunday Evening - 5:30pm @ CCC

Sermon Discussion - 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 - "It's Good to be Queen"

Becky Cromer

Prayer Chain

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Our Vision

GLORIFY GOD

Our Mission

Grow in Christ

Serve in Love

Bring others to Jesus