

NOVEMBER

Calendar of Events:

- * 4—Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck, 4:00pm
- * 5—Daylight Savings (fall back)
- * 6—W@C (Women at Crossroads) calendar meeting, 6:00pm
- * 10—Veterans Day
- * 13—Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- * 18—Workday, 8:30am
- * 23—Thanksgiving Day (office closed)
- * 24—Office Closed
- * 27—Elder's Meeting, 6:30pm

November Birthdays

Cameo Carr	11/07
Perry Vargas	11/12
Bobbie Epps	11/15
Frances Lemmon	11/17
Philip Landis	11/22



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 4:00pm



Turkeys, hams, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, and beverages will be provided.

We would like the congregation to **bring two** of the following:

- ◇ Dessert
- ◇ Salad
- ◇ Side Dish

See Perfect Potluck email for more details
www.perfectpotluck.com

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Potluck

Questions – see Ginger, Gynny or Deb W.

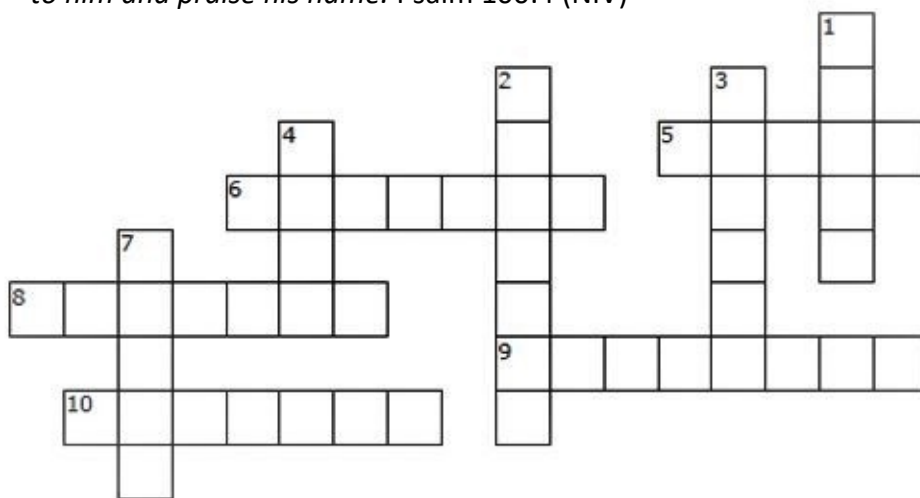


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My THANKSGIVING List



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. The Son of God
6. An area of land that has its own government; a nation, the USA
8. A person whom you know well and like a lot
9. The person who gives instruction at school
10. Things such as dresses, pants, shirts, and blouses

DOWN

1. A building in which people live
2. A person's mother and father
3. The condition of the body and how free it is of illness; Are you in good ____?
4. What people and animals eat to keep them alive
7. The holy book containing Go's word

10 Tricks to Make This the Easiest Thanksgiving Ever

Some Sanity-Saving Secrets:

1. **Print Out a Blank November Calendar.** As you plan your meal, fill in each week with when you will shop, when you will make certain dishes, and any deliveries that may need to come to the house.
2. **Make Your Grocery List on November 1st.** Don't wait until the week before Thanksgiving to figure out what you're making—and don't feel pressure to experiment with fancy recipes. Find a few you trust and put every ingredient on a shopping list. Divide the list into perishables and non-perishables, so you know what you can buy immediately (like spices) and what you'll need to buy later (like milk).
3. **Set the Table the Night Before.** It's a simple task, but it's one thing you can cross off your to-do list on the day of.
4. **Empty All Dishwashers and Trash Cans the Night Before.** Plus, line your bins with extra garbage bags so you don't have to hunt down a fresh bag when the garbage starts to overflow.
5. **Prepare as Much as You Can in Advance.** Gravy bases can be frozen and vegetables can be cooked and refrigerated for up to two days. For dishes that can't be made ahead of time, consider the prep work that you can do in advance—like peeling potatoes so they're ready for quick mashing.
6. **Use Square and Rectangular Pans.** This way, you'll be able to fit more dishes in the oven—whether you're cooking or just keeping things warm.
7. **Save Easy Jobs for Early Birds.** Chances are, at least one of your guests will arrive 30 minutes early. Rather than stressing about having everything ready, reserve a few simple tasks that people can help with, such as filling the breadbasket or pouring water.
8. **Use Dried Herbs.** Just realized that you have store-bought dried basil in your pantry, but you're lacking the "fresh sprigs of basil" your recipe requests? Don't fret—and don't run to the store. Instead, just use this substitution: 1 *teaspoon* of dried herbs for one *tablespoon* of fresh herbs.
9. **Use a Turkey Time Chart.** You'll never have to do turkey math again—we've used the USDA recommendations to figure out exactly how long to cook turkeys of every size. Another helpful bit of math to remember: You should plan to serve 3/4 to 1 pound of turkey per person.
10. **Take Temperature Like a Pro.** Our test kitchen warns: Don't place your thermometer too close to the bone—it won't read correctly. Instead, slide it into the thigh horizontally until it taps the bone and look for the magic number: 165° F.

Now is the time.....



“Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.” Who said that? You might be tempted to say Patrick Henry, one of our founding fathers. This quote has often been attributed to him. But you would be wrong. It was actually written by Charles Weller, a typing instructor. He included this phrase as part of a typing drill in a training manual he wrote in 1867.

So why am I including it as the lead for this article? Because I would like to change the wording slightly to help make a point for all of us at Crossroads.

“Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of Crossroads.”

First let me say nothing is insurmountable. All things are possible... Matt 19:26. In the midst of our minister search, we are experiencing some tough times but I’m an eternal optimist and I’m sure God will work things out.

But you might ask, “what can I do in the meantime?”

PRAY – Prayer is not a last resort, it is the first resort. God’s word is full of examples of the power of prayer. When we pray, God hears our prayers.

BE POSITIVE – A good positive attitude goes a long way. If you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all. The minister search process is a long one and using the IMP methodology makes it even slightly longer. But doing things the right way usually does take a little longer.

BE PRESENT – Yes, it’s as simple as just coming to church. Your presence sends a message to everyone that you’re on board and expecting great things to happen. And while you’re here, shake a hand, say hello to a visitor, and enjoy the fellowship.

INVITE A FRIEND – Should you invite someone to church when we don’t have a minister? Of course! Anybody can share the Gospel message. You may be the only “Jesus” your friend ever sees.

Lastly, while we are in this search process, there are a number of people doing quite a bit of the heavy lifting. Go say “thank you” to them. Tell them that you really appreciate all of the work they are doing for the Kingdom and for Crossroads. Some are really being stretched right now and they could use a kind word from you.

Let’s all hang in there. We’re turning the corner on the search process.

Alan Stark, elder

Search Committee

Moving from Phase 1 to Phase 2



In Phase 1 we were able to research the History of Crossroads, learn about where we are within our church, speak with neighboring church leaders, and learn about the community we live in. Throughout this process we have prayed and trusted that God would lead us in the right direction. During the Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting, we will be showing a few PowerPoint presentations with the data we collected. This has given us the foundation for the Minister Search.

For our next Phase, we will be given three specific directives: 1. Identify "Recommenders;" 2. Develop a clear picture of our "ideal candidate;" 3. Create a package of material to share with candidates about our church from Phase 1. Each of these tasks contribute to our Committee's success in identifying and calling the right candidate to become the next minister for our church.

The right "Recommenders" can bless us by matching the church's ministerial needs with their network of quality, high character ministers. In order for our Recommenders to be helpful, they need to know the kind of candidate we're looking for. Who is our "ideal candidate?" What skills and characteristics does he have? What kinds of experience does he have in ministry? What sort of leadership style will he bring to our church?

Lastly, we will develop a "Candidate Package" about our community and church, introduce our committee, share documents related to our church's vision and mission, and talk about the kind of person we are looking for as our next minister.

We are very excited to be taking the next steps to find the person God is preparing to be part of our church family. We are also excited that you are part of this process with us. This journey continues to bind us together and has shown us that though the body has many parts, we are one in Him.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 22-27 (NLT)

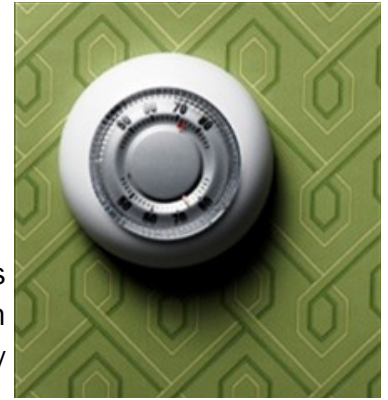
***12** The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. **22** In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. **23** And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, **24** while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. **25** This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. **26** If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. **27** All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.*

As we move to the next phase, please know that we are glad to be on this adventure with you. We covet your prayers and we are honored to serve you as part of the Search Committee. We will pray for you and for the process that we have been charged with. Please continue to pray for us and our families, the leadership and their wives, and for our future Minister. God is good and will bless us as we trust in Him.

Blessings,
The Search Committee

Parts of this article have been taken from the Search Committee Phase 2 Overview documents

“Thermometer or Thermostat Christians? “



“Many Christians are like thermometers. Their temperature rises when it is warm and drops when it gets cold. A meeting can often make some of them warm. They sing, pray and look very spiritual until they get into the company of non-Christians, and the mercury quickly falls to the world’s level. Thermometer Christians adapt to the circumstances surrounding them.

Christians should be like thermostats; the thermostat does not adapt to circumstances but regulates the temperature. So Christians should regulate the spiritual temperature around them. Their ability to do this will evoke criticism or hatred, but such persecution is a sign of true discipleship. “Blessed are you when men hate you... and revile you...on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy...” (Luke 6:22-23) Nowhere in the Bible is persecution given as a sign of defeat. Being persecuted for one’s faith is to be considered an honor.

Thermometer Christians will never be persecuted. They are Christians with fellow-believers, but when they are among non-Christians they act as non-believers do. They will not be reviled by the world, neither will they be honored by God.

What attitude should we adopt when persecuted? Here are some Biblical guidelines:

1. **Fear not.** God cares for us, especially in the day of trial and persecution.
2. **Persecution is a mark of true discipleship.** A Christian is never a victim of circumstance.
3. **Persecution is directed at Jesus** and not the Christian. Acts 9:4
4. **Rejoice** despite persecution. I Peter 4:13,16
5. **Pray for boldness** in times of persecution. Acts 4:24-30
6. **Do not be surprised** when persecution comes. John 15:20, I Peter 4:12
7. **Persecution is a privilege.** Matt. 5:11, Luke 6:23

Many people, when they suffer for their faith, say, "What does the Lord have against me? Why am I suffering this way?" Instead, they should look upon it as a privilege, **for the devil only attacks believers who are really alive!**

The above thoughts are by John Pitt. He served as a missionary to Laos for 8 years, forced to flee three times from communist assaults and is well traveled, working with Open Doors and Brother Andrew, experiencing the spread of revolution on the African continent.

Our recent Bible studies have touched on the topic of persecution which led me to some introspection and search for guidance. So, with Lord’s help, and the support of my church family I am determined to be a **thermostat** for Jesus!

In the love of our **Victor, Warrior King, Jesus Christ,** Deb W.

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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

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