

# JANUARY

## Calendar of Events:

- \* 1—New Years Day, Office Closed
- \* 8—Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- \* 18— Ladies Thursday Bible Study, 6pm
- \* 20—Work Day, 8:30am
- \* 23—W@C, Valentine Cards, 6:30pm
- \* 29—Elder's Meeting, 6:30

## January Birthdays

Armand Gonzales	01/01
Jim Kaiser	01/02
Merle Pearson	01/04
Ruby Fuge	01/06
Susan Vargas	01/17
Chris Stark	01/18
Etta Struby	01/18
Jamie Brown	01/23
Peter Aguilar	01/28



## Women at Crossroads Annual Valentine Card Making

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

6:30pm at Crossroads



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# Crossroads Christian Church

## New Testament Bible Reading

### 52 Week New Testament Reading Plan for Crossroads Christian Church

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
1 – Jan 1	Matthew 1	Matthew 2	Matthew 3	Matthew 4	Matthew 5
2 – Jan 8	Matthew 6	Matthew 7	Matthew 8	Matthew 9	Matthew 10
3 – Jan 15	Matthew 11	Matthew 12	Matthew 13	Matthew 14	Matthew 15
4 – Jan 22	Matthew 16	Matthew 17	Matthew 18	Matthew 19	Matthew 20
5 – Jan 29	Matthew 21	Matthew 22	Matthew 23	Matthew 24	Matthew 25
6 – Feb 5	Matthew 26	Matthew 27	Matthew 28	Mark 1	Mark 2



## Is Christmas Really Over?



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

JESUS	GLORY	DWELL	FATHER	RECEIVE
KNOWN	BLESSING	BELIEVE	WORLD	TESTIFY
FLESH	SEEN	CHILDREN	WORD	GOD
BORN	TRUTH	NAME	GRACE	RIGHT

# Finding God's Strength in Your Weakness

by [Priscilla Shirer](#)

Choosing to do our primary work in the smaller, less noticeable spheres and devote our best gifts there is often a foreign thought to us. We usually want to jump from the center directly to the perimeter of impact, skipping over the areas most closely connected to us. The result? A life and calling that eventually implode, caving in upon their shoddy, unstable structure.

God had strategically set Gideon in this family, in this tribe, and in this valley for a reason. He fully intended to call and equip Gideon to affect his closest relationships before moving on to something and someone else. The priority and preeminence of serving those in the sphere closest to us is seen throughout Scripture. When Abraham was chosen by God to be the father of Israel, he was given instructions for what his first tasks should be.

*"For I have chosen him so that he will command his children and his house after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just. This is how the LORD will fulfill to Abraham what He promised him" (Genesis 18:19, HCSB).*

Centuries later, as Jesus' disciples were ushered into the age of the church, God gave them a unique power to function on His behalf, and then clearly outlined the course their ministry was to follow.

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).*

The disciples were in Jerusalem when they received these instructions from Jesus. They were to focus on the ministry to be done where they were standing even as they began moving outward on mission. Start inward, move outward. First things first. Both for Gideon and for us.

Gideon had been reared in an idol-worshipping family. His own father was the keeper of the Baal altar in their town of Ophrah.

*So Gideon took 10 of his male servants and did as the LORD had told him. But because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it in the daytime, he did it at night (Judges 6:27).*

Often, like in Gideon's case, our smaller spheres of influence are not easier to contend with just because they are smaller. On the contrary, some of the most difficult and intimidating opportunities to walk in God's calling come when we are staring in the faces of those who know us best and whom we love the most.

Consider how Gideon must have felt tearing down what his father had spent his lifetime building, teaching, and defending. With each stone that he and his servants dismantled, another layer of the ideology that had overrun his family came unglued. This overnight idol-demolishing wasn't affecting some random town and family he would never see again. This was a task he'd feel, see, and endure the consequences of every day from that point on.

# Finding God's Strength in Your Weakness continued....

by Priscilla Shirer

When the Christian daughter chooses to evangelize her non-Christian parents . . .

When the godly wife chooses to set an example for her unsaved spouse . . .

When the teenager seeks to impact his pagan school environment . . .

When the coworker tries to influence her friends on the job . . .

The stakes are often much higher when the mission field is so personal.

What lies ahead in your journey is not nearly as critical as where you are right now. Wherever you are now is where you are meant to serve now. These innermost circles are often the ones that offer the least amount of recognition. This is why so many people try to circumvent them. And yet your greatest impact will be done here — in the ordinary rhythms of your daily living.

Following God wholeheartedly within these up-close loops of faith will often cause you an internal uneasiness and daily faithfulness that cannot be escaped just because it's 5 p.m. and the workday is over. It's easier to stand on a platform and teach people we may never see again than to walk with our own children, friends, and loved ones in accountability and discipleship. But these spheres encompass the heart of true ministry.

Begin to clarify who the people in your primary sphere of influence should be. Refuse to search for significance in another place if you've bypassed any near and necessary steps in the journey God has for you. Pray for a courageous faith and holy boldness to start where you are. He'll give it to you.

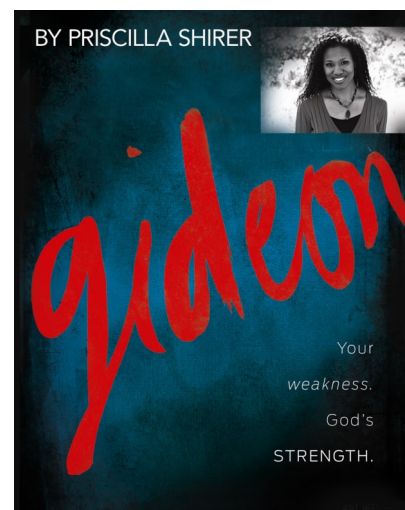
## Ladies Thursday Evening Bible Study

Gideon , *By Priscilla Shirer*

Starts—Thursday, January 18 ,2018, 6pm

At Crossroads

See Becky Cromer for more information



## 2018 and Beyond!

It's hard to believe, isn't it? 2017 is gone and 2018 is here. It seems like only a few years ago we were fretting over Y2K and if the internet and electrical grid would be disabled at the stroke of midnight! Well, 2018 is in fact here and what an exciting time to be a part of Crossroads Christian Church!

We have been through a couple of valleys but I believe 2018 will be a mountain top year. Here are a few reasons why:

### Consulting with Tim Woodroof

We will be finalizing our engagement with IMP / Tim Woodroof but we will still be honored to have Tim with us for three or four more months during 2018. Tim has challenged us, enlightened us, made us think, made us honestly view ourselves, encouraged us, and so much more. We will hate to see him go.

### Who We Are Equipped to Serve?

We will finally have made great strides on answering this question. This was the big question of 2017 that haunted many of us. We didn't know how to answer it or even where to start. It will haunt us no more.

### Get into the Word

We will be increasing the percentage of our members who daily or weekly read God's Word. We will put forth one or two reading programs during 2018 and more importantly – measure the results.

### Get into a Small group

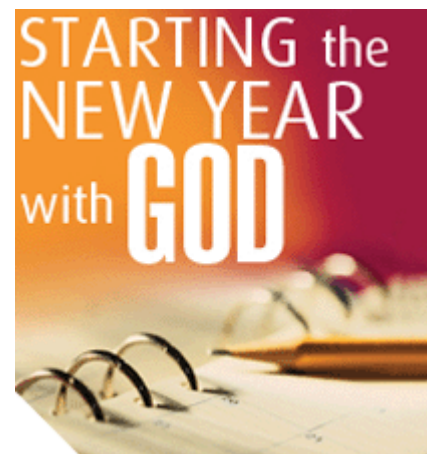
During 2018 we will put some “loving pressure” on our members to get involved in a small group. No more excuses, now is the time. Most studies indicate that small groups create real, lasting relationships and are one of the best gateways for adding new members.

### Hire a Minister

Yes, it's true. The end game of the IMP process is to hire a minister and that will culminate in 2018. How exciting! We began the search on our own in June of 2016 but hired IMP in July of 2017. The IMP process is a game-changer and we get to witness the results first hand in 2018.

I hope you're fully on-board with your seatbelt fastened. It's going to be a GREAT year!

Alan Stark  
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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

Adults – Writing Your Personal Testimony

Tim Woodroof/Jerry Lemmon

#### 10:30am - See schedule

Nursery/Toddlers

Pre-K

K-5<sup>th</sup> 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 - Becky Cromer

Gideon, by *Priscilla Shirer*

### Prayer Chain

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### *Our Vision*

*GLORIFY GOD*

### *Our Mission*

*Grow in Christ*

*Serve in Love*

*Bring others to Jesus*