

MARCH

Calendar of Events:

- 11—Daylight Saving
- 12—Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 17—St Patrick's Day
- 17—Work Day, 8:30am
- 17—W@C Game Night, 6pm
- 18—Baked Potato Fundraiser, following service
- 27—Elders Meeting, 6:30pm
- 30—Warming Shelter, 5:45

March Birthdays

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| Doris Landis | 3/03 |
| Christian Mc Coy | 3/13 |
| Tony Perez | 3/17 |
| Becky Cromer | 3/19 |



Good News Productions International SOLAR KITS

GNPI is a worldwide Christian organization that accelerates global evangelism through media and technology. Media and technology can go places never before thought possible with the Good News of Jesus. GNPI provides Christian materials, video, and media to be used in reaching peoples around the world who don't have access to the Gospel.

GNPI has developed Solar Kits, compact solar powered video projectors, easily used on the field, to meet this need.

Crossroads would like to fund a Solar Kit to aid in the spreading of the Gospel. The cost of the kit is \$1000.00.

Join us now thru March 18th to help purchase a Solar Kit to make a huge impact for Christ. Designate thru Crossroads to "Solar Kits." Track our progress at the display and view the GNPI videos to see the wonderful things God is doing!



CROSSROADS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Crossroads Christian Church

New Testament Bible Reading

| <u>WEEK</u> | <u>MONDAY</u> | <u>TUESDAY</u> | <u>WEDNESDAY</u> | <u>THURSDAY</u> | <u>FRIDAY</u> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 9 – Feb 26 | Mark 13 | Mark 14 | Mark 15 | Mark 16 | Luke 1 |
| 10 – Mar 5 | Luke 2 | Luke 3 | Luke 4 | Luke 5 | Luke 6 |
| 11 – Mar 12 | Luke 7 | Luke 8 | Luke 9 | Luke 10 | Luke 11 |
| 12 – Mar 19 | Luke 12 | Luke 13 | Luke 14 | Luke 15 | Luke 16 |
| 13 – Mar 26 | Luke 17 | Luke 18 | Luke 19 | Luke 20 | Luke 21 |

“ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. ”

Luke 10:27

March Wordsearch

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

BELIEVE

BORN AGAIN

CONDEMNED

COUNCIL

DARKNESS

EARTHLY

EVIL

HEAVENLY

HIM

HIM

JESUS

LIVES

LOVED

MIRACULOUS

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SOUND

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TESTIMONY

THROUGH

UNDERSTAND

VERDICT

WHEREVER

WIND

Don't "Xerox" Xerox

Submitted by Cris Reyes for Leadership
via blog post by, Dr. James Emery White



I ran across an interesting blog that sort of fit in with our current thinking as of late. It was titled “Don’t ‘Xerox’ Xerox.” The author told that in 1959 when Xerox was introduced, it was considered cutting edge technology as advanced as today’s best smart phones. As of today the Xerox Company is all but extinct. It joined others like Kodak and Blackberry who had also lost the innovation footrace. They had fallen into the “complacency trap.” They had become so good at one thing, they couldn’t learn anything new.

At times I fear that we as a church, myself especially, have become complacent in our methods. We have done things a particular way for so long, that we have given up on trying something new. I am confident, though, that many of the changes we are undergoing here at Crossroads are for our good. Jeremiah 29:11 says “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. So don’t be afraid to try something different. It may be Gods hand at work. Dr. James Emery White, the author of the blog ends with this:

“For I know the PLANS I have for you,” DECLARES THE LORD, “plans to PROSPER you and not harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE .” —Jeremiah 29:11

1. Just because you are comfortable with doing something a particular way, and competent at it, doesn’t mean you are being effective with it. Always strive for effectiveness, even at the cost of comfort or learning curves related to competence.
2. Never confuse a method with the message, or tradition with orthodoxy. In other words, don’t protect a program as if you are protecting the Gospel. The message is timeless, but our methods must be ruthlessly evaluated in light of their effectiveness at fulfilling our mission.
3. Constantly innovate. Try new things. If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always be where you’ve always been. For most of us, that’s not good. So, when it comes to Xerox and the church,
... don’t Xerox Xerox

THE SALINAS WARMING SHELTER

Crossroads partnered up with the Spanish congregation, Iglesia de Dios, to serve a hot meal to 63 homeless individuals, 5 of which were children. The Homeless were very appreciative of the meal that they received of Flautas, salad, beans, cookies, and a tangerine. Thank-you to those who provided food or your time to this much needed cause. Next opportunity to serve is Saturday, March 31, 2018. See Deneice Vincent if interested.



Chili Cook-Off a Success

Crossroads hosted their 12th annual Chili Cook-Off on February 4th with 13 pots of Chili and it was a big success!



Excitement was not only brewing with the football game, but also with the Chili contest. All of the entries were great, and we had our first "Tie," which required a second round of 10 judges to focus their sights and taste buds on two special entries. Ben Carr brought home the "Win" by going big with his entry called "High Stakes" (#7) and the runner up was Cris Reyes with his Half-Time Chili (#3).

The other entries are as follows in the order that they were placed on the tables:

Table 1: The Burning Bush (#1) – Becky Cromer, Easy Rider (#2) – Perry Vargas, and 2nd place Cris Reyes.

Table 2: Samson's Simmering Sauce (#4) – Deb White, "I Do" (#5) – Chris Stark, Hellfire and Brimstone (#6) – Jerry and Debbie Lemmon, and 1st place winner Ben Carr.

Table 3: Promise Land (#8) – Leonard Galimbo, "Willy Nilly" Chili (#9) – Alan Stark, Legionaries Breakfast Chili (#10) – Lyn White.

Table 4: White Chicken Chili (#11) – Brandy (Recipe below), Back Door Chili (#12) – Tony and Claudia Struby (This one had Elk in it), and Mom Knows Best (#13) - Tonna Henson.

It was fun, as a large family, judging the amazing Chili's while we grazed, played games, and watched the Philadelphia Eagles bring home the championship. Many thanks to all who helped with this event -- The amazing Chili Entry participants, who make this event fun, The Men's Breakfast Club who provided the hot dogs/buns, Brandy Stark for advertising the event, Sharon Dykes, and Betty Cromer who helped with set-up, for all those who helped with clean-up "Bless you," and many thanks to my partner-in-crime Deb White.

~ Becky Cromer, Chief Chili Pepper

White Chicken Chili

~ Submitted by Brandy Stark at the request of several Chili Cook-off guests

Ingredients:

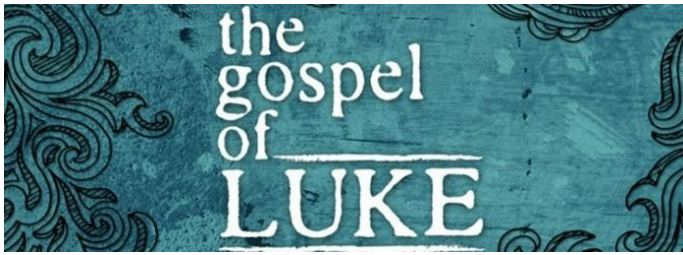
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| - 2 poblano peppers | - 1 1/2 lb cooked chicken, shredded |
| - 2 Anaheim peppers | - 2 tbsp Taco seasoning |
| - 1 medium onion, chopped | - 1 cup chicken broth/stock |
| - 3 tbsp olive oil, divided | - 2 cans (15.5 oz each) Great Northern beans, drained |
| - Salt and pepper to taste | - 1 jar (16 oz) salsa verde |
| - 3 cloves garlic, chopped | |

Directions:

1. Roast peppers @ 425 for 15 mins, cool, peel and chop
2. Sauté onion with salt and pepper for 3-5 min., add garlic and cook another 2-4 min.
3. Add remaining ingredients; bring to boil over medium heat.
4. Reduce heat and simmer 30 min

Serve this chili with optional toppings such as shredded cheese, sour cream, lime wedges, diced avocado or chopped cilantro.





As we head into March, we will next read Luke's version of the Good News. Luke, a physician, set out to present a well-authenticated narrative of the early history of the Christian movement. He

was the only Gentile to pen any book of scripture. Once again, we turn to an introduction found in Eugene Peterson's *The Message*.

Most of us, most of the time, feel left out—misfits. We don't belong. Others seem to be so confident, so sure of themselves, "insiders" who know the ropes, old hands in a club from which we are excluded.

One of the ways we have of responding to this is to form our own club or join one that will have us. Here is at least one place where we are "in" and the others "out." The clubs range from informal to formal, in gatherings that are variously political, social, cultural, and economic. But the one thing they have in common is the principle of exclusion. Identity or worth is achieved by excluding all but the chosen. The terrible price we pay for keeping all those other people out so that we can savor the sweetness of being insiders, is a reduction of reality, a shrinkage of life.

Nowhere is this price more terrible than when it is paid in the cause of religion. But religion has a long history of doing just that, of reducing the huge mysteries of God to the respectability of club rules, of shrinking the vast human community to a "membership." But with God there are no outsiders.

Luke is a most vigorous champion of the outsider. An outsider himself, the only Gentile in an all-Jewish cast of New Testament writers, he shows how Jesus includes those who typically were treated as outsiders by the religious establishment of the day: women, common laborers (sheep-herders), the racially different (Samaritans), the poor. He will not countenance religion as a club. As Luke tells the story, all of us who have found ourselves on the outside looking in on life with no hope of gaining entrance (and who of us hasn't felt it?) now find the doors wide open, found and welcomed by God in Jesus.

Submitted by Ginger Stark for Women @ Crossroads

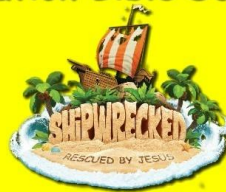


Potato Fundraiser March 18

Following Service
Baked Potato Bar
\$10 / each

proceeds will go to help moving expenses for the new minister

Vacation Bible School



Save the date:
June 18-22, 2018

Crew Leaders needed!

See Perry or
Susan Vargas to
volunteer!




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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-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 - Becky Cromer

Gideon, by *Priscilla Shirer*

Prayer Chain

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Our Mission

For God

For Each Other

For Salinas