

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

October is here!!! Wow! I should have seen it coming. I should have paid more attention to the subtle changes in the weather and the decreasing hours of daylight. If I had paid more attention to the “signs of the times” I could be better prepared for the upcoming holiday season. Are you as surprised as I am that the biggest part of 2021 is already behind us?

Every time I pause to reflect on the passing of time, I can't help but think of all the things that were enjoyed and all the things that were “endured.” I revel in the things accomplished and I regret the opportunities that I squandered.

Generally, I resolve to make better use of my allotted time and to invest more of it into more meaningful and enduring things. I do not want to miss opportunities to love people and to serve the Lord while I still possess the capacity to do so. That is some of what is meant in:

Psalm 90:12 (NIV) – Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

We should start every morning by committing our day to the Lord and asking Him to help us do something that day that has eternal significance. By beginning our day with the realization that the day is really an opportunity to be invested in our heavenly storehouse. By keeping our eternity in mind, we become more aware of spiritual nudges in our hearts. We look for ways we can honor the Lord, help someone else, or use our time in productive ways. Sitting at a red light, we can pray for our neighbor. Mopping the floor, we can worship in song. At a restaurant, we can leave an extra big tip along with a gospel tract or a card inviting the waiter to church. Let us praise, rejoice, pray for others, and bless as we have been blessed while we still have today.

Let us live in the day and invest in eternity!

God loves you! And so do I! Pastor Rick



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Are there any songs or hymns—especially favorites—that you are so familiar with you can sing it without really thinking? Do you know the tune better than all the verses to the song? Maybe so much so that you are missing the message the author shared? Read the following (familiar) hymn as if you are reading anything other than a song or poem. Read it with vocal inflections, pause at the commas, stop at the periods; don't allow the tune to develop in your mind so that you are keeping the tune's rhythm as you read. Taste the message, draw out the wisdom, learn what the words are saying. See if you don't find a depth you have been missing through familiarity. It may take a few tries, but it will be worth it.

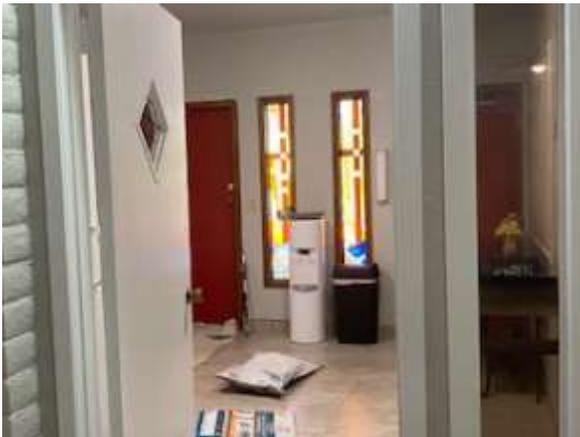
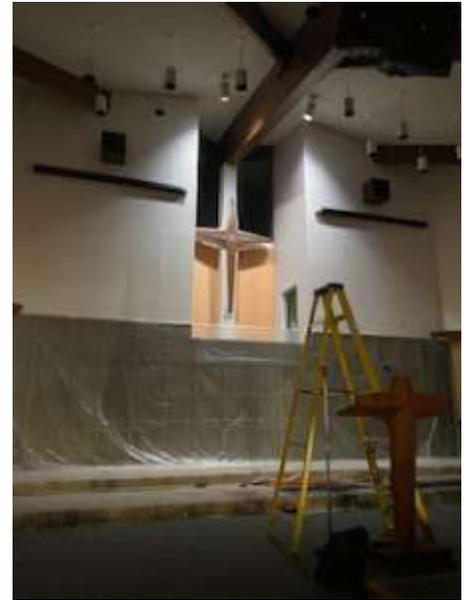
*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy
pow'r throughout the universe displayed. When thru the woods and
forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze. And when I think that God, His Son not
sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble ado-
ration, and there proclaim, "My God how great Thou art! Then sings
my soul, My Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art! How great
Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great
Thou art! How great Thou Art!*

{How Great Thou Art by Carl Boberg, 1885}



OUR SANCTUARY IS GETTING A FACELIFT!

YOUR BUILDING FUND DOLLARS ARE HARD AT WORK!





October

Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 56

Average Sunday School Attendance: 34

Average Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study Attendance: 16



If you or someone you know needs prayer immediately, contact our Prayer Chain Chairperson, Martha Finton



If you know of a church member who is a shut-in or in the hospital, and would like a visit and the Lord's Supper taken to them, contact Pastor Rick or one of the deacons.



- Sunday Fellowship - coffee & donuts 9:00 a.m.
- Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.
- Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a great study and discussion; bring a friend.
- The Ladies' Breakfast is the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at IHOP on Signal Butte and Southern, Mesa.
- The Men's IMPACT meets one Saturday each month for breakfast at the church.
- Volunteering your Time: The church needs your gifts and talents. Volunteer to serve on a committee and bless others through your service.

We honor & celebrate all our members and friends who will celebrate OCTOBER birthdays and anniversaries.
(Lists are now on the information table)



MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL
JOY & PEACE
AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY
OVERFLOW WITH HOPE
BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
Romans 15:13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Martha continues her card ministry for the church for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, bereavement, encouragement, etc. Each card is sent on behalf of the church (each of you). Through her ministry, friends and family are extended the love of Jesus through the mail. Thank you!

Thank You!

*October Birthstone: Opal, Jasper, Aquamarine

*October Flowers: Marigolds, Calendula, Cosmos

**The birthstones tradition can be traced back to the first century. The stones were used in the breastplate of Jewish High Priests, symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel.*

If we missed your special day, please contact our church secretary, Beth, in the office at 480-982-9120 or email her at crossrdsbc@yahoo.com.



Jesus is Still Passing By (Secrets For a Victorious Life)

By J Bennett Easterling

Call no. 242EAS

This book shines a welcome new light on the miracles of Jesus. Thirty-six miracles are highlighted, then supplemented with helpful background information. Real life applications applying to our lives today are drawn from each one, including powerful true stories of God reaching down and touching people today in miraculous ways. (excerpt from back of book).

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~~Carol Korte and the Library Committee

## Prayer Focus



**Scripture:** Numbers 22:21-31 <sup>21</sup> Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the Moabite officials. <sup>22</sup> But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. <sup>23</sup> When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road. <sup>24</sup> Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path through the vineyards, with walls on both sides. <sup>25</sup> When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat the donkey again. <sup>26</sup> Then the angel of the LORD moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. <sup>27</sup> When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. <sup>28</sup> Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?" <sup>29</sup> Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now." <sup>30</sup> The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?" "No," he said. <sup>31</sup> Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

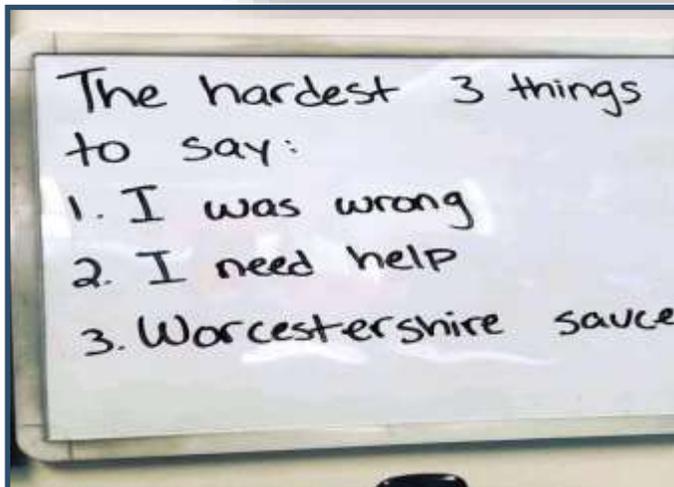
**Thoughts:** What does it take for God to get my attention when I'm out of his will or he wants to tell me something? Am I so blind to God's attention-getting actions that I would actually have a literal argument with a donkey—AND not realize that a donkey was speaking to me like a human?? Could I get so wrapped up in my own "stuff" that I'd do that? I hate to admit it, but it's sure possible.

**Prayer:** Dear God, you are so good at seeing my folly. It isn't so easy for me to be objective enough to admit I can do a really good job of being a fool all on my own. It is so much easier to blame my outbursts, self-centeredness, or problems on someone or something else. Please help me to not be so shortsighted that I don't see you standing right in front of me. Please help me to be more sensitive to your whispers and nudges so that it won't take an armed angel visit or a talking donkey to get my attention. I want to recognize your voice, hear your words, and obey your commands. I would prefer to be humble, rather than be humbled, so please help me to keep my blinders off and to always look for you in all I do. Thank you for your guidance. I would literally be lost without it. AMEN

—Beth Silvers

# BIBLE VERSION SAMPLES

There are three types of people: those who can count and those who can't.



# Missions News

-- News from missions supported by Crossroads Southern Baptist Church

Matthew 25:40

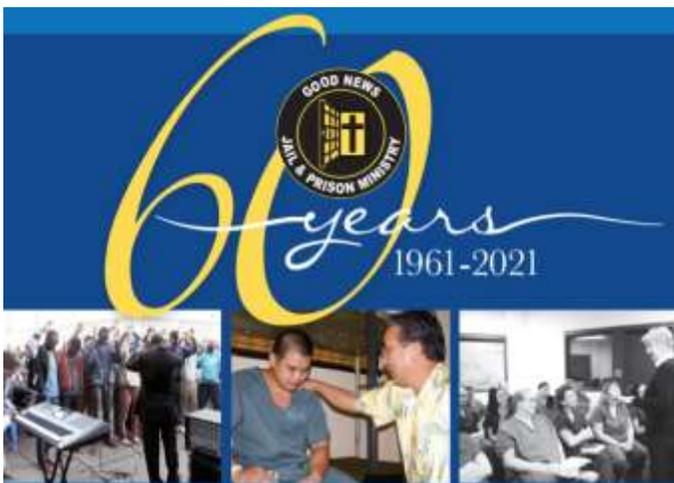
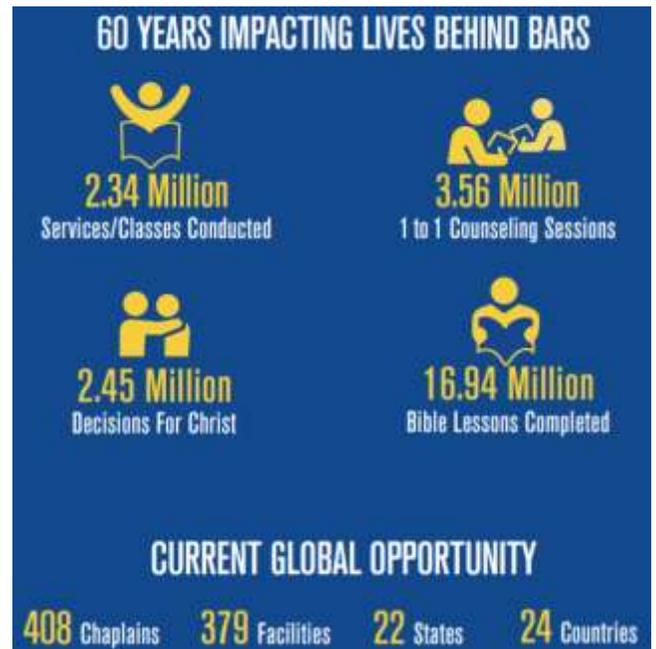
“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



*Good News Jail & Prison Ministry is the largest independent supplier of chaplains for jails and prisons worldwide, serving in 22 states, 1 American territory and 25 countries. Your gifts help Good News bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to prisoners. We thank you for helping us reach those others have forgotten.*

(from Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Headquarters via email 9/15/21)

Fall is just about here. A new season of weather which also introduces a new season of ministry. COVID is still a problem in jail as it is in your neighborhood. In spite of the disruption, God continues to allow us the privilege of taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to men, women and children who have never heard. Today, all around the world, people are being introduced to the free gift of eternal life because of you and your investment. Thank you for partnering with us to bring **Hope to the Forgotten!** God bless. —John Evans, President



# BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY.....



1. "Man will never reach the moon regardless of all future scientific advances." —Dr. Lee DeForest, Father of Radio & Grandfather of Television
2. "There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom." —Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923
3. "Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." —Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943
4. "This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. the device is inherently of no value to us." —Western Union internal memo, 1876
5. "The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C.' the idea must be feasible." —A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express.)
6. Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." —Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre, France.
7. A pastor of a church is sitting in his study when the phone rings. "hello, is the Reverend Jones?" the caller asks. "It is," replied the pastor. "This is Bill Johnson with the Internal Revenue Service. I was wondering if you could answer a few question?" "I'll try," said the pastor. "Do you know a John Timmons?" "I do." "Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is." "Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?" "He will."
8. "The horse is here to stay, but the automobile is only a novelty, a fad." —The president of the Michigan Savings Bank, advising Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Company. In 1903
9. "There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home." —Ken Olson, president, chairman, and founder of Digital Equipment Corporation 1977
10. During the 1880s, two inventors were embroiled in an electric war over currents. Thomas Edison, famed for his invention of the light bulb, phonograph, and moving pictures, was working on a direct current (DC) power source. His rival, Nikola Tesla, was working on alternating current (AC) power source, which would allow greater amounts of power to be transmitted over larger distances. Edison maintained that Tesla's AC was too dangerous to ever be of any use, saying, "Fooling around with alternating current is just a waste of time. Nobody will use it, ever." While Edison's DC today powers lower-voltage devices such as batteries, it is Tesla's AC that powers the cities around the world.

## **THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**

Oct 1, 1890: Yosemite National Park was established.

Oct 1, 1971: Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida, opened.

Oct 2, 1950: The Peanuts comic strip by Charles Schultz first appeared in newspapers.

Oct 3, 1955: Capt. Kangaroo premiered on television.

Oct 4, 1883: The Orient Express takes its first trip from Paris to Istanbul.

Oct 5, 1921: The World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time.

Oct 8, 1871: The Great Chicago Fire levels 3.5 square miles.

Oct 10, 1973: Spiro Agnew becomes the second person to resign as Vice President, pleading no contest to tax evasion.

Oct 13, 1792: The cornerstone was laid for the Whitehouse.

Oct 13, 1775: The U.S. Continental Navy was created.

Oct 14, 1964: Martin Luther King, Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Oct 15, 1951: "I Love Lucy" show premiered on television.

Oct 16, 1793: Marie Antoinette was guillotined for treason.

Oct 19, 1781: The Revolutionary War ended.

Oct 23, 1915: 25,000 women marched in New York City demanding the right to vote.

Oct 24, 1901: Anna Edison Taylor is the first person to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

Oct 26, 1881: The Gunfight at the OK Corral occurred.

Oct 26, 1825: The Erie Canal opens. It is the first manmade waterway.

Oct 28, 1886: France presents the U.S. with the Statue of Liberty.

Oct 29, 1929: The New York Stock Exchange crashed on what became "Black Tuesday," starting the Great Depression.

Oct 29, 1969: The Internet is created.

Oct 30, 1938: Orson Wells' "War of the Worlds" is broadcast on radio, sparking panic about a Martian invasion.

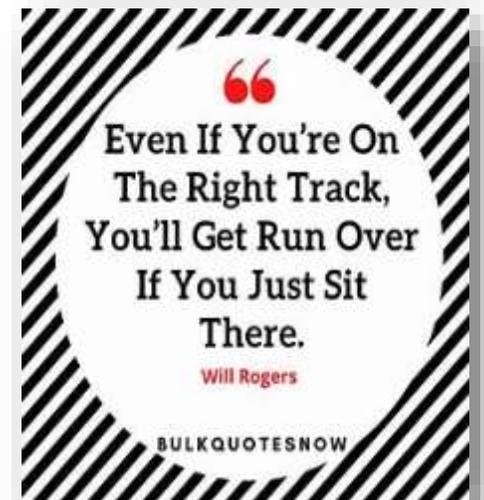
Oct 31, 1926: Magician Harry Houdini dies from complications of a ruptured appendix.

Oct 31, 1984: Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated.

Going Into The Prayer Room



Coming Out Of The Prayer Room



# October 2021

| Sun                                                                                                                                           | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                          | Tue                                                                                                                            | Wed                                                                                      | Thu                                                                                       | Fri                                                                                                                                   | Sat                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clergy Appreciation Month</li> <li>Adopt a Shelter Dog Month</li> <li>American Cheese Month</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</li> <li>Cookie Month</li> <li>Domestic Violence Awareness Month</li> </ul>                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natl Diabetes Month</li> <li>Natl Pizza Month</li> <li>Natl Vegetarian Month</li> </ul> | Week 1: Get Organized Week<br>Week 3: Pastoral Care Week                                 |                                                                                           | <b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intl Coffee Day</li> <li>Intl Day for the Elderly</li> <li>World Smile Day</li> </ul> | <b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natl Custodial Worker Day</li> <li>Name Your Car Day</li> <li>World Farm Animals Day</li> </ul> |
| <b>3</b><br><b>9 am-Fellowship</b><br><b>9:30 am-Bible Study</b><br><b>10:45 am-Worship</b><br><br>Week 2: Fire Prevention Week               | <b>4</b><br>Natl Golf Day<br><br>Natl Frappe Day                                                                                                                                             | <b>5</b><br>Do Something Nice Day<br><br>World Teacher's Day                                                                   | <b>6</b><br><b>5:30 pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b><br><br>Physician Assist. Day | <b>7</b><br>Bald & Free Day<br><br>Intl Walk to School Day                                | <b>8</b><br>World Egg Day                                                                                                             | <b>9</b><br>Fire Prevention Day                                                                                                                 |
| <b>10</b><br><b>9 am-Fellowship</b><br><b>9:30 am-Bible Study</b><br><b>10:45 am-Worship</b>                                                  | <b>11</b><br>Columbus Day<br><br>Natl Angel Food Cake Day                                                                                                                                    | <b>12</b><br>Natl Gumbo Day                                                                                                    | <b>13</b><br><b>5:30 pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b><br><br>Emergency Nurses Day | <b>14</b><br>Natl Dessert Day                                                             | <b>15</b><br>Bosses Day<br><br>White Cane Safety Day                                                                                  | <b>16</b><br>Dictionary Day<br><br>Sweetest Day                                                                                                 |
| <b>17</b><br><b>9 am-Fellowship</b><br><b>9:30 am-Bible Study</b><br><b>10:45 am-Worship</b><br><br>Natl Pasta Day                            | <b>18</b><br>Natl Meatloaf Appreciation Day<br><br>No Beard Day                                                                                                                              | <b>19</b><br><b>8:30 am-Ladies' Breakfast</b>                                                                                  | <b>20</b><br><b>5:30 pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b><br><br>Sukkot (at sundown)  | <b>21</b><br><b>Game Day 1-4</b><br><br>Intl Nacho Day<br><br>Natl Pumpkin Cheesecake Day | <b>22</b><br>Natl Nut Day                                                                                                             | <b>23</b><br>Make a Difference Day                                                                                                              |
| <b>24</b><br><b>9 am-Fellowship</b><br><b>9:30 am-Bible Study</b><br><b>10:45 am-Worship</b><br><br>Mother-in-Law Day<br><br>Natl Bologna Day | <b>25</b><br>World Opera Day                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>26</b><br>Natl Mincemeat Day                                                                                                | <b>27</b><br><b>5:30 pm-Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study</b><br><br>Navy Day             | <b>28</b><br>Plush Animal Lover's Day                                                     | <b>29</b><br>Hermit Day                                                                                                               | <b>30</b><br>Natl Candy Corn Day                                                                                                                |
| <b>31</b><br><b>9 am-Fellowship</b><br><b>9:30 am-Bible Study</b><br><b>10:45 am-Worship</b><br><br>Carve a Pumpkin Day                       | <p><b>“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; take not Your Holy Spirit from me.”</b></p> <p><b>Psalm 51:10, 11</b></p> |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                          |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                 |



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**MATTHEW 28:18-20**  
WIN SOULS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

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