

Crossroads Baptist Church Newsletter

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August 2021

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

AUGUST is here and infrastructure improvements are afoot. By late This month or early next, we anticipate new flooring and new fans installed in the sanctuary. We will also see a newly recarpeted platform. We are moving the Audio Video station off to a side area to eliminate bottlenecks at the entrance. Additionally, we hope to have gathered painting

estimates and developed a schedule. We all love our church, and it is a privilege to be good stewards of the gifts we have received and to be working toward the future. Our Infrastructure Improvement Committee has been working very hard to upgrade tastefully, use quality products and vendors, and to ensure that we get the best value for our time and resources.

I firmly believe you will be pleased and proud.

July was a banner month in that we celebrated two baptisms and a salvation. In case you are counting, this is our 4th baptism for the year! And guess what? We have scheduled another baptism on Sunday, August 15th.

If you would like to receive baptism, please contact me. Please give us enough lead time to get your certificate prepared. If August 15th doesn't work for you, we can arrange alternate dates.

Sunday August 8th we will be sending Stan and Monique Bulsterbaum to their new home in Utah. They will be missed greatly. Utah is lucky because the Bulsterbaum's have a history of being a blessing wherever they are.

Lastly, we discovered that it is a good idea for the church to have a record of our members next of kin and emergency contact. Please provide that information to us. We will safeguard your information. You can fill out the following, fold and staple it, and place in the offering plate or return to the business office. There are extras on the media table.

God loves you! And so do I! Pastor Rick

Your Name:	Email Address:
Emergency Contact Info:	
Next of Kin:	
Next of Kin Contact Information:	

Even More Surprising Facts You Never Knew About the Bible

(excerpts from <https://www.rd.com/list/bible-facts-you-never-knew/>
By Ariel Zeitlin))

The Tiniest Good Book

Now the faithful have no excuse to leave their Bible facts and Scriptures at home: All 1.2 million letters of the Old Testament have been nano-printed onto the surface of the Nano Bible, a five-by-five millimeter aluminum disk. But since each impossibly tiny letter measures 600 nanometers, you would need an electron microscope to read it. It might just be easier to go to the nearest hotel and consult a Gideon's Bible.

The Biggest Bible in the World

The biggest Bible fact of all is that Goliath himself might have trouble toting around the largest Bible ever recorded—it's called the Waynai Bible, and it's housed at the Abilene Christian University in Texas. This gargantuan King James version weighs over 1,000 pounds, is 43.5 inches tall and measures 98 inches wide when fully open. It took Louis Waynai, a self-ordained minister, two years to print the text on each mammoth page using his own self-made rubber stamp press. That's a Bible that would make quite a thump!

Who wrote the Orphan Psalms?

No, they're not the ones about orphans. They're the psalms without an author attached. In addition to King David, who is credited with some of the most famous ones, including the 23rd ("The Lord is my shepherd/I shall not want"), and his successor Solomon, there were at least half a dozen other psalm contributors, including Moses. But 18 psalms in the Hebrew Bible, and 17 more in the New Testament cannot be attributed to any author.



July:

Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 42
Average Sunday School Attendance: 27
Average Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study Attendance: 35
New Members Since January 2021: 7



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.



Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller

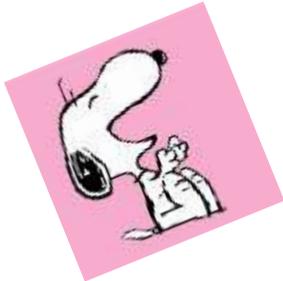


Does anybody have a recipe for "I don't know" or "I don't care"? It's what my family requested for dinner and I can't seem to find any recipes.

humor by the book.com

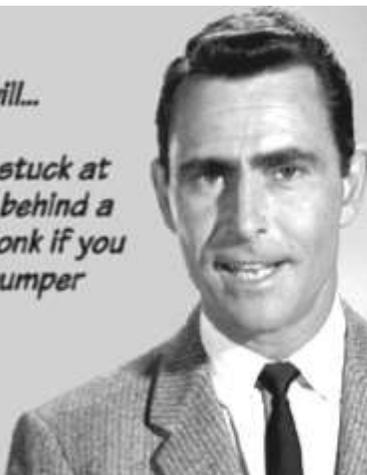
If zombies ever attack just go to Costco...they have concrete walls...years of foods and supplies...and best of all, the zombies can't get in without a Costco membership card.

-@Steelers1972 on Twitter



Imagine if you will...

...an atheist stuck at a green light behind a car with a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker.



At my age, I'm good at multitasking. I can listen, ignore and forget all at once.

THERE ARE 3 KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. THOSE WHO ARE GOOD AT MATH, AND THOSE WHO AREN'T.

Before he died, Billy Graham was returning to Charlotte after a speaking engagement and when his plane arrived there was a limousine waiting to transport him to his home. As he prepared to get into the limo, he stopped and spoke to the driver.

"You know," he said, "I am 87 years old, and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove it for a while?" The driver said, "No problem. Be my guest!"

Billy gets into the driver's seat and they head off down the highway. A short distance away sat a rookie State Trooper operating his first speed trap. The long black limo went by him doing 70 in a 55 mph zone. The trooper pulled out and easily caught the limo and he got out of his patrol car to begin the procedure.

The young trooper walked up to the driver's door and when the glass was rolled down, he was surprised to see who was driving. He immediately excused himself and went back to his car and called his supervisor.

He told the supervisor, "I know we are supposed to enforce the law, but I also know that important people are given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a very important person."

The supervisor asked, "Is it the governor?" The young trooper said, "No, he's more important than that." The supervisor said, "Oh, so it's the president." The young trooper said, "No, he's even more important than that."

The supervisor finally asked, "Well then, who is it?"

The young trooper said, "I think it's Jesus, because he's got Billy Graham for a chauffeur!"

From the



Nook...

BOUNDARIES

By Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend

Have you ever wondered what the word “boundaries” means? We all know what physical boundaries are. They let us know where our property ends and someone else’s begins. In the spiritual world we also need boundaries that tell us when to say yes, how to say no, and how to take control of your life. There are seventeen chapters in this book describing many situations where we are taken advantage of because we don’t want to say “No.” There are chapters on boundaries and God, family, friends, spouse, and children. I felt very challenged and learned that I have some changes to make in my life. There are excellent suggestions in this book on how to make these changes and put them into practice.

Submitted by Judy Mittlestaedt

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**~~Carol Korte and the Library Committee**

**Also, the library has a copy of our own Priscilla Miller’s recently-released book, Stormy Winds.”**

# We honor & celebrate all our members and friends who will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in July.



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!

\*August Birthstone: Sardonyx, Peridot, Jade

\*August Flowers: Gladiolas, Poppy

*\*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](mailto:crossrdsbc@yahoo.com).

# 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.’”

## Todd & Katie Miller and Family/Int'l Mission Board

*Email received 7/12/21 from Todd Miller:*

“Hello Pastor, I hope your day is going well! I wanted you to know, our family has been getting Crossroads Churches generous monthly support through the IMB. We have been using the funds to meet so many needs here in northern Thailand. I have a bunch of pictures and a brief update. God bless Crossroads Church. We are praying for you. Thanks, Todd Miller

*(Complete update with more photos on the media table.)*

## GOD Stories

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Many lost to receive faith in Jesus here in Chiang Mai.
- Thailand to reopen safely with economic stability.
- The sick to be healed.

**A NEW BABY**

Thai people are outdoor-people but they believe a newborn should be kept exclusively indoors during the first month of life. Well, this month we got to see the new baby for the first time since birth. Katie's pregnancy ministry was able to provide the family with food, an outfit, diapers, wipes and a knitted hat and blanket.



**BUYING A PIG FARM**

Who would have known that buying pigs would be an answer to prayer? That that is exactly what one pastor was praying for in Thailand. This pastor takes care of 150 students in a rural village dormitory feeding them before and after school. Last year Swine Flu killed their herd and they didn't have an emergency fund. Through your generous support, you replenished the pig farm with 15 piglets. These will be used to teach the students farming and animal care. They even bought a sow to help provide for the future.

**FEEDING FAMILIES**

One major outreach we've been doing is providing food packages for those here greatly affected by COVID. The food bags include rice, ramen, oil, soy, sardines, and eggs. Some of these are not our favorite foods to eat in America but they are staple foods here. We work through local churches to distribute the food to needy communities. One Thai Buddhist lady asked, "Why are Christians helping more than our government?"

**3**

The IMB pregnancy team presented to 3 church on Sunday mornings about life in the womb.

**100**

In the first 6 months of this year our team shared with 100 people all or part of the gospel message.

**300**

We have provided meals for more than 300 people in the villages we are reaching.

# THANK YOU

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.  
1 Thessalonians 5:24





**A PERSONAL NOTE**

COVID is unrelenting here in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The vaccination rollout was stunted and even available vaccines are undesirable. Despite that, we continue to pursue every opportunity presented to us to serve. We are excited that restrictions are easing at the moment but the US is far ahead in reopening than we are here. Our Lord is good and He is a wonderworking God. He is at work here in the hearts of Thai people calling them unto Himself. There is so much more to tell you about. If you would like to receive our weekly updates you can email us at [katieandtodd@hotmail.com](mailto:katieandtodd@hotmail.com) and Katie will add you to her list. We love that we are in partnership together please continue to pray for us, it's making all the difference.

The Millers

Our vision is to see the lost saved and the forgotten remembered.

We believe this will be accomplished through your prayer networks surrounding the globe praying for Southeast Asians.

# Points to Ponder

“  
Even If You're On  
The Right Track,  
You'll Get Run Over  
If You Just Sit  
There.  
Will Rogers  
BULKQUOTESNOW



ME YELLING AT A SQUIRREL TO  
MOVE OUT OF THE ROAD SO ITS  
NOT CRUSHED BY TIRES, IS  
PROBABLY THE SAME FEELING  
GOD HAS WATCHING ME LIVE  
MY LIFE.

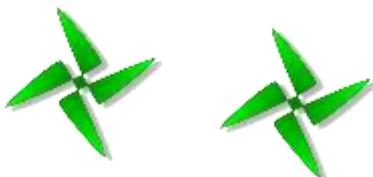
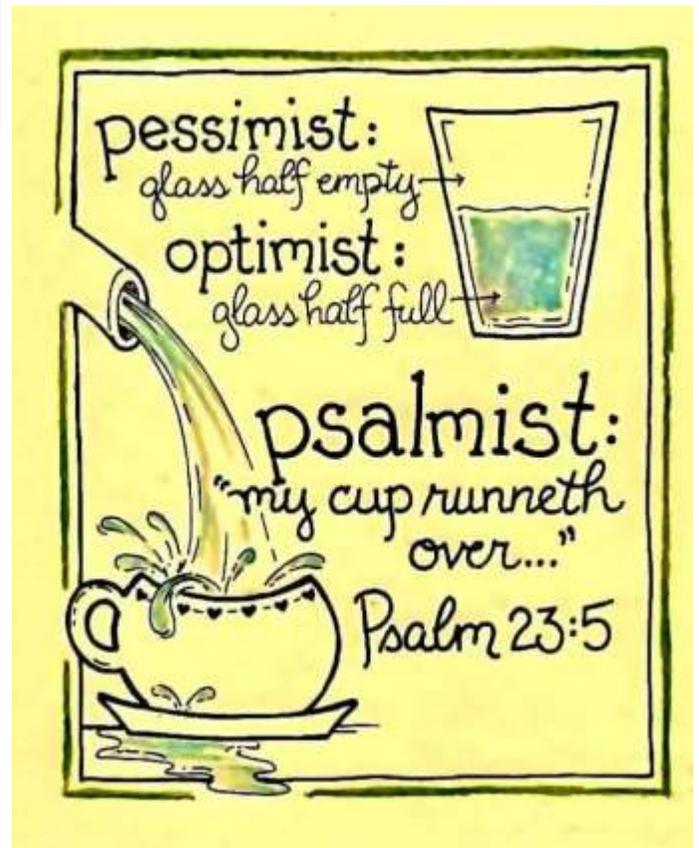


FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US  
A SPIRIT OF FEAR,  
BUT OF POWER  
& OF LOVE  
AND OF A SOUND MIND.  
2 TIMOTHY 1:7  
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The process of healing does not  
end when wounds are no longer  
visible. It ends when the wounds  
no longer ache.  
- Shenaia Lucas



The chief dangers  
which confront the coming  
century will be religion  
*without* the Holy Ghost,  
Christianity *without*  
Christ, forgiveness *without*  
repentance, salvation  
*without* regeneration,  
politics *without* God, and  
heaven *without* hell.  
William Booth  
Founder, The Salvation Army



# **STRONG & INSPIRING WOMEN OF GOD FROM THE BIBLE**

## Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Mary, the Mother of Jesus is one of the most recognized and admired figures in the Bible for her humbleness and willingness to serve God, even when she faced the unknown. When the angel came to Mary saying that she was favored by the Lord and that the Lord was with her, she was confused and nervous, but instead of letting fear get the best of her, she said "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Just like that, she let His will be done. Mary is a great example of how Christians should aspire to be in all circumstances. His will, not ours.

## Esther

Esther, in the book of Esther, was a heroine who saved the Jewish people. She is recognized mostly for her strength, bravery and dignity. She was chosen by the Persian King Ahasuerus to be his wife in a contest, not knowing she was a Jew. When the king's right-hand man, Haman, came up with a plan to kill the Jews, Esther's uncle found her and pleaded with her to spare Israel. Even though she was his wife, she knew she was not allowed to approach him without invitation, and if she did, it could end in death. But she believed she was chosen by God to save her own people and agreed to go in front of the king anyway and won his favor and her people were saved. She didn't let her fear or position stand in her way.

## Hannah

Hannah, wanted a child so badly but was barren. She prayed to God that she would be granted a son and in turn, promised to dedicate his life to the service of God. She received a son, named him Samuel and didn't fall short on her promise. She left her son to be raised in the Temple, while still staying connected to him, providing counsel and wisdom to him throughout his life. Her son later grew up to be one of the most influential and Godly figures in the Bible.

## **THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**

Aug 1, 1774: English Chemist John Priestly discovers Oxygen, isolating it in a gaseous state.

Aug 1, 1790: The first U.S. Census is completed. There are four million people in the U.S..

Aug 1, 1990: The World Wide Web is conceived.

Aug 2, 1876: Wild Bill Hickock is killed during a poker game while holding a “Dead Man’s Hand.”

Aug 2, 1909: Taxes The first Lincoln head pennies are minted.

Aug 3, 1492: Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage with the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria.

Aug 4, 1862: The U.S. collects income tax for the first time.

Aug 6, 1945: The Atom bomb is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the U.S.

Aug 7, 1927: Peace Bridge between US & Canada is dedicated.

Aug 9, 1173: Building of the Tower of Pisa begins and takes two centuries to complete..

Aug 10, 1889: Dan Rylands patents the screw cap.

Aug 12, 1850: The sewing machine is patented by Isaac Singer.

Aug 13, 3114 BC: Estimated start date of the Mayan calendar.

Aug 13, 1889: William Gray patents the coin-operated telephone.

Aug 14, 1937: The Appalachian Trail is formally completed. (Over 2,000 miles across 14 states)

Aug 14, 1953: The Whiffle Ball was patented.

Aug 16, 1896: Gold is discovered in the Klondike.

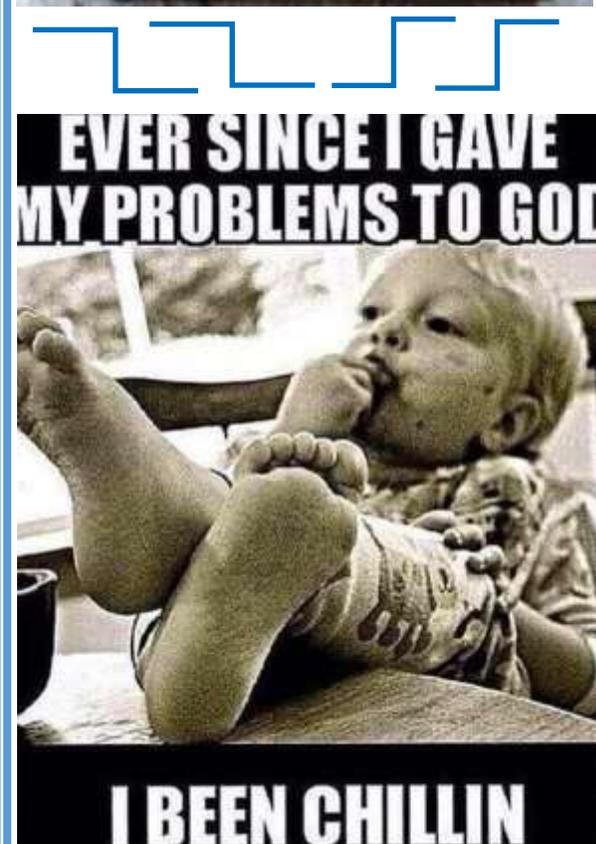
Aug 20, 1896: The dial telephone is patented.

Aug 24, 1954: The Communist Party is banned in the U.S.

Aug 28, 1837: Worcestershire Sauce is manufactured.

Aug 29, 1964: Disney’s Mary Poppins is released.

Aug 31, 1946: Warner Bros. cartoon character Foghorn Leghorn debuts in the cartoon “Walky Talky Hawky.”



# August 2021

| Sun                                                                                                                  | Mon                                      | Tue                                                                   | Wed                                                                         | Thu                                                                          | Fri                                                                           | Sat                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship<br>The Lord's Supper<br>Int'l Forgiveness Day | <b>2</b><br>Nat'l Ice Cream Sandwich Day | <b>3</b><br>Nat'l Watermelon Day                                      | <b>4</b><br>•Chip Cookie Day                                                | <b>5</b>                                                                     | <b>6</b><br>Wiggle Your Toes Day                                              | <b>7</b><br>Nat'l Lighthouse Day                                   |
| <b>8</b><br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship<br>•Int'l Cat Day<br>•Middle Child Day        | <b>9</b><br>Book Lover's Day             | <b>10</b><br>Nat'l S'mores Day                                        | <b>11</b><br>5:30 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study<br>Son & Daughter Day     | <b>12</b><br>•Annual Perseid Meteor Shower Peak Night<br>•World Elephant Day | <b>13</b><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>•Left Handers Day<br>•Nat'l Kool-Aid Day | <b>14</b><br>Nat'l Creamsicle Day                                  |
| <b>15</b><br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship<br><b>BAPTISM SUNDAY</b><br>Relaxation Day   | <b>16</b><br>Nat'l Tell a Joke Day       | <b>17</b><br><b>8:30 am-Ladies' Breakfast</b><br>Nat'l Thriftshop Day | <b>18</b><br>12 Noon BOD Meeting<br>5:30 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study    | <b>19</b><br><b>Game Day 1-4</b><br>•Aviation Day<br>Nat'l Potato Day        | <b>20</b><br>Nat'l Radio Day                                                  | <b>21</b><br>•Senior Citizens Day<br>•Nat'l Honeybee Awareness Day |
| <b>22</b><br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship                                              | <b>23</b>                                | <b>24</b><br>Iconic American Restaurants Day                          | <b>25</b><br>5:30 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study<br>Nat'l Banana Split Day | <b>26</b><br>Nat'l Dog Day                                                   | <b>27</b><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>Just Because Day                         | <b>28</b><br>World Daffodil Day                                    |
| <b>29</b><br>9 am-Fellowship<br>9:30 am-Bible Study<br>10:45 am-Worship                                              | <b>30</b><br>Toasted Marshmallow Day     | <b>31</b><br>•Nat'l Eat Outside Day<br>•Nat'l Trail Mix Day           | •                                                                           | • Family Fun Month<br>• Int'l Pirate Month<br>• Nat'l Golf Month             | • Nat'l Eye Exam Month<br>• Nat'l Picnic Month                                |                                                                    |

“I will remember the deeds of the Lord;  
 yes, I will remember Your miracles of long ago.”

Psalm 77:11



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## **Deacons**

Stan Bulsterbaum

David Douglas

Hector Palma

Mike Tacker

Robert Wisner



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

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