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A Word from Pastor Tommy

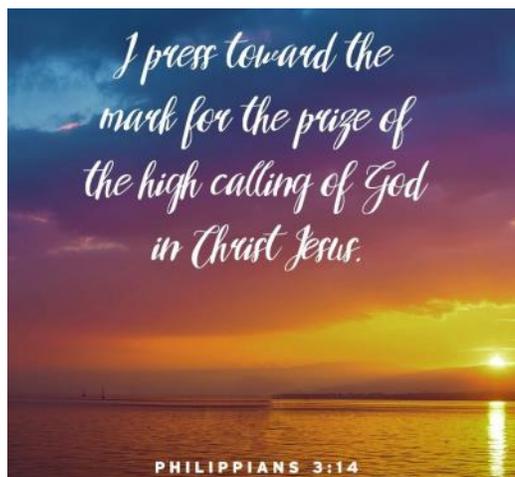
Greetings to our church family, during this Easter season! Each passion week, before the Resurrection, I like following the Biblical events of each day. It prepares me in a better way to celebrate the deep meaning of His love and purpose for us. Take time this week to renew your love and commitment to Him, and see if this week will not be more special to you.

Our transition is progressing right along, as we are on the downside of our vision and ministry plans in our second focus point of MISSION. Continue to pray for the many adults involved in leading our church with evaluations and assessments and soon-to-come final recommendations to the church for improvements, additions, arrangements, etc...for God's glory. Our Leadership and Connection focus points, thereafter, will

continue, as a newly trained pastor search team is actively looking for the church's next pastor. Be encouraged with the fine work being done to prepare, find, and secure the right pastor God has planned.

Cross Road is a blessed church with a great heritage. Someone said this past week that before his death, Pastor Johnny said that the church's greatest days are yet ahead. I hope you feel the same.

Pastor Tommy



Easter Schedule April 4th

7:30am - Sunrise Service

8:00am - Light Breakfast

8:30am - Worship Service in the Worship Center (masks required)

10:00am - Worship Service in the Worship Center (masks optional)

There will be no Sunday School on Easter.



Aftershock Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade)

What a month we've had. I'm excited about the newness of the season we are approaching. The leadership team and I have been discussing and finalizing Ministry plans and we're confident you will like what you see and hear. Covid restrictions are lessening as vaccinations are more available and we are praising God for where we see Him leading us! Easter is here, He is risen! We're going to be celebrating the work of Christ in our study time on Wed. nights in April. God is good even in the moments we struggle to see His goodness. We're looking at rescheduling the student Jam Session soon. This will be an opportunity for anyone who has any level of musical interest to come hang out and see if they can take their abilities further. Small groups start in April and will be split by age (MS, HS) and gender (boy/girl). Each group will have 2 leaders of the same gender. We hope this will allow the students to connect better and form deeper relationships along with deepening our discipleship efforts. We will also be serving Camp Caraway as they prepare for their summer camps toward the end of the month. Look for texts soon on that project as well as the new date for our Jam Session.

If you or your student are not getting texts from Justin regarding events and other announcements, please text him at 336-301-0189 to be put into the group text.

April 7, 14, 21, 28 Aftershock Youth 7-8pm

April 7 Aftershock Worship

April 17 Disc Golf at North Asheboro Park Meet at the church at 9:30am if you need a ride or meet at the Park at 10am. Anyone in the church is invited.



Thank you to several of our college and young pros who have really stepped up to help out behind the scenes on Sunday mornings. I'm looking forward to implementing some discipleship times outside our church time to break bread and do life together. We will be planning a movie night and an escape room this month. We will be starting our small group back on **April 11 at 4:30pm**. We are studying Francis Chan's Crazy Love. This will involve the college and young pros as well as our young married couples.



All CRBC members are being encouraged by the Deacons and Transition Team to help them in putting together a Pastor Search Team (Pulpit Committee). Per our church bylaws, up to five (5) active members may be nominated. We are asking our members to fill out a ballot and return it no later than the close of the Sunday service on April 11th. Ballots may be placed in the offering plate one of the next three Sundays, given to a Deacon, or be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your nominations!

Ballots are available in the office and at all areas where the church bulletins are placed.



Thank You

Dear Cross Road Baptist Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful dish garden. So very thoughtful—Lorraine loved plants. We will think of fond memories when we care for and see it grow. Thank you to Pastor for the service and cemetery prayers. Sincerely, Pete & Lorraine's Family

Dear Pastor Lockwood & friends at Cross Road, I am astounded by the generosity you demonstrate for the ministry! All told, cash and check combined, Cross Road generated over \$1900 from the baby bottle campaign! Because of you, young women contemplating abortion meet their babies via ultrasound, and then meet Jesus. Our goal is not just life for the baby, but eternal life for the mom! We're so thrilled to partner with you! In Christ alone, Caralynn

Notes from Pastor Mitch

I'm so excited about our Resurrection Sunday events!

April 4th is Easter Sunday, a time of celebration for New Testament Christians as we remember the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord. Aren't you thankful the story did not end with the cross but rather the empty tomb? What good news! I'm particularly excited about the adult choir being part of our two services of worship in the Worship Center that day as we focus on the reason that the Christ-child came to live among us; to suffer, and sacrifice, and save!

OVERCOME

LIVING BEYOND YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES



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We now have the official date and time for the **OVERCOME Bible Study**. We will meet on six consecutive Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:15pm, beginning April 8th and concluding May 13th. This will be an in-person class (with a Zoom component) meeting in the CLC dining room. All are welcome. I look forward to getting in the Word with you.

SAVE THE DATE: We are planning a **Disc Golf Fellowship** at North Asheboro Park for **Saturday, April 17th, at 10am**. All skill levels are welcome! Pastor Justin and Pastor Mitch will be there to advise and assist if you're a first-timer or beginner. We will provide discs for those who do not have their own. (We will hold the following Saturday, April 24th, at 10am, as a backup date in case of rain on the 17th.)



Men's Ministry

April 6 - Randolph Christian Men's Night Out We will be on Randolph Christian Men's Facebook page Live at 7 pm, from New Life Family Fellowship, 1354 E. Allred St. We will be hearing testimonies from the men carrying the cross through downtown Asheboro. No Meal at the church. Please wear a mask if you attend in person.

WOW Women's Ministry

April 20: 6-8pm WOW Mom's meeting in the CLC. We are going Italian this month! Bring a food item to match our theme. Moms of any age are welcome! Come and join us for food, fellowship, craft, and a Bible devotion.

For the Month of April the Women's ministry will be collecting for two local agencies. We are taking up new bottles of shampoo for the Family Crisis Center as well as 14-16 inch NEW stuffed animals for Emmy's House. The stuffed animals are used to help children deal with trauma when they come for counseling.



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Prayer Series - Lesson 3 Pray for Gospel Growth

Continuing with our 5 part series from Ligoniers.com on praying for our church family in the month of April.

The gospel is intended to advance. Jesus commissioned His disciples as missionaries and churches have been advancing the gospel ever since.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.” Matthew 28:19-20 CEB

This cannot happen, however, with churches full of people unmoved by the gospel. The truth of the gospel must get down deep into the marrow of our beings, our very souls. It is a truth that must color every thought, action, and reaction. As we grow in our understanding of the gospel (and its implications), we find ourselves growing in our knowledge and application of the Bible. We become mature.

Now, please understand—there is a difference between knowing about the Bible and gospel growth. The Pharisees knew a lot about the written Word but they rejected the incarnate Word. You have to do more than graduate with a degree in Bible Trivia. To grow in the gospel is to have one’s identity, mission, security, and hopes all built on what Christ has done. A church that is growing in the gospel is filled with people who are joyfully loving, serving, and sacrificing for one another as they demonstrate the gospel. They are also tactfully, winsomely, and zealously declaring the gospel to each other and the world around them.

***God, strengthen us in the gospel.
Draw us deeply into the glory of Christ.
Make us more and more impressed
with Him this very day. Cause us to
grow in the gospel and walk in a
manner worthy of it.***

Note: If you have something about prayer and/or our current situation you would like to share, please email it to me at sshei-lacox@gmail.com.

