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From Pastor Brandon

525,600... do you know the significance of this number? Every January 1st at 12:00am we ring in a new year, a new year that has a total of 525,600 minutes (527,040 if it is a leap year). We often take time each new year to

reflect on how we spent the past 525,600 minutes. We also take time to consider how we want to spend the next 525,600 minutes... will we take the opportunity to live life to the fullest or waste this precious time? Will we experience a major life event that propels us into an exciting adventure, or will there be a life event that brings us to tears and heartache?

525,600 seems like a lot but when you take out the minutes you sleep, shower, run the kids around town, cook, clean, study, work, and take care of everything else that seems to pop up, there rarely seems to be enough time in the day for ourselves or more importantly God. It seems that we have flip-flopped our priorities so that the most important things get the least amount of our time and attention while we daily (or hourly) fight to keep our heads above water.

This year why not try something different, you know, shake things up a little!! Place God at the top of your daily schedule, both individually and within your family. Make this a non-negotiable, A-list priority. Everything else (yes, including your children's activities) then falls under this in importance. You will be surprised just how much quality time you have in your day when you make the main thing (God) the main thing. Make the most of the 525,600 minutes God has blessed you with and this time next year you will have more to celebrate as you reflect on 2022!! *In Christ, Pastor Brandon*

d+life

Pastor Brandon and Gina are starting a men's and a women's D-Life Group in their home. They will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30-8pm starting January 17, 2022. We will fellowship together for 30 minutes and then split into gender specific groups for an hour. Men and women of all ages are invited to join. There is no childcare offered. Email pastor@crossroadbaptist.org if you are interested in joining.

Soup and Chili Fellowship January 30th

11:30am

Join us for our first 5th Sunday Fellowship of the year! We're asking you to bring your favorite chili or soup along with some tasty desserts to share!

CRBC 5th Sunday Schedule January 30th

8:45am -
Sunday School Groups
10:00am - Combined
worship service in the
Worship Center
11:30am - Soup/Chili
Fellowship

Aftershock Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade) Well Dec. 25th may have passed, along with 2021 very soon, but we continue to have reason to celebrate, worship, and serve our Immanuel - because God is still with us! That's a great reminder as we head into 2022. We will be starting back to Bible study on Jan 5th as we look at Epiphany, the celebration of Jesus as Messiah to the Gentiles as represented by the Visit of the Magi! Then we will take 4 weeks and look closer at the theme for our Winter Retreat: Charge – Scriptures that Call us to Action! I am excited about our Strength to Stand Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge Jan. 15-17. Please keep us in your prayers, that God will move in the lives of the students in a mighty way to start the New Year off right. Also, we will be heading to the Greensboro Ice House on Sunday Jan 23rd. We will have lunch at the church together and then head to Greensboro at 1pm. Cost is \$15 for 2 hours of Ice Skating. Sign up by Jan 16th to reserve your spot. Lastly, we are hoping to have the opportunity to serve a local adoption ministry as our mission project this month and we will provide more information as soon as we receive it! Happy New Year!

January 5, 12, 19, 26 6:30pm: Aftershock Bible Study

January 15-17: Strength to Stand Conference in Tennessee

January 22: 5:30pm Fellowship at Derek and Angela Lucas' house. 843 Rockcliff Terrace, Asheboro.

January 23: Ice Skating at Greensboro Ice House. \$15 per person. Lunch at church and travel up to Greensboro afterwards. Sign up by January 16th.

WOW Women's Ministry

WOW Moms Tuesday, January 18 at 6pm: We will be meeting in the CLC. Child care is available but let Candace Curry know so we can prepare to have enough help. More details will be coming in the bulletin!

Men's Ministry

6pm: This month's meeting will be held here at CRBC in the Christian Life Center. Come at 6pm for supper and stay to hear Neal Jackson, pastor at Beulah Baptist Church, speak afterwards. **We need some desserts and crockpots of soup made! If you can help, please contact Steve Beane.**

Randolph Christian Men's Night Out. January 4 at



Children's Ministry

I was so proud of the CR Kids choir for the wonderful job they did on The Wonder of Christmas musical! They worked so hard!! Thank you Maggie and Isabella Leggate, Aly Curry, and Carter Macon for blessing us with your beautiful songs. It was truly a blessing!

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! **God Bless, Miss Laura**

Fun-Family-Entertainment

Matt Fore

Saturday, January 8, 2022

2 shows 3pm & 6pm

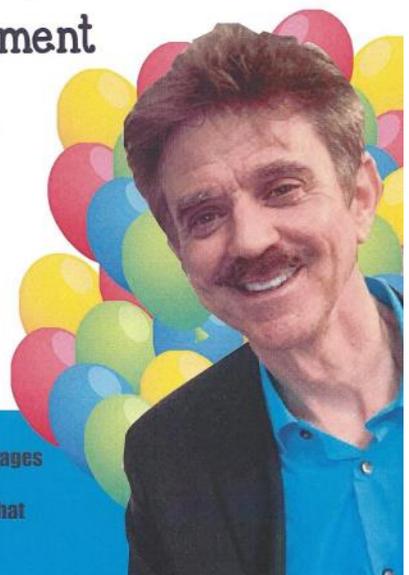
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Sunset Theatre in Asheboro

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**"If you want to laugh...he's your man."
Dr. Gary Chapman - Author - The Five Love Languages**

**"Matt's not just a funny man, he's a minister that touches your soul."
Dr. Dennis Swanberg**

Dear Cross Road Baptist Friends, Thank you for your continued love, prayers and support. You help bring hope and healing to many children and families we serve. Many come to know Jesus because your church cares. Thank you for sharing hope... changing lives! **Blessings, Karen (Your Choices Randolph)**

To my CRBC Family, I am working 7 days and still staying in the word of God in daily devotions and reading my bible. May God bless not only our church but our nation and country. God has a bigger plan! **Sandra Jones**

CRBC Family, Thank you for the beautiful flower. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated. What a blessing our church family has been during this time of grief. **Love, Anne Arrington and family**

Dear church family, My family and I were so blessed by the Christmas bonus you gave. Larry Hilliard's comments as personnel chairman as well as the letter from the committee were so meaningful. As we look back I am reminded of all that we have come through together. I ventured into 2019 having no idea what the future held but knowing that God had given me a great opportunity to serve Him and His church, as well as Pastor Johnny! God was faithful. Though we were navigating some very uncharted waters my goal was to be of service. I continue to have that goal. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the support and the appreciation. We love you and can't wait to see what else God will do through us as we seek to glorify Him together! **Love in Christ, Pastor Justin, Candace, and girls**

CRBC family, Thank you so much for the Christmas bonus for my family and I. We really appreciate the personnel committee and the church for your thoughtfulness. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! **Love, Cheryl, Randy and family**

Dear church family, Caro and I want to thank our CRBC family for your love and support over these past 3 1/2 years. We appreciate the generous bonus gift and all your kind words expressed this Christmas season. No on to 2022... all for His glory! **Mitch and Carol**

Notes from Pastor Mitch

You will soon be hearing and saying the phrase, "Happy New Year!" I want to alter that sentiment and say, "Joyful New Year!" As Pastor Brandon reminded us recently, joy, unlike happiness, isn't dictated by our circumstances AND joy is for everyone!

As we begin the new year, now is a great time to jump into something new. **If you have an interest in the Choir or Praise Band or Technology Team, please share that with me.** These are great areas of ministry service, and we would welcome new participants. Prior experience is beneficial but not always required, and training is available.

I also want to encourage you to be regularly involved in a small group. We have Sunday morning Life Groups (Sunday School) as well as D-Life Groups (discipleship) that meet throughout the week. Please see me. I want to help you find a place to plug in and grow in fellowship with others and relationship with Christ.

I want to invite YOU to a wonderful concert of worship on **Monday, January 10th at 7:00pm, at Friendly Avenue Baptist Church in Greensboro,** led by the **North Carolina Baptist Singers & Orchestra,** a group of church musicians from all around our state. I have been a member since 1997, and in that time we've done over 150 concerts of worship all over NC, as well as in Alaska, Brazil, and Cuba. If you need a ride, please contact the church office so we can plan accordingly. Of course you are welcome to drive up there yourself too. Trust me. **You will be blessed!**



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Happy New Year?? As we look towards the beginning of a new year, we cannot help but wonder what it will be like. If the past two years are any indication, I doubt there will be much improvement. The question of when will things return to "normal" is on most of our minds. I, for one, doubt that our definition of normal exists anymore. Our world has gone darker & darker; satan has his clutches in so many of those who have the power to change history, our constitution, our way of life. Instead of using their power for good, they have irresponsibly put us in a position of extreme debt, that is actually slavery. Proverbs 22:7. They have pitted us against each other in a variety of situations that should not be.

Like the frog in the boiling water, we have grown used to it, we submit to our fate. Sadly, many in the church have been drawn into this foray by being silent, trying to be God's people by not stirring up too much attention, by being obedient to the powers that be. We have forgotten that "greater is He who is in me, than he who is in the world".

We may not have a voice that is heard, but there is one thing we can do that is more powerful than anything that others might do to us. One thing that is seemingly not happening much and that is getting on our knees and reaching out to Almighty God. We need to be crying out in an extended time of prayer, not just a quick, "forgive me, Father, oh and bless me today". We need to be asking Him to help us rise up and use our voices to shine light in this dark world. We need to ask Him to help us pray like never before; to help us spend time with Him to listen for His voice to direct our path in the coming year. We need to ask Him to empower us to do His will and to remember that this is a battle. Help us not be like sheep to a slaughter, but be mighty warriors for the cause of Christ. If we do what we have always done, we will get what we've always gotten.



Help us. Lord, in this new year not to resolve to do things that we won't go forward in, but to truly draw near to You in the privilege of prayer and watch as You, through us, accomplish mighty things. Let this be our battle cry, "Here I am, Lord, send me". *(Joyce Blackwelder Prayer Team Coordinator)*

BAPTISM

*Parent/Child
Dedication*

If you would like to participate in Baptism or the Parent/Child Dedication, please contact the church office. We will celebrate both during the 5th Sunday combined worship service at 10:00am on Sun., Jan. 30, 2022.