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New Beginnings

Gina and I are blessed to be serving once again at Cross Road Baptist Church. Asheboro holds a special place in our hearts and lives, and knowing God has opened the door for us to return to a body of believers and community we dearly love is overwhelming. We look forward to reconnecting with you and meeting new friends as we grow together, share life together, and serve together.

To say the past 18-24 months have been challenging times for churches is an understatement. Difficult times bring out the best and, unfortunately, the worst in people, and the church is no different. Regardless of what has happened in our personal lives and the corporate life of Cross Road Baptist Church, we must hold to the truth that God is sovereign, and has a divine plan and purpose for all things. And through it all, He has been preparing us for such a time as this.

Two aspects of God's character I like to continually dwell upon are His grace and mercy. Throughout the Bible you see God's grace and mercy poured out in the lives of those who seek Him, turn to Him, trust in Him, and surrender

to Him!! God's grace and mercy brings healing, peace, unity, purpose, and so much more. But they also bring New Beginnings!!

I love New Beginnings. New Beginnings remind me of walking out the front door on a cool morning after an evening rain. The fresh air fills your lungs, the cool wind gently moves past your body, the sun breaks over the horizon, and you stand there for a moment basking in the glory of God. New Beginnings place a period on everything from the previous day, especially the bad things, marking an end to the past and the beginning of something new. What has happened seems to disappear as you reflect upon the wonderful opportunity before you to make this day a new day!!

Today marks a New Beginning for Cross Road Baptist Church, for the congregation, our community, every member, every family, our leadership, our staff, and for Gina and me. Together, let's make the most of this beautiful New Beginning God has given us, for His glory and for His kingdom.

Lamentations 3:22-23, ²²Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! ²⁴I say, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him." (CSB)

In Christ, Pastor Brandon and Gina Powell

Operation Christmas Child Kickoff October 10th!
Bring filled boxes back by November 14!



Aftershock Student Ministry (6th-12th Grade) October is here! There is a freshness in the air at Cross Road Baptist Church, I hope you feel it too. We are back in full swing on Wednesday nights as a student ministry. We hope to start back our student led worship on Wed Oct 6th. We are planning to have Summer Russell with Child Evangelism Fellowship come and show us some new and creative ways to share the gospel that night. The best part about this is we are going to have the opportunity to use these methods of evangelism at the NC State Fair on Sat. Oct 23rd! Students will take shifts hanging out at the CEF booth sharing the love of God with people and get to experience the State Fair during their breaks. On Fri Oct 8th we will have a family outdoor movie night! Then on Wed night Oct 27th we will be helping with our church-wide Fall Festival. Come and be part of all the exciting things happening in Aftershock youth for October!

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.

October 6th Aftershock Worship and special speaker, Summer Russell

October 8th Outdoor family movie night

October 13th, 20th Aftershock Bible Study

October 27th Churchwide Fall Festival. Plan to dress up and have a trunk with a game, or help another way.



We plan to meet together the evening of Sunday Oct 3rd to relaunch our Sunday night small group for any college students, young professionals, and young married. We will also be hosting an outdoor movie night for our college and young professionals group Friday Oct 22nd! Plan to be part of our Fall Festival on Oct. 27 and have a trunk!

Children's Ministry

I can't believe this is October already! Fall weather is finally here and soon we will see the beauty of this season.

CRKids are working on their Christmas musical and are doing a great job. **Mark your calendars for Sunday night, December 5 and invite your family and friends!!** You will be blessed. Our practice times are: Wednesday nights, October 6, 13, and 20, at 4:30-5:30. We will take the kids down to the CLC for dinner after our practice.

Thank you to all the workers in the nursery, children's church, and AWANA. Thank you for investing your time into the lives of our little ones! **God Bless!! Miss Laura**



Don't miss our October fun! We've changed the name to Fall Festival since we do more than just trunks! We need YOU to be a part of this fun event! Individually wrapped candy to be used for the trunks will be collected now through October 24th. We need people to do a trunk and if you can, have a game for the kids to play. We have some here if you can't think of one to do. We will have inflatables, popcorn and cotton candy as well. If you have an idea of activity to add that you can help with, please contact the church office!



Thank you, The Cross Road Baptist Church, for your support of Ignite Randolph. Because of your prayers and monetary support, this event was a huge success. With 100's in attendance we saw 2 souls saved and rededications made as many flooded the altar. Thank you so much, may God continue to bless you all.
Sincerely, The Ignite Board

Notes from Pastor Mitch

I remember watching an old tv show called **Ripley's Believe It Or Not** that had exciting stories of human interest. Well, believe it or not, we have some exciting news of human interest this month at CRBC!

- Pastor Brandon begins (again) his ministry on Monday, October 4th.
- We are in the double digits of people preparing to join our church by participating in the New Members Class, meeting during Sunday School, on October 10, 17, & 24. If you are interested in officially joining our church family, let me know and then join us in the class.
- Our choir is kicking it up a notch to learn our Christmas music. Now is a great time to jump in and join us, Sunday afternoons at 3pm!
- I'll be leading a 6-week Bible study for adults, based on THE POWER OF KNOWING GOD book and DVD study by Dr. Tony Evans. Join us in Room 201 on Wednesday nights in October (except October 27) and the first three Wednesday nights in November.
- We have a Sunday School Teachers/Workers meeting on October 17th at 4:30pm in the Dining Room, to hear a vision from Pastor Brandon regarding our small group ministry.

We still have opportunities for ministry on our Tech Team working with cameras, computers, and/or sound boards. We are looking for a few willing men and women, 7th grade and up, and we will train you to serve in these vital areas.

WOW Women's Ministry

WOW Moms Tuesday, Oct. 19 6pm: We will be wearing pink to celebrate the many victories over breast cancer, honor memories of those lost, and prayer and awareness for those

still fighting! Bring a favorite finger food or dessert... the more pink you can tie in the better! Childcare will be provided. Please let Candace Curry know if you need it.

WOW Women's Ministry: We are collecting soap for the Randolph Baptist Association Women's Prison Red Boxes. They will need to be 4-5 oz. and each bar in an individual box. We are collecting for the month of October.

WOW Women's Craft and Missions Night Nov. 9 at 6:30pm: Mark your calendars now! We will have snack foods, crafts and fun. If crafts aren't your thing, come assemble bags for Men's prison. Details coming soon on the crafts we will be doing.

LOVE  LIFE

Churchwide Prayer Walk

Ok Church! The time is finally here for us to partner with Love Life Triad in a way that gets the entire congregation involved! **Representatives from Love Life will be here to do a short presentation in both services on Sun. Oct 24th.** We will have the opportunity to sign up to

partner with them in two ways, 1- We will be fasting and praying on our own throughout the day on Wed. Oct 27th. 2- **We will attend a prayer walk as a church on Sat. Oct. 30th.** We are adopting this Sunday as the day CRBC will be present to stand in the gap and pray for life in front of the clinic! This is not a protest, this is a prayer ministry and God is using it in mighty ways! We will leave the church at 8am and return no later than 11:30am. You can ride to Destiny Christian Center in Greensboro with us or meet us there. Please pray about being a part of this powerful movement of God in the battle for life in our city, state, and nation!



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Change is in the Air - Fall!! The color change, the weather change, the smell change...Its all about change. But to change means that something must go. It won't be many days until the leaves will be falling. What was once a tree deep in rich green, then a tree with vibrant shades of red and orange, now is soon becoming a tree that will be empty. Nothing left but the branches. For every beginning there is an end and for every ending there is a new beginning. It is amazing that those trees still stand year after year, those branches still reach out and upward. There is beauty in the strength of those branches.

This is such a picture of what Jesus does in our lives. We go through all kinds of seasons. Some are of hard times, some loneliness, some are seasons of loss or financial hardships; some are of growth, new life, happy times. All our seasons change us; The Lord allows all of our seasons, good & bad to enter our life so that we don't stay the same. Through all these seasons He is telling us to let go and let Him. Let go and let me show you what I can do. Let go and let me show you what I can teach you... There is strength in your branches with Jesus. We have to let go to grow a new perspective.

We cannot continue our walk with Jesus and never let go. We must go through these seasons so that we continue to learn to surrender our control and in the process we desire to be more like Him, to trust Him more, to fall in love with Him more. He didn't create us to still look the same season after season. Total surrender is hard. But that is because total surrender means giving up control of our hearts, our souls and our minds. When we control our heart, our heart begins to lose heart for the things of Jesus. When we control the depths of our souls, we control the wounds and the spaces that are not yet His yet. And when we control our minds, we allow fear, anxiety, shame to invade and soon we believe what we are thinking instead of resting on what our Father says is true.

We can't hold on to parts of us and say we have surrendered. God wants all of us. He wants us to let go of the things that are holding us. When we do and those things fall, new life comes from it.

Change happens, He reminds us that He is still there standing strong and still holding us up, much like the tree and branches. As we start a new church year, lets leave behind the troubles and burdens of the last year and a half ; surrender it all to Jesus and let Him make something new out of it all. Let's look to Him and the future with renewed excitement as we wait on Him to move us into the next season at CRBC!

*Adapted from Fall Devotions/ My Journey of Faith - Carla Covert
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