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September marks the beginning of a new ministry calendar year for us, and I hope that excites you! Our Nominating Committee worked hard getting our volunteer positions covered and getting some new faces in new positions. I hope if you are reading this you have given some serious consideration to your role here at Cross Road Baptist Church. If there is anything the last year has taught me, it is God's glory is revealed through God's people working together! What a privilege it is to come and join in with God's people, bringing my two fish and five loaves of bread and offering them as a spiritual act of worship. Then, to see God take what each of us can bring and doing more than we could have envisioned or imagined with it is amazing. God has truly blown my mind as he has used me in such unexpected ways during my time in ministry – but that is especially true this year. The things that we experience God doing helps to solidify our trust in Him, our hope in Him, and our confidence that He can and will do it again! So, I am absolutely excited for this next ministry year and the changes that it has already and will continue to bring. I am excited to grow in Christ with you!

The truth is, if you are reading this and feeling like there is more God wants you to do here, the opportunity is here! We want you to be involved ... yes because we need you, but more than that we want you to be involved because we know the blessing that comes with it! It can be uncomfortable and difficult to speak up and step up and ask to do something specific, I get that. However, you know yourself better than anybody. You know your passions, your talents and abilities. If you want to get involved, let's talk! I promise to do my best to listen and work with you to find a place where you can be used and feel fulfilled ... and don't worry, if you want to get involved but aren't sure how, that's ok too. Maybe God will help us find out what it is together! Let me encourage you with 1 Peter 4:8-10 and know that I am so honored to serve among you here at CRBC and cannot wait to see what this next year of ministry will bring! - *Pastor Justin*

*"Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a multitude of sins.*

*Offer hospitality to one another
without grumbling.*

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

Children's Ministry



Wed. Sept. 12, 20, 27 4:30pm Christmas Play Practice. This is for ages 4 yrs and up. Meet in the sanctuary for practice.



Wed. Sept. 13, 20, 27 6:15pm each Wednesday Night for ages 2—6th grade. Awana will continue on our regular schedule after kickoff night on Sept. 6. Supplies will be available for purchase on Sept. 6.



Deep Impact Kids Missions Day September 30th

Join us for a full day of missions projects in our hometown of Asheboro! Our church is the host site for this event. Missions day is for rising 1st grade through rising 6th grade. Cost is \$5 per person and will be from 8:30am - 3:30pm. Lunch is provided with the cost. Please contact the church office to register your child.

Youth Ministry

Wed. September 6 Youth Kickoff 6:30-8pm We will be doing registration, pictures, 9 square, food AND a special surprise the students won't want to miss!

Saturday, September 9 Love Life Youth For Life Prayer Walk: We



will meet here at 8 am and travel to Greensboro to support Love Life. This is the youth wide one for all churches in the area.

Wed. September 13, 20, 27 6:30pm: Aftershock Youth Bible Study.

Sunday Sept. 24, 20, 27 6-7:30pm: Countywide Student Prayer Rally to promote See You At the Pole. The Caraway Praise Band will lead worship, Mark Moore will be our guest speaker and student pastors from various churches will lead in prayer.

Wed. September 27: See You At The Pole. Students across the country will gather at their schools to pray before classes begin. Encourage your student to participate and join them if you are able!



Young Adult Ministry

Our College and Young Pros are doing a bible study from Lifeway's Explore The Bible on Mark during our Life Group meetings on Sundays at 8:45am. There is also a D-Life group meeting for High School, College and Young Pro men on Sunday evenings. See Pastor Justin if you are interested in joining them.

Thank you

To Cross Road Baptist Church, Thank you all for the donation of supplies for the All County Back to School/Gospel Extravaganza. We appreciate everything. The Randolph County Concerned Citizens Against Crime (Helen Gaines Settle)

Dear Cross Road Family, Jared and I want to thank you for the flowers sent by the church in Frank's passing. He loved the people, had a passion for the music and loved serving the Lord and others. We love you, Jane and Jared Hibbs

WOW Women's Ministry

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WOW MOMS Thursday Sept 21 at 6pm

We are splitting our meetings this year between Thursdays and Tuesdays so that more moms can attend. Some months our meetings will be on Thursdays and some we will meet on Tuesdays. Meetings will still include food and offer childcare. Moms of any age are welcome. Invite a friend and join us on Sept. 21!



Worship Ministry

Fall is upon us! I'm personally looking forward to hitting the "refresh button" as the cooler temperatures come. I thank Jesus for seasons of change and refreshment. This also brings us new and exciting opportunities at CRBC! Our Worship Choir is gearing up for our Christmas musical production of "Christmas is in the Heart!" If you do not normally sing in the choir, but your heart is craving a little change this season, why don't you come and hit the refresh button with us? Your heart will overflow with joy as we prepare for Christmas in a spirit of worship and as we sing timeless classics that will take you back to the simple joys of childhood! Contact me if you are interested in joining us this Christmas season. Our production will be on December 10th. God continues to show Himself faithful here at CRBC! Can I get an Amen?
"A merry heart does good like a medicine: But a broken spirit dries the bones." Proverbs 17:22

- In Christ, Danielle Kelly

AUDITIONS!

We are excited to announce auditions for this year's Adult Christmas play! They will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 10 from 4-6pm. All ages 6th grade and up are encouraged to audition. There are parts for different ages. This is a straight play, no singing involved. You will be asked to cold read a page from the script. The play will be on December 17 in the evening and possibly the night of the

16th. Please contact Cameron Surratt with any questions. See you then!



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Message from Joyce Blackwelder

Hello all,

In early April my husband and I went to the beach for a spring vacation. On April 22, I suffered a stroke with a large brain bleed. Most of the time when something like this happens, you want to know why....but I know why. The Lord has shown me clearly that he had some stuff that I needed to learn and this was the way that he would accomplish it. Boy, was he right! First of all, I had lost almost all faith in mankind but I have learned the kindness of strangers. There have been many people that I did not know that helped me during my stay in the hospitals. To begin with I spent around three weeks at Grand Strand hospital, unconscious for the first twelve days after my stroke. From there I was transferred to Specialty hospital in Greensboro, a long term acute care facility. After some time there, I moved to the rehab floor at Cone. I had a minor setback with having to have a trach put back in and spent one night in the ICU before being moved back to rehab. I then stayed there for the remainder of my stay. I contracted a mild case of Covid while there. I was released to home on August 3. Todd is my caretaker, my hero. He takes care of me around the clock and spent anywhere from 10-14 hours a day with me while in the hospital. Out of 106 days he only missed 7 days, 4 of which he had someone graciously stay with me so that he could take care of things at home and the other 3 were due to Covid. James 1:2 "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. but let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." This has been a journey in itself and at times it has been hard to be thankful, but this scripture reminds of to always be thankful. I asked myself how can I be thankful for this, and I was reminded that this is a command and if I didn't listen, it could hinder my healing. Also in Mark 9:41 "For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." So many things have been given to me in Jesus name, and nothing could be sweeter!

Thank you, thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, and meals. Please continue to pray, especially for my left arm, to get rid of this trach, to walk on my own, and for Todd to stay healthy. I love you all so much!

Sincerely,

Joyce Blackwelder (*typed out by Samantha Whitson (her stepdaughter) for Joyce in her words*)



GriefShare Support Group meets every Sunday
from 3-5pm in Gary Year's Classroom.
Please contact Carolyn Winters for more information.