

# Pursuing Spiritually Unconnected People... and Forging a Community of Mature Disciples of Jesus Christ

JULY 21, 2024

#### **WORSHIP ELEMENTS**

Opening Praise and	<b>Opening Praise and Worship</b>		Praise Team
Scripture Re	ading		
Praise and Worship		You Are My King / Amazing Love	Praise Team
Praise and Worship		Beauty of the Lord	Praise Team
Prayer Time			
Message	<b>Becoming Like Jesus</b> By This Everyone Will Know		Pastor David
Closing Worship	Tithes, Offerin	<b>Stand in Your Love</b> 1gs & Worship Gifts Received	Praise Team
Announcements & I	Announcements & Dismissal		Pastor David

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# I'm <u>NEW</u>... What do I Do?

#### Stop by the Welcome Center

...located in the lounge at the back of the sanctuary. We can answer many of your questions, help you get settled in, and make sure you find what you're looking for. Drop off your young ones in the 'PreSchool' class and Nursery Our Pre-School Class (for ages 3 thru *Kindergarten*) is located upstairs in the east (*Nursery*) wing and our Infant Nursery (for birth thru age 2) is located downstairs.

**Get Comfortable** Find the seat of your choice, sit back, take a deep breath, try your best to let the burdens of the past week(s) fall away, even if just for a little while. Invite God to step into the mess of life and speak directly, specifically, personally to you in the hour ahead. Gather up the courage to say, *'Hello'* & chat with the people sitting around you. Our crowd is generally pretty informal, so feel free, on future Sundays to dress as casually, or as snazzy, as you prefer.

#### Fill Out a CrossPoint Welcome Card

If this is one of your first times worshipping with us, take a few moments and fill out one of the **Welcome Cards** in the chair racks in the main sanctuary. You can place it in the offering bag when it's passed at the end of our service. You can indicate any additional information you may like to have or any spiritual decisions God is leading you to make. We're glad you're here!!

**Don't feel pressured about the offering** You don't need to participate in our weekly offerings unless you want to. This is our way of providing an opportunity for our faith family members to support our ongoing ministry efforts. Just put your welcome card in the offering box located in the Welcome Center or place it in one of the offering bags as they are passed during the worship service. Today's experience of worship is our gift to you.

**Adjust Cell Phones** We ask that you set all cell phones to silent mode during the service. This will prevent distractions to other worshipers as they're try-ing to hear God speak directly to them just like you are.

**Jot down some notes** You should have received a program when you arrived. If not, you can find one at the entrance. When you hear anything worth remembering, jot it down on the message outline you'll find inside.

**Have Fun** Whoever said church is boring hasn't experienced church the way Jesus designed it. Laughter, energy, excitement, jamming music, and deep, intimacy with God are the norm around here, so go ahead, have fun.



Becoming Like Jesus! By this, all men will know... Rev. David B. Ledbetter July 21, 2024

How do you know?

## How will the rest of the world know?

Everybody else is \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_!

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

#### **Literary Context:**

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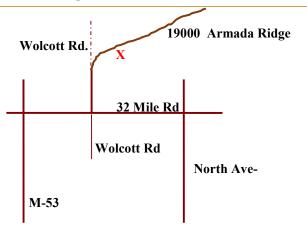
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#### **BAPTISM AT GRAMPA'S POND**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in Baptism? We regularly offer the opportunity to declare your decision of faith in Jesus, through Baptism, as part of our worship time during the church picnic. Just fill out a Welcome Card and check the box on the back, or put the slip above in the offering bag, or contact the church office to discuss this step of faith further.



#### 2024 CrossPoint Picnic

This year's Church Picnic will take place on *Sunday, Augus 4th*, at *Grampa's Pond* in Armada. Mark your calendars, brush up on your balloon-toss skills, get ready for some GIANT Beach Ball Volleyball.. Bring some lawn chairs if you'd like to sit around in the shade, life jackets if you or

your little ones plan to swim, and something tasty for lunch (*Jimmy John's, Jersey Mikes, or there's always Taco Bell...*) Save some room for yummie S'mores around the bonfire, and plan to join us. Please sign up below if you plan to attend.

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#### **CHURCH PICNIC**

Name: \_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_



# **Student Ministry**

Junior and senior high students, join us on Wednesday, July 24, for a game night at the church from 7:00 - 8:30



PM! Invite friends and come enjoy a churchwide game. Hope to see you there!

## **Deep Dive Sermon Discussion Groups**

Go deeper! Talk it over! Get Connected! It only takes 30 minutes! If all you do is HEAR it, you'll forget 95% of what you heard in 3 days. We'll be holding a 30 minute discussion of the morning sermon material most Sundays in the Chapel. We'll start a few minutes after Worship and wrap up promptly at Noon. Come, join us!



**CrossPoint Prayer Team** will be stationed at the front of the Worship Center immediately following Worship each Sunday. If you would like some loving prayer support for yourself, a family member, or some other lovedone, a prayer team member will be glad to pray with you. (<u>All are welcome to</u> *come and pray with us.*)

#### **Children's Sunday Worship**

Our *Celebration Station* worship & discipleship event for kids, **grades 1 thru 6**, starts in the Worship Center and then moves to room 107.





## CO-ED 'BOND-FIRE' THIS MONTH:

On Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM, our Ladies Fireside Chat group and our Men's Bond Fire will combine for a Co-Ed evening of building stronger connections with one another. Kids are welcome! Bring a chair to sit in and whatever

drinks you'd like to have. Sharable Snacks are optional. Come out & join us.

# Text Message Prayer Chain Sign-Up

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#### **Text Message Prayer Chain**

As everything in our world moves toward text-based communication on our phones, and since our pre-recorded, phone-call, based Prayer Chain system is no longer serviceable, we will be sending out info on emergency prayer needs for members of our CrossPoint Family exclusively through text messages from this point on. If you, and others in your family, would like to be included in these calls for prayer, let us know by filling out the form above. Thank you for lifting up our CrossPoint family members in prayer.

#### **Giving Envelopes**

It is that time of year again to place an order for the 2025 giving envelopes that many of us use to pass along our Tithes, Worship Offerings, Special gifts & Payments here at CrossPoint. Our supplier now offers several options to accommodate various giving patterns. Please indicate below if you will be needing weekly envelopes, bi-weekly envelopes, monthly envelopes or if you give electronically so you won't be needing envelopes at all. Thank you.

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#### **Giving Envelopes**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My giving schedule will best be served by receiving envelopes that are arranged for:

- [ ] Weekly Giving
- [ ] Bi-Weekly Giving
- [ ] Monthly Giving
- [ ] I give electronically, so I won't be needing envelopes in 2025.

## **Basement Flooding Fix**

We here at CrossPoint have always had facility problems with flooding in the basement ever since the building was built. We had water in the basement on four separate occasions in one week a month ago. Over the years we have tried tackling the problem by installing under-ground weeping tile around the outside of the educational wing and digging sump pump pits on either side of the building to escort excess water away rom the building. In recent years we have seen ever better results by re-plumbing and re-wiring the pump house pumps so that they function at their highest efficiency. Keeping gutters & downspouts cleaned out has also become a high priority. The next fix that is needed is re-grading the south lawn, under the offices and restrooms, which currently slopes down toward the building instead of away from it. (This area of the building is where the main water entry problem exists.) In order to do this, we'll need to install window wells outside the lower-level windows and bring in more soil to raise the grade, and place a waterproof substrate on top of the soil to prevent water from seeping down against the wall and under the floor. We're hoping this project will be able to be tackled in mid-August. If you would like to contribute to this building-improvement, project, please mark your over-and-above gift 'Basement Flooding'. Thank you.

## Sensory-Friendly Seating Available in Lounge

We are now providing special seating in the lounge for individuals who may have various sensory sensitivity concerns. The lighting is softer, the sound level is reduced, and a little more personal space is provided. Feel free to close the double doors into the lounge and enjoy the worship service in a more sensory friendly atmosphere.

#### **Fidget Bags - Sensory Tools for Service**

#### Available at the Welcome Center

At Crosspoint, we understand that maintaining focus during church services can be challenging, especially for individuals who may benefit from sensory support. To help with this, we are introducing **Fidget Bags**, which are filled with various items to provide comfort and support for individuals of all ages who may feel restless or need sensory stimulation. Each bag contains items to help promote a sense of calm and focus. These bags are available at the welcome center and can be returned there after the service. We hope that these **Fidget Bags** will enhance your worship experience and help you feel more engaged during our time together. Thank you for being a part of our church community.