



## **"WALKING A LIFE OF PASSION AND PURPOSE FOR JESUS CHRIST"**

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### **F**riends and **F**amily of **C**ross**W**alk,

Some may say that August is a dull month. It is the only month without a holiday (unless you are Canadian where they celebrate "Civic Holiday" the first Monday of August). I consulted my Noah Webster 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language for a definition of holiday and it instructed me to see "Holy Day." Webster defines it as "A day set apart for commemorating some important event in history (2) a day of joy (3) a day of amusement."

Actually, I think that every day is a holiday or holy day in that each day is a gift from God. A present to be treasured and received with a grateful heart! We read in Psalm 118:24 ***"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*** Today is all that we have with no guarantee for tomorrow but we need not fret or worry about tomorrow and the uncertainties of what may lie ahead. It is good to rest in Him and trust in His provision and protection.

I love what Paul has to say in this regard

after having talked about our brokenness and the fragility of life — ***"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day after day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."***

Life has its ups and downs but our anchor is Christ so that no matter what our circumstances are we hold fast to Him. May we not let our circumstances dictate our attitude but enjoy every moment with the One who is always with us...even unto the end of the age!

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday!

*Your fellow pilgrim, Kirk*





## Messages for the Month

AUGUST 6, 2017— **Romans 9:1 - 5** - “To Die For” -9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - **Communion**

AUGUST 13, 2017— **Ecclesiastes 3:9 – 14** - “Don’t Worry...Be Happy.” – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 20, 2017— **2 Corinthians 3:7 – 18** - “Vanquishing the Veil” - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 27, 2017— **2 Thessalonians 3:1 - 5** - “Preemptive Prayer” 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Our Staff

**Pastor:** Kirk Werner

**Child Care Director:** Linda Odle

**Music Director:** Joshua Jordan

**Director of Children’s Ministries:**  
Anna Baker

#### Class of 2017:

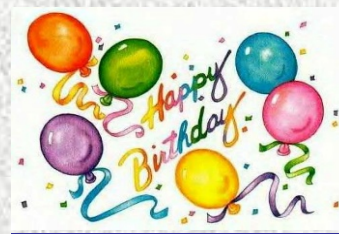
Maurice Briere, Greg Davis &  
Lindsay Rosa.

#### Class of 2018:

Donna Carter, Matt Peterson &  
Greg Waldrop

#### Class of 2019:

John Carson, Dale Lutton &  
Courtney Scollard



## AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S!

Ava Cecil – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Martin Clabo – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Taryn Olafson – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Katie Esch - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Regina Miller – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Rhett Carter – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Emma Kyser – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Jordan Werner – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Frances McKenna – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Josh Jordan – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Anna Baker – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ransom Wayman – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Alex Neislar – 28<sup>th</sup>



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

Sue & Kirk Werner — 5<sup>th</sup>  
Laura & Rusty Spargo — 7<sup>th</sup>  
Anna & Travis Baker — 10<sup>th</sup>  
Frances & Marshall McKenna — 24<sup>th</sup>  
Betty & Frank Clepper — 24<sup>th</sup>  
Jeanne & Jeremy Cecil — 26<sup>th</sup>  
Carolyn & John Carson — 27<sup>th</sup>  
Linda & Jim Odle — 27<sup>th</sup>





# NURSERY SCHEDULE



## Preschool Room with **Linda Odle**:

**Aug 06:** Travis Baker  
**Aug 13:** Anna Baker  
**Aug 20:** Jeremy Cecil  
**Aug 27:** Stan Fletcher



## Kids Crossing with **Jim Odle**

**Aug 06:** Wanda Wayman  
**Aug 13:** Laine Donnell  
**Aug 20:** Debbie Lutton  
**Aug 27:** Viv Hammond

If you **cannot** work *your scheduled time*, please swap with someone and if you *cannot find a substitute*, call Linda Odle at 690-9358 or 207-2623. When you know, you can't work in the nursery, please e-mail the date(s) to [jlodle@comcast.net](mailto:jlodle@comcast.net) or put them in writing and give them to Linda Odle in the nursery. Thanks!



## **Babies/Toddlers/Preschool & Kids Crossing Children**

Our children are the next generation of our church. When you help in the children's departments you won't miss anything, because you can pick-up a complete **FREE CD** of the service after church. Our children are the next generation of our church. You will have no preparation or teaching. Just come help. You can choose helping with the babies/toddler/preschool room or with Kids Crossing.

To help please contact Ms. Linda in the nursery or call 690-9358 for more information.

*Your Prayers are needed for The Good News Club at New Hopewell Elementary*



It's almost time for the Good News Club to start again in September. Please pray that God will send the children to the club who He desires to be there. Also, pray for the GNC Helpers. If you would like to help on Wednesdays, 2 PM until 4:30 PM, we would love to have you as a helper. Please contact Linda Odle at 690-9358. *We can use your help!*

*Thank You*





## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:



### *CrossWalk Café*

In the heat of summer, we need a little refreshment break! How about a little S&S (Salad and spuds)? Our next Cafe' is **August 6<sup>th</sup>**. *The church will provide the spuds* that you will be able to dress-up as you please. We invite you to bring salads to accompany the tubers and you may wish to bring special toppings to make those spuds even more tantalizing. Come and enjoy the fun!



## THANK YOU...KUDOS...APPLAUSE!!!

The session would like to say **THANK YOU** to all families for your service on the **Refreshment Ministry Team**. When you join the church, you are assigned to this team, as we feel it is a ministry that all can participate in. You are paired with another family and given one month (every 1 1/2 – 2 years) to provide Sunday morning refreshments. Most teams take two weeks each; others share in the entire month. *It is up to you.* **Please remember that you are NOT responsible for providing breakfast for everyone.** This is just a light refreshment to have with coffee or juice. (Coffee is provided by the church.) *What the teams provide is their gift to the church in service to our Lord.* Be sure and show your gratitude... We are certainly grateful to each of you!!!

***\*The teams are posted on the bulletin board for the year and printed 3 months ahead in the newsletter, so that you can plan ahead.***



## Sunday Morning Refreshment Schedule

### August 2017

Sue & Kirk Werner 567-0767  
Debbie & Don Banta 699-7560

### September 2017

Susan & Stan Fletcher 577-6099  
Chelsea & Matt Peterson 356-2113

### October

Diana & Bill Hawk 577-5392  
Laura & Rusty Spargo 850-2827



**CrossWalk family**, if you see a need to replenish coffee supplies such as coffee, hot/cold cups, paper towels, kitchen dish soap or the men's/women's room supplies, ***please let us know***



by; (1) noting what is needed on the bulletin board in the kitchen for refreshment supplies and (2) noting on the rest room listing in the rest rooms for rest room supplies, so that supplies can be replenished **before they are completely out**. If you have questions, please contact *Judy Campbell* or *Sue Werner*. Thank you!



### Check out our website!

Have you checked out our website lately? *It's a great way to introduce people to our church.* Navigate through the site and see pictures of various activities. There are photos of **JAM** (Jesus and Me children's ministry), church events, a calendar of events, and the weekly messages are catalogued in the media section. This is a helpful tool in keeping informed and a good resource to refer to your friends. The web address is [www.crosswalkepc.org](http://www.crosswalkepc.org).



### Church Cleaning Committee

#### To be announced



*If you use the church during the week, please, be sure to take your trash with you when you leave – especially food waste.*



### **2 Corinthians 3:7-18**

Earl L. Henn & John W. Ritenbaugh

When Paul speaks of "**the ministry of death**," he refers to *the administration of the Old Covenant rather than the Ten Commandments*. The Levitical priesthood, a carnal priesthood based on



physical descent from Levi, administered the Old Covenant. *This covenant provided no promise of eternal life and no means for sinners to receive forgiveness* because **"it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins"** (**Hebrews 10:4**). Therefore, the people lived and died under the condemnation of the law, and **"the wages of sin is death"** (**Romans 6:23**).

Another reason why Paul refers to the Old Covenant as **"the ministry of death"** is that God required the Levitical priesthood to execute those who transgressed certain laws. God's law mandates the death penalty for certain sins like murder and dishonoring parents (**Exodus 21:12-17**), Sabbath-breaking (**Exodus 31:14-15**) and certain sexual sins (**Leviticus 20:10-13**). The priests were responsible to enforce the death penalty by actually putting such transgressors to death in the proscribed manner. In this sense, the Old Covenant ministry was indeed a **"ministry of death."**

However, why did Paul say that the **"ministry of death,"** the administration of the Old Covenant, was **"written and engraved on stones"**? Was it not the Ten Commandments that God wrote on two stone tablets? Even though the Ten Commandments were not the covenant itself (a covenant is simply an agreement between two parties), they were the terms of the covenant. Because the Ten Commandments constituted the part of the agreement between God and Israel that the Israelites agreed to keep, the Old Covenant became synonymous with the Ten Commandments. In **Deuteronomy 4:13** Moses writes, **"So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tables of stone."** To put it another way, **"keeping the Old Covenant"** was the same as **"keeping the Ten Commandments."**

A paraphrase of the first eleven words of **II Corinthians 3:7** helps to clarify what Paul means: **"But if the administration of the Old Covenant, [the terms of which were] written and engraved on stones. . . ."** The Ten Commandments undergirded all the laws that God gave to Israel—laws that the Israelites could not keep. The responsibility to teach these laws to Israel and enforce penalties for disobedience, including the

death penalty, fell to the priests.

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of **Melchizedek**, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? (**Hebrews 7:11**)

When Moses went up Mount Sinai the second time to receive the Ten Commandments, he wrote God's statutes and judgments in a book, and God wrote the Ten Commandments on two tables of stone. This, in essence, finalized the "contract" that God made with Israel.

Then the LORD said to Moses, **"Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."** So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. (**Exodus 34:27-28**) Verses 29-35 then describe how Moses' face shone when he delivered the Ten Commandments and the book of the law to Israel.

So what is passing away? **Hebrews 8:13** provides the answer: **"In that He says, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away."** The Old Covenant and the Old Covenant ministry, the Levitical priesthood, are passing away, not the Ten Commandments!

Also, the subject here is not the doing away with laws but the change in administration of existing laws. Remember that Jesus said not one jot or tittle will pass from the law (**Matthew 5:18**). In **Hebrews 8:10**, where the context is the Covenant, the New Covenant is shown to have laws, which will be written in our hearts.

Paul is making a comparison, showing the superiority of the ministry's responsibility under the New Covenant to the priesthood's responsibility under the Old. *He compares ink with spirit, stone with flesh, letter with spirit (or intent), and death with life.*

The **"ministration of death"** was Israel's civil administration for punishing violations of civil law.



The laws were not done away, but the Old Covenant administration and enforcement of the law was set aside because the church does not have civil authority. It is that simple.

The church does not have civil authority over the state. However, the ministry has the opportunity to play a large part in the ministering of life to those God calls—through teaching and administering God's Word. Thus, the letter killed because the Old Covenant could not provide for life. Words—even of divine origin—cannot produce life. A vitalizing Spirit must be present to charge the words with transforming power.

Under the Old Covenant, God did not promise His Holy Spirit, forgiveness of sin, access into His presence, or eternal life. *Jesus raised the civil law from its merely carnal application to the nation of Israel to its spiritual application to the church, which would be drawn from all of mankind, including, of course, the Gentiles.*

*The veil Paul speaks of is the carnality of a deceived mind formed and shaped in the world's Satan-manipulated cultures. It is so antagonistic to the true God and His Word (**Romans 8:7**) that it fights the very approach of God to heal them through a great, freely given gift, just as the first-century Jews opposed and rejected Christ.*

*However, be aware that the miraculous removal of this veil of blindness by God, through the wonderful gifts of His Spirit and of a great hope, also places an obligation on us. With the blindness gone, we are granted the ability to choose between God's way and the world's way for the first time in our lives. Choosing to submit to God provides our witness of God, as well as being the means of building the character God greatly desires to create within us.*

However, the effects of the self-centered way of life we have absorbed through the course of this world remain in our attitudes and characters, becoming what must be overcome. It will dog us all our converted lives as a means of testing our determination to be in God's Kingdom, as well as our love and loyalty to our God and Savior.



## PREEMPTIVE PRAYER



• By Berni Dymet

You know what they say, if all else fails ... pray. And frankly, that's how many people treat prayer. Sure, God will show up in a crisis but the most powerful form of prayer is pre-emptive prayer. The sort of prayer we pray ahead of time.

My kids are all grown up now, but I remember when they were young. Christmas morning they'd get a bike or some present that needed to be assembled or put together. And I have to tell you, my mechanical skills are not all that good, in fact they're shocking. I can make a piano sing, I can do a whole lot of other things, but putting things together it's just not my gig.

So, I would dread Christmas mornings where there was something to put together. I'd always muck it up; I'd get cranky with it, whatever it was and eventually with steam coming out of my ears my lovely wife would say, "Well darling, why don't you read the instructions?" Read the instructions, what? ... Urggh, I guess.

If all else fails, read the instructions. I'm sure there's many a dad who's been there, done that and got the t-shirt. Reading the instruction was a matter of last resort, it's something you only did when everything else including your personal mechanical brilliance had failed. And that, as I said is how many people treat prayer.

Don't know where you're at, whether you believe in Jesus or whether prayer is something that, well honestly, really, only happens for you in the worst



of circumstances, as an absolute last resort. But prayer is often just that.

I remember a chaplain in the army when I was an army officer telling me that there were no atheists in fox holes. And that's true; when the bullets are flying the bombs are going off around us well that's enough to drive anyone to prayer.

But pre-emptive action is always better than remedial action. Let me say that again, pre-emptive action is always better than remedial action. It's better not to drink or drive than to be in rehabilitation after a car accident, right? It's better to get your diet and exercise sorted out rather than to be on life support in hospital following a heart attack, no matter how good the hospital happens to be.

Well, actually the same is true about prayer. It's exactly what Jesus taught and truly, if you want a better life, if you want a life with more peace and power, joy and love, then pre-emptive prayer is exactly what you've been looking for.

I know, I know. Prayer isn't as popular as talking about better relationships for instance. But then with pre-emptive prayer truly you are going to have better relationships. There's a young boy who had a demon, his father brought him to the disciples at a time when Jesus was busy somewhere else. The disciples ... they tried to cast the demon out, but to no avail. Jesus comes along and casts the demon out, in an instant. Let's pick it up, Mark chapter 9 verses 28-29: ***When he had entered the house his disciples asked him privately, why could we not cast it out? And he said to them this kind can come out only through prayer and fasting.***

Now just think about that for a moment. They're out there, dad brings his son along who's convulsing and carrying on and manifesting demons. When do you have time for prayer and fasting in all of that? The answer is you don't. It's something you had to do beforehand, pre-emptively. Because of your earnest prayer beforehand you would already be in that place where you have the power to do what's needed.

There's no other way of interpreting what Jesus said here to the disciples. This is how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. **Matthew chapter 6 verses 6-13: *And whenever you pray, don't be like the***

***hypocrites, see they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by others. But truly I tell you, they have received their reward! Whenever you pray, go into your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you pray do not heap up empty phrases the Gentiles do, for they think they'll be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father in heaven knows what you need even before you ask Him. Pray then this way.***

***'Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. And give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

See how it's a prayer of humility? A prayer about God's name being lifted up, His kingdom coming, His will being done and just one request for ourselves, enough food to eat for today. And then an exhortation to forgive and a request for protection from the enemy. *It's a prayer that's more about God than it is about us.* It's a form of prayer that has the power to change our hearts and transform our lives to get the focus off us and back onto God.

Just stand back from it for a minute and compare that to how you normally pray. It's a sobering comparison, isn't it? Because more often than not our prayer is a shopping list of stuff for us ... what we want. Sure, we might pray for other people or a country following a natural disaster but mostly we pray for ourselves, just reinforcing our selfishness.

Imagine how different your perspective on life would be if most of your prayer was about God and His will. A person who prays like that is the sort of person that can step in at a moment's notice and cast that demon out of that boy because they're filled with the power of God, because their life is surrendered to God, because their heart is aching to see His will done on this earth. And their eyes are open, looking around to see what God's up to and how they can be involved for Him and not for them.

Do you see? Do you see how incredibly different your life could be? I know just how difficult it is to



find time to pray like that, believe you me, I know. I have just as many distractions in my life as you have in yours, and probably then some.

Notice what Jesus said about prayer? Get away on your own, get into your room, shut the door, be with your Father in secret, shut off all your electronic gadgets, disconnect from social media and from email, and get alone with God. And then, call His will down upon this earth and down upon your life and just see what God will do. And when you walk into a tough ministry situation as those disciples did, you'll already have the power, you'll already have the wisdom, you'll already have the spiritual discernment, you'll already have everything you need to serve God in that place because you called it down, and He poured it out through your prayer ahead of time.

You want answers, you want power, you want God to solve some of the problems in your life? You want healing? Do you want someone who needs Jesus to find Jesus? The single most powerful thing that you can ever do is to pray as Jesus taught. Yes, miraculous healings are nice, sure they are. But there's way, way more healing in daily, open, heartfelt prayer than you'll ever find out there. And there are more miracles wrought in that prayer room than you'll ever see performed out there.



# God Hears Prayer





# CrossWalk Community Church

## Fall Festival and Craft Fair

Saturday, October 7, 2017

9:00 am—2:00 pm



Craft Vendors Wanted

\$25 for single booth (8 foot table)

Additional tables \$10 each

Contact to reserve a booth:

Matt Peterson: 865-356-2113 or [jackmpeterson@gmail.com](mailto:jackmpeterson@gmail.com)

Courtney Scollard: 865-789-1999 or [graciousdoll@gmail.com](mailto:graciousdoll@gmail.com)



Crafts

Face Painting

Food

Bake Sale

Games and

Inflatables for the kids