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WE ARE SO THANKFUL, LORD! by Pastor Ray

The 2023 Cruise, Blues and Barbeque was a huge success this year thanks for all of you who participated in many ways. Three days following the event I went to the Davis Center in Oak Grove, for a car show the *Fast Friends* car guys put on a couple of times a year for the seniors. Many of those guys were at our show and they said it was the best we've had. Perhaps it was better because we had great help from eating donuts in the morning to the hours of darkness putting everything back in place.

It's getting hard on us older folks to have the same drive we had a dozen years ago. Nate, Bethany, Levi and Rusty pushed right on through the day. When the tent arrived, the team jumped in and had it up pretty fast. Jeff and Lee Smith worked the night before putting the tarp over the stage securing it with zip ties. Jeff came the next morning then Lee came in the afternoon and stayed till all was finished that night.

Nick and Kyle went to other car shows handing out invitation cards. Kyle was excited when some of the guys came whom he had invited. He also worked to set up the food table area. I heard he put the tent frame together on the ground; it's no easy task.

The parking/greeting team made the guests feel welcome when they pulled into the show and safely directed to their spot. Brandon was seen waving the flag to direct cars to other areas

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Special points of interest:

- CRUISE, BLUES, & BARBE-CUE
- 25TH ANNIVERSARY
- FIERY FAITH & WORSHIP
- VETERANS DAY

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Cross Creeker's we need you to bring your favorite Thanksgiving dishes, casserole, salad, veggie dish, or dessert. Meats and drinks will be provided by the church. **November 19th, 2023.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 8:00 AM at Perkins in Independence. Please invite your neighbor or a friend to join us. It's a good time to fellowship with other men in our community.



**Veterans Day
November 11th**

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of the property and worked most of the day.

Special thanks to Oak Grove O'Reilly's Auto Parts who donated screwdrivers, pens, and tablets to our car guests. Nationwide Trailer, Oak Grove, loaned us orange cones for the parking lot and donated eight nice hats and eight quality shirts. Thanks Darrell and Adam who work at those businesses and instrumental in getting the handouts. So many people got involved. Dave ordered the tent, Pete loaned his generator for the bounce house, Darrell got the toilets delivered. Annie and Lynn worked the children's fun place. Vickie and Debbie headed up the food and kitchen. Wow. So many people to make the event happen. Thank you everyone!

Rita Frizzell, was ill on the day of the event and was unable to bring one of her cars. We hope you are well by now. Her daughter and son-in-law were there looking good in a 50's Black Mercury.

The **Oak Grove Football team** came to Cross Creek for their annual Pulled Pork Dinner, hosted by Cross Creek and Faith Community Church. We are told they love coming here for the good eating. The attendance was maximum. Every table was full of hungry players. I don't know for sure how many pork butts were served but it was approximately 8. We served about 200 sandwiches and untold bags of chips. Faith Community Church, brought two Cosco Cakes of which most was consumed. One thing for sure; those fellows can eat! Our serving team this year was Lyla, Lillie and Adam. We had a great time and so did the Oak Grove Football team. Pastor Pete Winstead, and two of his workers jumped in and did whatever was needed. We are grateful to work with them.

Cross Creek 25th Anniversary-Sunday, November 19 the church will celebrate its 25th anniversary. Pastor Randy Messer, who had the vision to start a new work in Grain Valley, that later became Cross Creek Baptist Mission, will bring the message. Ron Mills, Steve Reed and Glynn Robison will also be sharing. I'm looking forward to that service. We'll celebrate Thanksgiving that morning with dinner served in the sanctuary. The church will provide meats and drinks with our church family bringing side dishes. We may need help locating former Cross Creek members, inviting them to our celebration. I hope we'll have a great day, a great turnout and wonderful celebration.

Finally, I have to report that the *church is suffering financially* due to so many faithful contributors passing on to their new home in Glory. I never thought I'd see the day that our offerings would plummet to one fourth of the budget in a matter of months. Please keep the churches needs before the Lord, who knows our needs. He likes to hear us acknowledge that He is God, and ask Him, the provider of all our needs for help when in distress. Your tithes and offerings are needed to support the work at Cross Creek. Thank you and may God bless you. See you Sunday!

LET YOUR FAITH DOMINATE by *Chrissy Kirkman*

Doubt is the enemy of imagination.

When you were a kid, you had a great imagination. But the older you get, the more your imagination grows rusty. You stop imagining the way things *could* be, and just start living the way they are. You get stuck in the status quo.

Doubt and fear neutralize what God wants to do in your life. It takes courage to imagine! Do you know why most people don't imagine? Because they're afraid of failure.

Courage is doing the thing you fear the most. If you're not afraid, you don't need courage. Courage is when you're scared to death and you say, "I'm going to do it anyway."

You may wonder, "Should I wait until all my doubts are gone?" But you need to move against your fears. You need to ignore all the insecurity you're feeling and just go for it.

James 1:5-7 (NIV) says, *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord"*.

Your imagination will either be governed by fear or by faith. That's your choice. If you let fear govern your imagination, you'll end up being freaked out, stressed out, and worried all the time. When you allow fear to control your imagination, you live a miserable life. Instead, decide that you're not going to allow fear to dominate, Cross Creeker. Let your faith dominate! Trust in God. Then you can move forward in faith and allow your imagination to be filled with all kinds of possibilities—because ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD!

BUSINESS MEETING NOV. 15TH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT!

Wednesday night dinners begin at 6:00 PM.

The cost is \$6.00 a person for ages 7 years through adult. 6 years and under are \$3.00. The menu for the month is listed on the right.

Please sign-up on the list on the information table each week. If you are running late that night, please call the church so we can set aside the proper number of meals for you.

- **Nov 1st, Chicken & Pork Burrito**, Spanish rice, refried beans, cheese dip, corn chips, salad & dessert.
- **Nov 8th, Pork Enchilada soup & Cheezy Potato soup**, corn bread, chips, salad & dessert
- **Nov 15th, Roast Beef**, Mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, green beans, cottage cheese, salad & dessert.
- **Nov 22nd, No Supper at church.**
- **Nov. 29th, Breakfast Casserole**, bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy & fruit.



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God is my SALVATION and my glory; the rock of my STRENGTH, and my REFUGE. PSALM 62:7

Fiery Faith & Worship

The emboldened, fiery faith you long for is being fashioned by God in your life right now. Elijah put it in all on the line in the face of an idolatrous nation and king, and called down fire from heaven to reveal that God IS the one true God. Although his faith is part of one of the most dramatic stories in the Bible, he also spent many years doing his tedious, mundane, lonesome work, while facing hardships we'll never know. Relatable.

Cross Creek ladies & friends, bring your lawn chair and blanket and gather 'round the campfire as Chrissy leads us in a sweet time of worship, a devotion on fiery faith, and soaking prayer with the Holy Spirit. We'll en-

joy warm soup and drinks, so bring your appetite! Friday, **November 3** at 6:00 PM.

