

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAY

When Cross Creek moved from the truck garage **January 2004** to this location, we got an education about propane and how fast the tank empties in cold weather. Lesson two was learning how to keep water pipes from freezing when we didn't have sufficient funds for propane. Mopping and repairing pipes was lesson number three. Lesson four, no city water so we hauled water for years. The cistern went dry often, always on Sunday morning. Finally, we learned how to mop all around the baptistry floor because it leaked so bad. It took a long time to understand that it required most of a week to get warm water into which I could baptize people. I spent many January and February months in cold water. Thanks to God and all you dear folks who donated to the baptistry replacement, I can arrive at church Sunday, walk backstage and see a dry floor when someone wants to get dunked. I'm a blessed man. Thank you all for making this happen. I'm so grateful!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Our new baptistry is in!** Work is underway on updating the plumbing and installing drywall. We'll keep you posted as progress continues. Stay tuned!
- **Join us in Vickie's Morning Brew**
Sunday school class at 9:00 AM as she leads a new study through "Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers" by Dane Ortlund. This beautiful book draws us into the tender heart of Jesus, reminding us that He is not disappointed in us but deeply for us. We'd love to have you!

Sunday, August 30 is Testimony Sunday!

Come with the joy of the Lord on your heart, ready to celebrate what He has done. Look around for someone who might need a hug, a word of encouragement, or a prayer. We can't wait to worship together that day!



For those who wish to make contributions electronically, scan this QR code or go to crosscreekbaptist.com and follow the steps.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 14th: Fiery Faith & Worship**
- **August 15th: Men's Breakfast**
Saturday, 8 AM – at Cross Creek's porch.
Please invite your neighbor or a friend to join.
- **August 18th: Ladies Day Out:** -Feed House in Lexington, MO.
- **August 30th: Testimony Sunday**
October 3 is our 14th annual Cruise, Blues, & Barbecue event.
Our invite cards are a great tool to personally invite someone to church. Grab some!

AUGUST MENU

\$6.00 per person (ages 7 - adult)
\$3.00 per person (ages 6 & under)

Aug. 5, Sloppy Joes, mac & cheese, corn, cottage cheese, salad, & dessert
Aug. 12, Grilled Pork Chops, mashed potatoes, cottage cheese, corn, salad, & dessert
Aug. 19, Smoked Pork Roast, baked potatoes, veggies, rolls, salad, & dessert
Aug. 26, Grilled Hamburgers & Hot dogs, chips, baked beans, potato salad, & dessert

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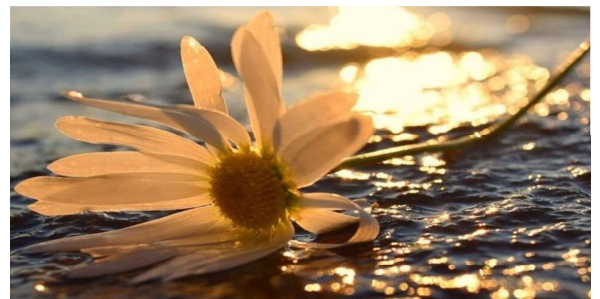
BY JONATHAN POKLUDA

Identify Spiritual Warfare and Learn How to Defeat
the Enemy

There is an Enemy among us. You may know who he is, but you may not know what he is about. Do you know how he wages war? Do you know how he targets you specifically? He's the villain who wants to change your story in the hopes you live isolated, powerless, discouraged, and defeated.

Are you ready to change your narrative and live a different story today? If you're weary from the struggle and ready to experience life as God intended, this five-session series with Jonathan Pokluda will help you explore the tactics of Satan, equip you to overcome spiritual battles, and remind you of the victory already secured through Jesus.

Starting July 29th on Wednesday nights.



Cross Creek ladies and friends, join Chrissy on **Friday, August 14th at 6:00 PM** for an evening to revive and refresh your faith!

Come dressed comfy for worship, breath prayer, devotion, and soaking prayer with the Holy Spirit, then stay for build-your-own Mexican taco bowls, chips, cheese dip, guacamole, drinks, and dessert. Sign up and come as you are!