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NEWS BRIEF

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAY

The car show was a success again this year! You may have noticed some changes: the stage now has a new shade cover for the band, and the audience is shaded by two Shade Sails. The big tent was no longer available at a price we could afford, so after several meetings and plenty of research, the car show team decided the Shade Sails were the best long-term solution. Installing them took an unbelievable number of man-hours. The support poles are 6x6 inches and 16 feet long, with nearly four feet buried in the ground and anchored by 2,000 pounds of concrete! (continued on next page...)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Our next church improvement project is to replace the damaged inverter by donations. The importance of replacing the inverter is to improve energy efficiency costs. The cost will be approximately $3,000.00 we have received **$985** so far.
- There are five Sundays in November, so get ready for **Testimony Sunday on November 30** at Cross Creek! If you'd like to share what God's been doing in your life, even if you've previously shared, talk to Pastor Ray. God is always working, and your story could encourage someone else!

The series I've preached on getting to know Jesus better has been an eye-opener on several subjects. One thing I've discovered: from the day Jesus was born, Satan planned to have Him eliminated, the sooner the better. Satan is a crafty killer and a master manipulator, patient, willing to wait for the right opportunity to get someone to pull the trigger! If he or one of his demons can disappoint us or make us mad enough, he can turn a good person into a killer. And when he's through with you, he'll tell you how worthless you are, so you should go take your life, just like Judas Iscariot. Don't take the bait!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Nov. 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- **Nov 3:** Election Day
- **Nov 17: Ladies Day Out:** - Iron Horse in Lee Summit
- **Nov 11: Business Meeting**
- **Nov 15: Cross Creek's Thanksgiving Meal**
- **Nov 21: Men's Breakfast Saturday, 8 AM – at Sandy's in Blue Springs**. Please invite your neighbor or a friend to join.

NOVEMBER MENU

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

Nov. 4: **Beef Stroganoff**, mashed potatoes, veggies, cottage cheese, salad & dessert.
Nov. 11: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, street corn, rolls, cottage cheese, salad & dessert.
Nov. 18: Broccoli Cheese Soup & Chicken Enchilada Soup, corn bread, cheese and crackers, salad & dessert

Nov. 25: NO CHURCH SUPPER

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Stretching the Sails tight enough for installation took plenty of muscle, too. Gregg Shane, Nick, Lana, Kyle Hubbard, and Jacoby Green sacrificed several Saturdays to complete this project. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and willingness to serve! Your efforts made a wonderful improvement to our car show and everyone who attends.

On another encouraging note, **the church has paid its building mortgage down to less than $60,000, while the property's value has increased**. The Lord has been good to us, even in seasons when we had to juggle finances and pray the offering would cover the monthly payment. In 240 months of owning the church, we've never once been late. That's a testimony to God's faithfulness, our Good, Good Father who supplies our needs according to His riches.

To God be the glory for His continued blessings and faithfulness to our church!



Join us **Sunday, November 15th at 11:30 AM** for our annual Cross Creek Thanksgiving Dinner! Meat, mashed potatoes, gravy, and drinks will be provided.

Please bring your favorite entrée, casserole, salad, veggie dish, or dessert. If you know someone without family in the area, please invite them to join us as we thank God for His many blessings.