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SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH INVITATION

This year is Cross Creek's 10th Annual Car show. When I think of the many people hours invested in these events, I'm overwhelmed at the sacrifices required. There is little complaining in comparison to the work required to make a car show a success.

Returning this year is Liberty Highway Bluegrass Band. These guys enjoy the Blues, Cruise & Barbeque so much they schedule their vacation around our event so they can perform. The car guys who meet at select locations every Tuesday for lunch known as "Fast Friends" plan to make an appearance at the show. As always, we'll have the big tent set at the end of the stage to protect anyone from the elements. If the weather doesn't cooperate with us, we'll move inside as we have a few times in the past. Pray for sunshine and clear skies on October the first!

We can use all the volunteers who want to join us for the day. We'll meet at the church at 8 AM to get organized and assigned to the work. I believe the show before Covid, got most everyone leaving the church before 11 AM. We came back at 2 PM and we were ready to receive our guests.

There is outside work to be done and getting the children's area ready. There is a bounce house to get up and crime tape to be stretched out. So come and join the work and the fun if you are able. When the letter was mailed asking for volunteers, Virginia Robbins, our 96-year-old member was the first to say "count me in!" Thanks Virginia!

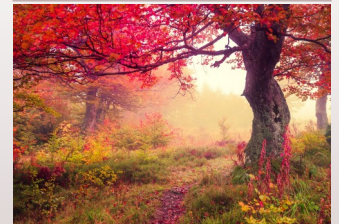
We never want to lose sight that the reason we work so hard to host this barbecue is to bring people to a place where they experience peace, have a fun afternoon and to know that we care about them. It's taken a long time to establish a relationship with the car guys. They have watched us serve them without asking anything in return and they have watched me minister in various ways at the lunches I attend with them. I hope we see rewards for the Kingdom of God through our work.

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Special points of interest:

- **OCT 1ST CRUISE, BLUES, & BARBECUE**
- FISH MARKET IN LIBERTY TRIP

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 15th, 2022 at 8:00 AM at Black Bear Café in Independence, MO. Please invite your neighbor or a friend to join us.

Are you troubled when you sign into your home page and see what promoters want you to see and what they feel is important to you? I see this most mornings when I sign into my Yahoo account. Each day the page is filled with political lies, who's going to jail, last year's perfect marriage ending and movie stars and recording artist exposing their bodies.

It's so sad when Christians hold up athletes, movies stars and politicians as idols and role models. Can we call on those people when were in trouble? No! They will not talk to you and they don't want any contact with you. But in the day of trouble, we can call on the Lord and He has promised to answer; why? Because unlike the above, He loves you and can't wait for you to call on His name. **Sign into your God account today and be blessed.**

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH INVITATION...continued from page #1

Fence update. It looks like the fence on the east end of the building is going to happen finally. I called the company to make sure they had us on the schedule and they assured me they did and it shouldn't be too long; however they are still having more work than the installers can keep up with. So we pray, Lord, help our patience. As of today (September 12, 2022) the church has received about \$2500 toward the \$6200.00 goal to pay for the project. Thanks to you who have donated and to those who will shortly.

Faith. In the last month, I've had the conversation about faith with some of my friends. When we pray to God in faith it means we have come before the throne of God believing that what we ask of Him is going to happen for what is best for us and His Kingdom. When I pray in faith I believe my requests have been fulfilled. I base that on Hebrews 11:1 where it says "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." My evidence, while I may not see it at the time has already become the substance of the thing hoped for. Also, the Lord Jesus, when asked how a person should pray gave them this prayer. "Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom come your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever." This prayer is a prayer of belief. We can believe that our perfect Father knows our needs and provides. Jesus told His disciples that they could ask His father, ANYTHING in His name and they'd get it. That's the God and Son we have faith in. Will you join me in believing that God will provide everything we need to grow Cross Creek and bring people to Christ? Faith is amazing. The older I get the greater the blessings Christ pours out on me...and not only that, but greater is the calling to join Him in the works He is doing. It is by faith we go forward until we die. God is amazing and He is more than good to us as His faithful believers. Pray that the substance you hope for will be seen as evidence even though you don't see it right now. It's there. You'll see it one day. Join me at the Cruise, Blues & Barbeque! See you there.

Hope Happens Here!

Invite someone to church!

WHY HAVING A CHURCH FAMILY MATTERS by Rick Warren

The Bible says a Christian without a church home is like an organ without a body, a sheep without a flock, or a child without a family. It is an unnatural state. Ephesians 2:19 says, "You belong in God's household with every other Christian" (TLB).

Today's culture of independent individualism has created many spiritual orphans—"bunny believers" who hop around from one church to another without any identity, accountability, or commitment. Many believe it is possible to be a "good Christian" without joining (or even attending) a local church. But God strongly disagrees.

The church is so significant that Jesus died on the cross for it: "Christ loved the church and gave his life for it" (Ephesians 5:25 GW).

Except for a few important exceptions referring to all believers throughout history, almost every time the word "church" is used in the Bible, it refers to a local, visible congregation. The New Testament assumes every Christian will be a member of a local church.

If you follow Christ, it's important to be committed to a specific group of disciples. A church family identifies you as a genuine believer. Jesus said, "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples" (John 13:35 NLT).

Your commitment to a church identifies you as a believer—but it also strengthens you as a believer. When you meet with your church, you gain motivation and encouragement from other believers, and you provide motivation and encouragement to them.

Maybe you've had a great week and feel like you don't need to go to church. But if you aren't at church, who will miss out on the encouragement you could provide? For someone on the edge of hopelessness, your warm smile or encouraging word might make all the difference. That's what it means to be the church.

Here's the truth: Christians need each other to grow. Many people think spiritual growth is a private matter, but God calls believers to live out their faith in community. You can't develop a deep faith in isolation.

And when people come together in love as a church family from different backgrounds, races, and social statuses, it's a witness to the world. As Galatians 3:28 says, "You are all the same in Christ Jesus" (GW).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS FAMILY NIGHT!

Wednesday night dinners begin at 6:00 PM.

The cost is \$5.00 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.

Oct. 5, Chicken casserole, broccoli, garlic bread, salad & dessert

Oct. 12, Grilled Hamburgers & Hot dogs, Chips, Baked beans, potato Salad & dessert

Oct. 19, Chili & Hot Dogs, crackers, corn bread, veggies, cheese & dessert

Oct. 26, Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cottage cheese, salad & dessert

Business Meeting

October 12TH@

6:45 PM

Wednesday evening

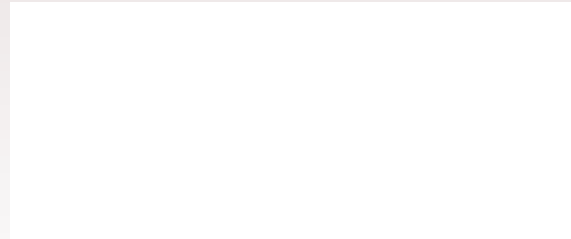
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GOD LIVES IN HIM AND HE IN GOD. 1 John 4:15

LADIES DAY TRIP

October 20, 2022 is our LADIES DAY OUT event. We will leave the church at **2:00 PM** to go to the Fish Market in Liberty. It's not a fancy place but has fried alligator, fried fish, jambalaya, crab cakes, boiled shrimp, smoked catfish, frog legs and much, much more. We are leaving later than usual but that's ok cause we're not normal. On the way home we might stop for a treat. Hopefully, you will join us!

Join us for a day out with "the girls". We learn a lot about each other on our trips. Please sign up on the sheet on the front table. Hope to see you there.

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WHY DO WE WORSHIP GOD?

When you worship God, something happens. Things begin to change, chains break, walls are torn down, hearts are mended and spirits are renewed. When you don't worship God good things don't happen. Things don't change, you live in the heap of a garbage dump, walls keep you confined and you feel imprisoned by the chains of addiction, relationships are broken and strained and you live in misery. In which world are you living currently? Worship God today because things are about to change.