

# River of Love

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*Moving Mountains!*

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## THE EVIDENCE SHOWS HE'S ALIVE

One of the highlights of the past many Easters, was the Play, "Dead or Alive, which is It?" It brought some difficulties however. Vickie worked for months perfecting her play and when the time came for the participants to start rehearsing, I couldn't shake the coughing and foggy mind. Eventually the day arrived when we couldn't postpone getting started. She was able to put up with all the coughing and dumb mistakes and forgotten lines. At one point I wasn't confident that I couldn't pull it off. I asked what the plan was if that happened. Her disappointing expression was enough to drive me forward so that "The Show" must go on. The Sunday before the play I felt like death warmed over. I was a lot worse than the week before. Monday, I called the doctor and told them I needed to see the doctor before the day ended. They were concerned when they heard the cough. A strong shot, and some pills got it under control just in time for the show. The entire cast was amazing in learning their parts in such a short time. There were only two weeks for rehearsal when it should have been two months. Vickie invited many friends and some of them attended. She was thrilled when our Chiropractors entire family came on Saturday night. The play created lively conversation on their way to dinner that night she was told. God used the "evidence" to feed searching hearts. There were those working behind the scenes who don't find it necessary to be recognized as the team who made the play a success. They were running back and forth behind the stage delivering messages. Finally, the music was warming to the heart. I wonder what next year's play will be like. Get ready.

**RAY GURNEY, PASTOR**

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# YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE

One of the gifts God has given us at Cross Creek is the gift of walking through life together. The laughter, the tears, the joy, the hard seasons, and the friendship woven through all of it. That kind of community doesn't happen by accident. It's built over time, through every moment, and it's a treasure.

Our relationship with God works the same way. We can come to Him in the good times and the hard ones, in the celebrating and the struggling, and everything in between. Through all of it, we get to know Him more. The closer we draw to Him, the closer He comes to us. He doesn't go running at the first sign of trouble. He's not afraid of our big feelings, our fears, or our worries. Nothing is too big or too small for Him. What an incredible promise that when we come to God, He will never send us away.

This year, our theme of Ask, Seek, Knock isn't just a catchy phrase. It's an invitation to make our relationship with God personal, active, and ongoing. Here are three simple ways to lean into that this month:

**1. Ask honestly.** Come to God with exactly what's on your heart, no polishing required. He already knows, and He's waiting for you to bring it to Him anyway.

**2. Seek consistently.** Set aside even five minutes a day to open your Bible or sit quietly with Him. Seeking isn't always dramatic. Sometimes it's just showing up.



**3. Knock boldly.** Bring your biggest prayers and your smallest worries to His door. He answers. Maybe not always the way we expect, but He answers.

*"But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul."*  
Deuteronomy 4:29 (NIV)

*"Come near to God and he will come near to you."* James 4:8 (NIV)

And here's the beautiful thing: you don't have to do any of this alone! That's what Cross Creek is for. We Ask together. We Seek together. We Knock together. And we trust that He meets us right here, in the middle of all of it.

*Chrissy Kirkman*

On Wednesday evening Bible study, we'll switch gears in May. "The Narrow Path" by Rich Villodas. Modern life often overloads us with choices. What we think, how we act, and, ultimately, where our lives are headed are all influenced by what we value. For Christians, if we aren't intentional with our choices, we can wind up far from where God intends us to be.



## FIERY FAITH & WORSHIP

Cross Creek ladies and friends, you're invited to join Chrissy on **Friday, May 1 at 6:00 PM** for a beautiful evening to refresh and renew your faith.

Come as you are and dress comfy. We'll gather on Cross Creek's back porch, weather permitting, for a sweet time of soaking worship, connection with each other and Jesus, and breath prayer.

Food, drinks, and dessert will be provided. We would love to have you there. Be sure to sign up and join us!



For those who wish to make contributions electronically, scan this QR code or go to [crosscreekbaptist.com](http://crosscreekbaptist.com) and follow the steps!



## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Ladies, it's that time of the year again! The Cross Creek men are in the kitchen fixin' up breakfast for **Mother's Day, May 10th**. Breakfast will be **served at 8:30 AM**. Everyone's welcome, so please sign up at the welcome table. Men, sign up or let Pete Lyon know if you can help. We always look forward to this GREAT breakfast, men!



## LADIES DAY OUT

Ladies,  
We are going on a road trip down memory lane. We are going to travel to Liberty to Texas Tom's and, we might have a mystery guest join us! Texas Tom's was founded in 1953 by 15-year old Tom Nigro as an ice cream shop in Kansas City before-pivoting to Texas Tom's that fall to a year-round food service. We leave the church at 10:20 AM on May 19th.

*Annie*

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Even in the stillness of a resting earth, GOD IS AT WORK creating beauty and restoring life.

### **DON'T FORGET**

#### **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:**

May 10, 2026

#### **TESTIMONY SUNDAY:**

May 31, 2026

#### **MEN'S BREAKFAST, Saturday, May 16 at 8**

**AM** - Golden Corral 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.



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

### **MAY MENU**

**May 6, Smoked Pork Roast,** baked potatoes, cottage cheese, mixed veggies, rolls, salad & dessert.

**Mar. 13, Hamburgers & Hot dogs,** chips, baked beans, potato salad & dessert.

**Mar. 20, Grilled chicken,** cheesy potatoes, corn, cottage cheese, and salad, & dessert

**Mar. 27, Tacos,** Spanish rice, black beans, cheese dip, chips, salad