

# River of Love

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## MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR by Pastor Ray

If you didn't make it to Cross Creek's 10th annual Cruise, Blues and Barbecue, you sure missed a great Fall event. The weather was perfect, a lot of cars were on display (60 plus) and the Bluegrass music was enjoyable. The event was well attended and the Cross Creekers fed many of our guests. The Children's area was a hit as the kids got to use the bounce-house and had an endless supply of cotton candy and snow cones. They loved it!

I want to thank those of you who came and worked so hard to make the day a success. God knew who we needed to accomplish everything we had to do and we got it done thanks to you. Some of the car guys helped get the cars parked which takes a huge load off of us. I don't know if we'll see another car show in the future but if we do I hope all of you can join us again to make another successful event.

It's hard to believe that we are moving toward Thanksgiving already. The summer left us so fast and fall is moving by quickly. We give thanks to God that He has provided a great country in which we live and we are thankful for

those brave men and women who came with a dream to establish a new country where they would worship God without a government threatening to exterminate their existence. It was a difficult life they lived as Christians. Can you imagine what it would feel like to fear coming to church to visit with your friends and worship together? It would be a fearful experience to say the least. It was also fearful to board ships of their day and journey to this new land. Many lost their lives on the way and some lost their lives when they arrived to the land called freedom. Many of the travelers survived the treacherous trip across the ocean only to be killed by people who were trying to protect their way of life in the land of the free. Without a doubt it was costly to every person coming to a free land be it man, woman or child. Sickness was a villain unleashed on both the weak and the strong pilgrims and it was bad. The history of the beginning of America is enough to make one ill while reading their stories while standing on the very ground on which they walked, fought and died. Let us be thankful to God that we have lived in this country - the Land of the Free!

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### Special points of interest:

- Ladies Day Out
- Election Day Nov. 8th
- Don Crabtree

## Men's Breakfast

Men; you will have your monthly **Breakfast Saturday, November 19th, 2022 at 8:00 AM at Rae's Café. 2411 291 Highway Independence. (291 & 23rd)** Please invite your neighbor or a friend to join us. It's a good time to fellowship with other men in our community.

## Ladies Day Out

**November 17, 2022** is our LADIES DAY OUT event. We will leave the church at **11:00 AM** to go to the **Neighborhood Cafe in Lees Summit**. In the heart of where the City of Lee's Summit began more than 150 years ago as the Town of Strother.

One of the oldest residing right here at 104 SE Third Street – home of Neighborhood Café and the famous cinnamon rolls!

Hopefully, you will join us!

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.

Dixie

## ON DAILY MISSION FOR GOD.. continued from page #1

The fence is up and completed. Some donations have been made so far but we still have 3300 dollars yet to raise in order pay back the account from which we borrowed the money. So please make a generous donation marked 'Fence' on your envelope. In case you're wondering, yes, I was the first one to make a sacrificial gift toward the fence project. It will get competed because together we'll make it happen. Thanks in advance.

Election Day is close and there is a frightening amendment on the ballot and Missourians should be informed of its potential. Amendment 3 is asking you to vote to legalize recreational marijuana and it's dangerous for all Missouri. What I'm sharing is only the tip of the iceberg; room doesn't allow more. The Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, are warning us about Amendment 3. They **strongly** oppose it. There's a long list of protections for those being prosecuted or on parole or out on bail. Even if they kill your son or daughter or grandchildren they are protected. The courts cannot prohibit them from using marijuana. This is insane. In Colorado, recreational marijuana was legalized and they saw a 138% increase in traffic fatalities where the driver tested positive for marijuana. What is wrong with law makers? Amendment 3 makes *drugged* driving tougher to prosecute than someone driving *drunk*. Amendment 3 is more than 30 pages of rules and regulations on everything from licensing to taxes. The MO Constitution is only about 120 pages long. Should legalizing recreational marijuana occupy almost a fifth of our Constitution? If it passes and we then decide it was a bad decision it'll cost taxpayers millions to fix it. Just today, Vickie and I had a long conversation with our doctor about this and he said they have used the medical field to introduce smoking pot as a healing drug. He's not buying it and had plenty to say about the proven dangers of smoking marijuana. No matter how good it may feel, it's not good.

## PRAY FOR JOY TO GET STRENGTH by *Chrissy Kirkman*

Life gets challenging and we often ask God for strength to keep going. Instead of trying to muster up more capacity, more energy, more fortitude, or more of whatever it is we think will make us feel strong enough for this lift, what if we asked the Holy Spirit to increase our joy?

What does your level of joy have to do with you feeling like you're not strong enough? The Bible tells us the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10b), so when you need more strength, ask Him for more joy!

I hadn't considered this until a few weeks ago... and Cross Creeker, it is CHANGING ME!

The more joy I receive, the more I recognize God at work. This has me feeling stronger! I'm honoring my limits and my body, resting well, and extending myself more grace. I'm finding joy in movement and feeling grateful for what my body can do.

When we are weak, He is strong. The JOY of the Lord really can be our strength!

### VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11TH

### ACTIVITY IN YOUR LIFE AND BEING WITH GOD

A way to discover how much we need to slow down relates to how attentive we are to God during our activity. God speaks to each one of us every day—through Scripture, creation, dreams, silence, traffic jams, boring workdays, interruptions, conflicts, job losses, relationship breakdowns, successes, failures, and betrayals. Jesus described this as his “sowing of seeds,” Our problem is that many of these seeds are “snatched away immediately” or die prematurely due to external pressures or our absorption with other interests and concerns ( Mark 4: 1-20). Most of these seeds are lost because we are not paying attention.

## 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.

- **Nov. 2, Broccoli Cheese Soup & Chicken Enchilada Soup,** corn bread, cheese and crackers, fruit, salad & dessert
- **Nov. 9, Beef Stroganoff,** mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cottage cheese, salad & dessert.
- **Nov. 16, Baby Back Ribs,** Mac' & Cheese, Smoked Beans, garlic bread, salad & dessert.
- **Nov. 23, NO CHURCH SUPPER**
- **Nov.30, Spaghetti & Meatballs,** green beans, garlic bread, cottage cheese, salad & dessert.

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“Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” Matthew 6:8

## CROSS CREEK THANKSGIVING

Sunday, **November 20th** at 11:30 AM will be the annual **Cross Creek Thanksgiving Dinner**. Please come and bring your favorite entrée, casserole, salad, veggie dish, or dessert, as well as a friend! Meat, mashed potatoes, gravy and drinks will be provided.

If you know someone who doesn't have family in this area please invite them to join us ***thanking God for His many blessings.***



**Don Crabtree**, our wonderful, longtime Gideon leader died last month. We will sure miss Don and wife Wanda coming to share the great and encouraging stories of the Gideon's work of sharing the Scriptures to a lost and dying world.

**In California**, high taxes on pot are driving out small farmers in favor of large corporate farms and allowing the dangerous black market to thrive. California has repealed some taxes in an effort to keep the legalized pot trade alive. In Missouri, if Amendment 3 passes we will not have the ability to fix any mistakes. After much prayer; vote.