

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

RAY GURNEY, PASTOR

The 2024 Cruise, Blues and Barbeque was a HUGE success this year thanks to all of you who participated in many ways. Three days after the event, I went to the Davis Center in Oak Grove for a car show the Fast Friends car guys put on a couple of times a year for the seniors. Many of those guys were at our show and they said it topped last year's. Perhaps it was better because we had great help from eating donuts in the morning to the hours of darkness putting everything back in place. I'm grateful for the volunteers who came to make another successful car show. Jeff and Lee Smith got the tarp over the stage securing it with zip ties but the wind was too strong and ripped it lose. We were able to make some last-minute ties to keep it in place until the wind calmed down.

The parking/greeting team made the guests feel welcome when they pulled into the show and safely directed to their spot. Brandon was seen waving the flag to direct cars to other areas of the property and worked most of the day.

O'Reilly's Auto Parts in Oak Grove donated screwdrivers, pens, frisbees, and tablets for our car guests. Nationwide Trailer Sales donated hats, shirts, and a couple of gas containers. Thanks to Darrell and Adam who work at those businesses and were once again instrumental in getting the donations. So many people are involved to

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make the event a success. Dave ordered the tent, Pete loaned his generator for the bounce house, Darrell got the bathrooms delivered (free of charge). Annie and Lynn worked the children's fun place. Debbie headed up the food and kitchen and had many workers. Thank you EVERYONE! Rita Frizzell made it to the event with her 1958 Impala. We love that she brings it each year. We hope you stay well for many years Rita.

Cross Creek has a reason to celebrate. Our new members lately are, Kyle Hubbard who came by baptism, Lynn Reed and her daughter Lexie and Chuck & Becky Brown who came professing their faith in Jesus Christ as baptized believers. We celebrate that they have found Cross Creek worthy to be their church family. Welcome to the family!

Pastor Ray



LADIES DAY OUT

November 19, 2024 is our Ladies Day Out event. We will leave the church at 10:45 AM to go to the 3rd Street Social in Lee's Summit for lunch. Classic American plates served in a spacious, historic building with a fireplace & patio. It's always a fun time!

Vickie



CROSS CREEK THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 17th at 11:30 AM is our 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, Saturday, November 16th at 8 AM at Perkins 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.

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Rising Above: Vision

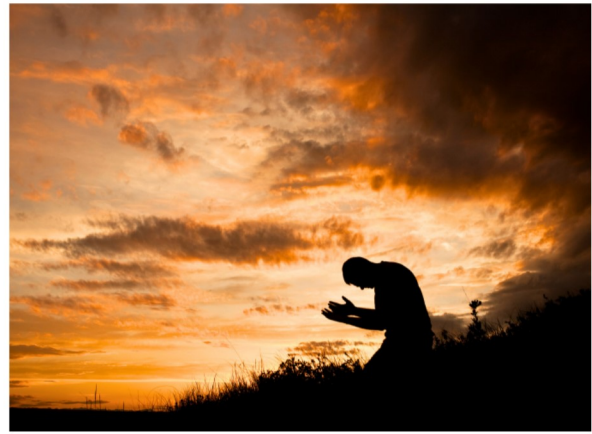
Sometimes God blesses us with a vision, a direction, or something He wants us to 'do' in life. And sometimes our calling is simply to live a life surrendered: to acknowledge our passions and dreams, to truly engage with who He is, to trust Him, and to walk in blind obedience.

To live in total dependence.

We typically don't receive the full picture, even though learning to soar will enlarge our picture of what we're called to. Our vision of what God has for those around us expands, and our dreams, passions, and how they can impact us and the world will grow. We will likely be able to see increased security in our identity and gain understanding of how we've been made.

If your walk with God has grown and you've learned more about how you interact with God, He can use that, even if you don't yet have a full vision of His plans for your life. Our vision for this great adventure should be more about understanding the character of God and representing Him well than about having a specific task to complete. We're often too task-oriented, and until we understand our God-given identity in Him, He may be withholding that unique 'to-do' list. The list cannot become what defines us; we can only operate once we know our identity and become entirely wrapped up in who He is.

Be encouraged as you start this adventure! It's an invitation to challenge the way you've been approaching your passions, dreams, and understanding of calling. It's an opportunity to flip some thinking patterns on their heads and look at things from a different angle.



It's a chance to reorder your heart, soul, and mind so that you can be fully surrendered and truly ascend the hill of the Lord.

Be blessed as you soar on wings as eagles, as you find in Him the strength and currents that will sustain you on your journey. Be blessed as you understand more about how your dreams and passions have purpose, and how God created you to think outside of your own experience - because that is where He can be found. Be blessed as you are freshly awakened to who He really is, who He's made you to be, and the unique partnership you can be in with Him for the sake of His Kingdom.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

- Psalm 23:5-6 (NKJV)

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Jesus said to him, "Go your faith has saved you."
Immediately he could see and began to follow
Jesus on the road.
~ Mark 10:52

Daylight Saving Time November 3rd

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 5TH



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

NOVEMBER MENU

Nov 6, Spaghetti & Meatballs,
green beans, garlic bread, cottage
cheese, salad & dessert.

Nov. 13, Breakfast Casserole,
bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy &
fruit.

**Nov 20th, Pork Enchilada soup &
Cheezy Potato soup,** corn bread,
chips, salad & dessert

Nov 27nd, No Supper at church.