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## CROSS CREEK BAPTIST MISSION

*Moving Mountains!*

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### NEGATIVE CURRENT EVENTS

Each morning when my opening page comes up on Yahoo, I see current events, most of which are negative. There are so many stories of murders, wars, death tolls, crimes committed leading to imprisonment. Daily, there are reports about leaders of huge corporations along with well-known ministries exposed of crimes and sinful lifestyles. Human trafficking is at an all-time high and Hollywood entertainers are arrested as the ring-leaders of children trafficking. The next subject on the news is the number of people killed by bombs and terrorist with machine guns. Israel is attacked day and night and condemned by the world for having the audacity to defend their Nation. So, all of these are signs of the end times along with many others.

The 8th Chapter of Daniel opens with frightening visions. If you are not an animal lover, you may be tired of Daniel's visions. So far, we've had a lion, a bear, and a leopard. Then there was that fourth beast, which seemed like an angry escapee from hell. In this chapter we find more animals. Down by the water way Daniel sees a sheep and a goat. It doesn't take long, though, to realize that if you put this sheep and this goat into your petting zoo, there will be no end to the lawsuits. These are two very angry animals. Quickly, the bodies start flying. The Lord has brought these two creatures out of the barn because He wants to show Daniel two more nations. They are powerful, violent and out of one of them will arise a person who will be a forerunner of the future beast.

So, make sure you have your seat belts fastened as we go further into the study of the book of Daniel. Then I ask you to pray for me that I will be given the ability to teach this book as it deserves to be taught.

*- Pastor Ray*

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, October 19** 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.



Grab some invite cards and ask your friends to join us **October 5** for free barbecue, drinks, and great music by the Bluegrass Missourians. Food will be served at 5:30 PM. If you can help, please let Pastor Ray, Debbie, Annie or Vickie know.

Cross Creekers, we need your help! Will you **please bring "grab and go" desserts**, like cookies, brownies, and dessert bars? Thanks!



## Fiery Faith + Worship

Cross Creek ladies & friends, bring your lawn chair and blanket and gather 'round the campfire as Chrissy leads us in a sweet time of worship, devotion, and soaking prayer with the Holy Spirit. We'll enjoy warm drinks as we roast hot dogs and s'mores around the campfire, so bring your appetite!

**Friday, October 25th at 6:00 PM.**

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## OAK GROVE FOOTBALL TEAM MEAL

The Oak Grove Football team will come to Cross Creek for their annual Pulled Pork Dinner, hosted by Cross Creek and Faith Community Church. We are told they love coming here for the good eating. The attendance is always maximum. Every table will be full of hungry players. I don't know for sure how many pork butts we'll serve but I'm sure we'll need Eight. Last year we served about 200 sandwiches and untold bags of chips. Faith Community Church, usually brings two Cosco Cakes of which all will be consumed. One thing for sure; those fellows can eat! We will have a great time serving and the Oak Grove Football team will have fun putting on a few pounds getting ready for the game. Pastor Pete Winstead, and his workers will do whatever is needed to make the evening a great success. We are grateful for their help and as always; we look forward to working with them.

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## Rising Above: Adventure

I'm a firm believer that God is constantly looking for friends to join His GREAT adventure. Our God isn't up in Heaven, sitting on a huge throne, giving out orders. He is intricately involved in and inspired by the details of our lives, and has fantastic plans for each of us.

Many of us are locked into a list of things we believe we need in life, and we often won't and don't consider anything outside of that list until our own tasks are accomplished. Reaching a certain level at work, a certain number of children, a certain amount of savings, etc. - these things can consume years of our existence.

But what if God is waiting, excited, longing for you to look up and see that there's a life of adventure waiting? A life, filled by challenges, where you can truly see Him at work each day?

I'm convinced that God has tailor-made us for a unique adventure. The challenge today is to identify the reason for the position we're in. If we are working toward our own definition of what we need and struggle to move outside of that, then we've missed the point. We've succumbed to the grind of chasing an earthly safety net, but are missing our calling and destiny.

It is valid to seek to meet earthly needs, but we can forget one thing: God doesn't invite us on an adventure and then abandon us. He intends to provide for His children, in exactly the same way we hope we can provide for ours, except He's able to do it in abundance! We can be tempted to settle for our own provision for ourselves, instead of giving God a chance to provide far and beyond what we can even hope for.



If we have a job that we know is serving God's purposes first, even if indirectly, and have passion and vision for why we do what we do each day, then we are on track. That is the adventure! We aren't supposed to live the largest portion of our lives slogging away for someone else, we are supposed to live for our heavenly master, partnering uniquely on a tailor-made journey through this life, for His Kingdom's sake!

There are seasons where we are supposed to serve someone else's vision. Our call might be to report to someone else for a time, where it's not our dreams we're living, but theirs we're serving. But even then, this is a calling that we can 'own', like an Elisha, a Jonathan, or a Timothy.

Take some time today to analyze the reasons for your position, and see if there are any adjustments that need to take place.

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."*

- Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

Chrissy Kirkman

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“SEE WHAT GREAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED GOD’S CHILDREN --AND WE ARE! THE REASON THE WORLD DOES NOT KNOW US IS THAT IT DIDN’T KNOW HIM.”

1 JOHN 3:1

## LADIES DAY OUT

We have another Ladies Day Trip planned **October 15th at 10:00 AM**. This time we’re taking a Fall adventure to Boonesville where we’ll eat lunch at **China 1 Buffet**. Then, we’ll head to **Peter’s Orchards** in Waverly where they have apples, pumpkins, pecans, mums... just a few of the goodies we’ll find along the way. If you’d like to attend, please sign up on our signup sheet on table. Hope you can come!

*Vickie*



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

## OCTOBER MENU

- Oct. 2**, Lasagna, green beans, cottage cheese, garlic bread, salad & dessert
- Oct. 9**, Chili & Hot Dogs, crackers, corn bread, veggies, cheese & dessert
- Oct. 16**, Ham & Cheese sandwiches, chips, deviled eggs, baked beans, salad & dessert
- Oct. 23**, Grilled Hamburgers & Hot dogs, Chips, Baked beans, potato Salad & dessert
- Oct. 30**, Roast Stroganoff, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, salad & dessert