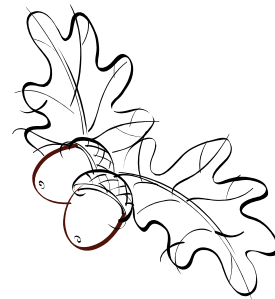




September 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 2-5

Youth Rally~Daybreak Camp

September 3

Fill Brown Bags

September 4

Dorothy's Kitchen

September 5

Labor Day~office closed

September 17

WORKDAY

September 18

Back to Church Sunday
Guest Speaker, Terry Stine

September 30

Girls Night In

**Check Growth Group
Schedule:
new groups begin this month.**



Church Membership – Who – What – Why?

What is church membership? Is it “required?” What do I have to do to be a member? Why would I want to be a member?

These are all very good questions and I know sometimes this issue can be confusing. This article will attempt to reduce the confusion and help establish the importance of church membership.

All baptized believers are members of the “Lord’s church” automatically. If you are “in Christ,” you are added to His body. We read in Acts 2:38-40 that three thousand were baptized and “added to their number that day.” What a great and glorious thing! These believers were added to the fellowship of other believers during what might be called an evangelical crusade environment or festival setting. We must remember that the local church was not a well developed concept to the first century Christians. When the dust settles and all of the loaves and fishes are cleaned up after the crowd goes home, then what? These new believers need something to keep them focused and on track.

As the first century plays out and additional epistles are written, we see God’s wonderful plan play out in what is called the local church. Timothy and Titus talk about a structure of deacons and elders. Hebrews 10:23-25 talks about encouraging each other and remembering to assemble together. Numerous other verses in the New Testament talk about our responsibilities to each other, including singing songs to each other, praying for each other, and building each other up.

The local church plays a vital role in our spiritual well-being. But who is a part of the local church? Ah-ha, here is where the rubber meets the road. The elders are responsible for the spiritual health to the congregation where they have been appointed. Casting this in terms of a New Testament parable, we can look at Luke 15:3-7 for the story of the lost sheep. The shepherd knew his flock so well that when one lamb went astray, the shepherd knew it and immediately went looking.

The shepherd needs to know his flock and have a relationship with his flock. Translating this to the local congregation, I believe we need to stand up and be counted. I believe we need to take that step forward to say “yes, I want to be a part of this local body of believers.” The elders then know who is actively saying they want to be identified with this particular fellowship and everyone shares in their mutual responsibilities.

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Our Vision: GLORIFY GOD

Our Mission: Grow in Christ, Serve in Love, Bring Others to Jesus

W@C (Women at Crossroads)

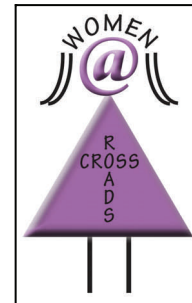
School is back in session and we have a busy fall calendar lined-up here at Crossroads Christian Church. After the big Back to Church celebration on September 18, the California International Air Show descends on the Salinas Valley, September 23-24-25. The following weekend, W@C has a "Girl's Night In" planned for Friday night, September 30. More details will be available soon, but mark your calendar and plan to come spend an evening of food, fun and fellowship with your CCC gal pals. Brandy Stark will be your contact person for this event.

Note the details for our bi-annual King James Banquet on the last page of this newsletter. Plan to take a trip back in time on Saturday, October 8, when Crossroads Christian Church will be transformed into a medieval castle for an evening with the King and Queen and their subjects.

As summer comes to an end and fall approaches, I look forward to my CCC "family time." ☺

In Christian Love –

Ginger Stark
2011 W@C Coordinator



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Those who are baptized at our church are automatically placed on the member roles; however, the baptized believers who transfer from another congregation, we feel, need to step forward and be counted. We wouldn't want to assume. This can be accomplished several ways. It is not necessary to "walk the aisle" during the invitation on a Sunday morning, although that is an option. You merely need to talk to any elder to let them know you want to be identified with this local congregation and are willing to work under the oversight of the eldership. It's easier to field a team when you know who the players are.

I pray this does not sound too structured or legalistic. It is definitely not meant to be. It is merely a process to allow us to get on the same page, work together, and carry out our scripture-mandated responsibilities to each other. And as you look around at the current state of affairs in our society and look at the pressures put on our children, we really do need each other. Raise your hand and sign-up. I'd love to talk to you about it.

In His service,
Alan Stark



Missions Matters

PRAISE GOD! Our offering for International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES) was \$1374.32! After the Missions Ministry added additional funds, our gift totaled **\$2000.00!** What a blessing! Thank you to Athena Smith for our IDES display. Crossroads is reaching people in dire need with the Good News of Christ!

“FIVE FOR F. A. M. E”

September 4 - October 9

Fellowship of Associates for Medical Evangelism, or **FAME**, exists to send the fame of Christ to all nations through medical evangelism. FAME seeks to lead people to Christ by meeting real physical needs and partnering with other missions organizations to deliver medical facilities, medicines and supplies, and hands-on care through short-term missions teams. They minister primarily in third world countries reaching the poorest of the poor. When patients come seeking help, they are given medical aid and have the opportunity to hear about the Great Physician.

We have received word that specific medicines are critically low. We would like to address this need by collecting and sending, **FIVE**, FAME boxes filled with needed items. Crossroads is covering the shipping costs to FAME and then over seas. We just need the items!

Ibuprofen (Advil) for all ages

Acetaminophen (Tylenol) for all ages

Naproxen Sodium (Aleve)

Vitamins for all ages-no gummies

Antibiotic ointment

Anti-fungal cream

Simethicon (infant gas) drops 1 oz

Please make sure the medicines have a shelf life of at least 6 months and are unopened. GENERICS are fine.

The congregation is welcome to participate by bringing medicines to the FAME display to fill “FIVE for FAME” boxes or monies may be given through Crossroads, designated “FAME.” These funds will be used to purchase medicines on your behalf.

Stop by the display, view the many FAME projects, and see some of the faces we are helping. Go to their web site: www.FAMEworld.org to discover the scope of the difference FAME is making for the kingdom.

Spreading the FAME of Christ...because we are “sent to serve,”

The Missions team

King James Banquet VIII

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



**King James requests the presence of all Kingdom citizenry
at a banquet to be held in the Great Banquet Hall
on the evening of Saturday, the 8th day of October,
at 6:30 pm in the year of our Lord 2011.**

King James commissioned the first English translation of the Bible that would be broadly available to common man. It's been rumored that he's a jolly sort who loves to throw grand feasts for his friends. His Black Knight boasts that it's "A bountiful **medieval** spread!" (That is, if you can believe a knight, wearing tights!) At least it can be eaten without silverware! From savory roast beast to the delicate pastry, all washed down with thirst-quenching ale, the fare will not disappoint.

The King James Players will entice and delight with skilled dramatic escapades, comedy, and acrobatics. But **YOU** will be the most entertaining of all, paying knights to throw an unsuspecting friend in the stocks, or spring for a merciful beheading. Our youth, appearing as knaves and wenches, will be at your beck and call, so **HOLLER** for your desires to be met. Costumes are enjoyed but optional. Think early Middle Ages...Robin Hood, Princess Bride, A Knight's Tale... serfs, castles...

Bring your tickets to exchange for coins to pay your taxes. It takes so much to run a kingdom these days!

Tickets : September 18 – September 25

Adults (18-61) \$18.00
Seniors (62 and up) \$15.00



Tickets: September 26-Oct 2

Adults (18-61) \$21.00
Seniors (62 and up) \$18.00

This would be a great opportunity to invite someone you would like to introduce to our congregation in a relaxed environment. The king guarantees they'll have a medieval ball! Need more info?

Contact Alan or Ginger Stark (443-5346) or Lyn or Deb White (758-2121).

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Jerry Lemmon
Alan Stark
Lyn White

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

WILMA WHITE	9/02/1918
JOSHUA LAWSON	9/10/2001
KATHY MC BRIDE	9/10/1966
CHRIS MADRUGA	9/10/1965
ALECIA HERNANDEZ	9/11/1984
CRIS REYES	9/12/1972
HAYLEE MCVAY	9/13/2007
JAYMI GULARTE	9/14/1993
AARON HALL	9/16/1994
JACOB REYES	9/18/1995
ROSENDO HERNANDEZ	9/19/1984
BRANDI WEST	9/20/1997
ROSENDO HERNANDEZ, JR	9/21/2007
IVAN HALL	9/23/1942
JULIE LAVORATO	9/25/1970

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

JASON & KATY LEMMON	9/15/2001
JAMES & KRIS LIPPERT	9/23/1990
ADAM & ALISA CARR	9/30/2007

CURRENT GROWTH GROUPS/CLASSES

Sunday Morning Classes

Nursery thru Adult (9am)
Nursery/Toddlers (10am)
Pre-K (10am)
Kindergarten-5th (10:30am); no class 1st Sunday

Sunday

5:30pm Sermons, CCC

Wednesday

9:30am Ladies Growth Group, CCC

Thursday: (September only)

6pm Gospel of John, Palacios Home

Friday

7pm Growth Group

Youth Groups

Junior High Youth Group, Second Sunday
High School Youth Group, TBA