



## July 2020 Newsletter

Dear Church Family,

All of us have experienced trying times over these past few months. The uncertainty of it all brings an added amount of stress into our lives. We have several praises to report related to the church. Although we have reopened to approximately 50% of our pre-Covid attendance so far, we have had that many or more continuing to worship with us online. As a church you have remained faithful in giving which has made it possible for our ministries and missions to continue. Additionally, it is encouraging to hear how so many of you are diligently trying to stay connected through electronic means and other creative ways to maintain a sense of community.

We have delayed reopening our groups in-person until early August out of an abundance of caution. You will receive communication ahead of time on the updated status of this. One of the things I have been most concerned about is spiritual drift. All of us have a tendency toward spiritual drift if we are not diligent. It is easy to use the current circumstances as an excuse to not stay engaged and to put your spiritual life on hold.

I think the reality is, difficult situations do not as much create spiritual problems as they reveal them. All of us are discovering much about who we are in this, and where our faith is. *Psalm 9:10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.* Now is not the time to take a spiritual break. Now is the time to lean into God like never before. He desires to work in each of our lives but if we allow circumstances to cause us to be spiritually lazy or disengage, it will be to our detriment.

I want to encourage you to stay in the Word, continue to pray, and be involved as much as you can with the life of the church. We will eventually return to our strong in-person community. In the meantime we can be a blessing to one another while we wait on God and learn from Him.

Because of Jesus,  
Pastor Seth

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# Cross Lanes Baptist

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## Reopening Update

Based on an increase in Covid case numbers in WV, many of which seem to be travel related, and problem spots in several churches that have been publicized, we are adjusting our plan moving forward. We have had no problems as we have reopened, and we want to proceed with caution.

The most recent plan was to attempt a return to Bible Fellowship (Adults, Students, and Children) on July 12th. **This is now delayed until at least August.** We will also monitor the local school return plan as we consider what is best moving forward.

**Our current schedule for June 28th and forward (until adjusted again) is as follows:**

### Sundays

8:15 AM Worship for senior adults and others with health concerns.

9:30 AM Worship

10:50 AM Worship

**The 6:00 PM Worship is discontinued.** Details for The Vine Student Ministry will be communicated with students and families.

The 8:15 AM Worship has had about 10% of building capacity in attendance. The 9:30 AM Worship is the most attended service but has not exceeded 25% of building capacity. The 10:50 AM Worship has had 15-20% of building capacity. We are seeing 50-55% of pre-Covid in-person attendance, with that many or more steadily gathering in the online opportunities.

**Bible Fellowship Groups are encouraged to continue to meet online or to stay connected as best they can otherwise depending on your particular group.**

**Wednesdays:** We will continue the online livestream for now.

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# Happening Now

## ***SEEKING GOD...actively or taking an extended vacation?***

### **LIVE ONLINE**

**Sunday morning Worship services can be watched live online at two different times: 9:30 am and 10:50 am.**

To join the livestream services on Sunday mornings, visit [www.crosslanesbaptist.org](http://www.crosslanesbaptist.org) at either of the above times and click the arrow for Media and Live Broadcasts. The video will also be available on-demand following the live presentation.

If you have Roku or Apple TV you can download the Boxcast App for free, search for "CLBC" and watch the broadcast on television. We will also broadcast on Facebook Live and YouTube.

Members on Facebook can view Wednesday evening messages with Pastor Seth at 6:30 pm live.

### **WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP**

***A Study of the book of James***

**- In Progress -**

CLBC women and friends meet via ZOOM every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm for an in-depth study of the book of James. Seeking God in a time of unrest, the desire to learn more and be spiritually fed is manifested each week in faithful attendance and participation by these women.

This study is "the meat" for those truly seeking God. The book of James written by Jesus' half brother, challenges us to be patient in trials and temptations, to persevere, to grow in maturity through our faith in Jesus....to live what we believe.

Please consider signing up for our next Discipleship class in the fall. Keep your eyes open for the announcement. You will be missing out on a great opportunity to mature in your walk if you don't participate.

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS MEET WEEKLY ON ZOOM.** For more information, call our church office at 304-776-3154 to see where you can plug in to seek God.



## Supporting Kids During the Coronavirus Crisis

Keep routines in place

\*Consistency and structure are calming during times of stress. \*Younger children or children who tend to be anxious benefit from knowing what's going to happen next.

Be creative about new activities and exercise

\*Incorporate some new family time activities to create some excitement while social distancing

\*Build in some activities that include movement and exercise to let kids burn off energy.

Keep kids in the loop, but keep it simple

\*Talk to your children in a clear reasonable way to help them understand, but remember they do not need to know everything.

\*Check in with your kids and give them a chance to process any worries they have.

Stay in touch virtually

\*Keep your support network strong, even when you are only able to text, call, FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom family and friends. Communication helps kids not feel so alone.

\*Keep you kids connected with church. We in the Sprouts Ministry want your children to stay connected to our church family.

They can stay connected by:

1. Watching our weekly Bible Fellowship Lesson Videos and discussing the provided lesson questions for families after the lesson. We also include coloring and activity sheets for children. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher via social media, text, etc. They are missing your children!

2. Connect with Kids on Mission via ZOOM on Sunday evenings. Your child will enjoy new places while social distancing! Kids on Mission Leaders are waiting for them!

3. Participate in AWANA virtually with Facebook lessons. You can also send verse videos to your child's AWANA Leaders to keep them moving forward in their AWANA program. The AWANA Leaders want to help them continue to achieve their goals!

We are praying for you and your families in the Sprouts Ministry, and we look forward to worshipping together again soon!

Stay healthy!

We are experiencing times like we have never experienced. It could be easy to experience trials and difficult times, but he did promise us in Hebrews 13:5 that He would never leave us or forsake us. God's Word also says in 1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care on Him, because He cares about you." We in the Sprouts Ministry Department are praying for you and your family.

**ALL CHILDREN'S  
PROGRAMS  
HAVE BEEN  
CANCELLED UNTIL  
THE  
APPROPRIATE TIME  
FOR REOPENING.**

**WATCH HERE  
FOR  
MORE DETAILS.**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL OUR SENIOR GRADUATES!!**  
Watch for our upcoming Senior Recognition Program

**REOPENING IN PROGRESS**  
**Sunday Evenings - 6:00 pm**

Youth will be meeting in the Family Life Center.  
Enter through the Banquet Room double doors from  
the parking lot.

Summer camp and all mission opportunities  
have been cancelled for the summer.



## DOWN THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Outreach is very important ministry in the life of a church. Growing our forever family at CLBC entails contacting our first time visitors and following up on these potential members, making sure they feel welcome and have all the necessary information about our church. Our reach316 team needs you. If you would like to be a part of this ministry team, please contact David Collet at 304-545-9871 or email [dcollet@pbswvcom](mailto:dcollet@pbswvcom).

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Coupons are needed!! Please bring any unused newspaper coupons for food and toiletry items and place them in the specially marked envelope at the Worship Center Welcome Desk. Thank you!

## IMB PRAYER POINTS ONLINE

Right click and open hyperlink: <https://www.imb.org/prayer-points/>

**COVID—19** may have halted our way of participating in mission trips around the world, but we continue to monetarily support our international missions and domestic church plants. We have important mission work “down the street” in our own community. While we must be careful to respect the well-being of others and continue to “socially distance” ourselves, there are still ways that we are to continue God’s work during this challenging time. Faithfulness in God to overcome this time of testing and trials should not put our work for God on hold. We are to still:

- ◆ Share the Gospel when possible.
- ◆ Live our lives according to the scripture. Be an example of God’s love.
- ◆ Love our fellow neighbors as instituted by the example Jesus set for us.
- ◆ Be patient, persevere, build endurance, hope.
- ◆ Be kind, helping others in need and remembering those who are alone and who could use an encouraging voice.
- ◆ Be God’s tools in building His kingdom.
- ◆ Keep a Christ like attitude in the mist of turmoil. **Stay focused on Jesus.**



CROSS LANES BAPTIST  
ON MISSION  
DOWN THE STREET . . .  
AND AROUND THE WORLD

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

## July 1

Garrett Volk  
Scott Burgess  
Jack Dickens  
Ron Bridgette

## July 2

Wayne Cooper

## July 3

Christopher Willard

## July 4

Kimberly Thomas  
Lisa Bird  
Rachel Wilson

## July 5

Caleb Thaxton  
Austin Jeffries

## July 6

Michele Green  
Regina Confere

## July 8

Nicole Slaughter  
Jack Adkins

## July 9

Mary Gregory

## July 10

Krista Raines  
Katie Marr

## July 11

Harley Williams

## July 13

Clyde Hypes  
Jeanne Duncan  
Vickeye Kitts  
Rudy Burcham

## July 14

Nick Meadows  
Bayleigh Elkins  
Kelly Griffith

## July 15

Glenn Jeffries  
Bryce Akins  
Jeriah Joseph

## July 16

Remington Mowery

## July 17

Emily Pettit  
Sharon Bess  
Jacob Douglas  
Sandy James

## July 18

Andrew Barnette  
Sophie Slaughter  
Les Phares  
Adam Ford  
Charlie Nichols

## July 19

Hannah Reed

## July 20

Tony Atkins  
Debbie Thomas  
Sue Brennan

## July 21

Shannon Martin  
Arlene Joseph

## July 22

J.R. Bowman

## July 23

Brooke Entenmann  
Carol Opperman  
Caroline Morgan  
Brittany Neal  
Amy Willard  
Zack Jones

## July 24

Nella Toppings  
Stephen Clark

## July 25

Hannah Frazier

## July 29

Shirley Carpenter  
Lisa Berry  
Jennifer Hambrick

## July 30

Gary Young  
Erica Spencer  
Clacy Williams  
Paul Dolin  
Preston Mowery  
Grace Rucker

**Wishing all of you a very Happy Birthday!**



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**NEEDING  
A CHURCH FAMILY?**  
**We would love to have you  
here at Cross Lanes Baptist.**

If you are interested in becoming a member of CLBC, please contact our church office for more information at 304-776-3154.



Cross Lanes Baptist Church Family  
Connect with us through **flocknote**.

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OR

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cell phone to subscribe to updates.

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tions at any time.

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For more information or to be removed from  
our email list you can also contact the church  
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