



One nation under GOD,
indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY
God be with us always.

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Dear Church Family,

The challenge that follows is not intended to make anyone feel guilty, or minimize genuine concerns people have due to their own health or the health of others. It is intended to challenge those who have returned to other normal activities of life, but have not yet returned to church.

Our church has now been meeting again in-person for almost 13 months. We are thankful to God for his grace. We have returned to about 75% of pre-pandemic attendance with over 100 people gathering weekly online, on average. Not only is Cross Lanes Baptist Church open, we are wide-open.

For those who are physically able, if you have returned to other normal activities including work, school, shopping, sports, kids activities, travel, and so on, you need to return to church. It is so easy to get into a habit of not going to church. Online church is helpful and necessary for staying connected. I am thankful we have it for folks that are homebound, or may be traveling, or have other good reasons to utilize it. We all know however, that if you are able to be present with the body of Christ, watching on a screen is simply not the same.

Individualism and a disconnectedness were already growing problems in our culture before the pandemic, but circumstances have accelerated the issue. We are not designed by God to approach life alone. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are one in essence and three in person. God has existed eternally in the perfection of the Trinity. God created us, and saved us, for fellowship with Him and with one another.

Paul Tripp wrote in his book, *Whiter Than Snow: Meditations on Sin and Mercy*, "We weren't created to be independent, autonomous, or self-sufficient. We were made to live in a humble, worshipful, and loving dependency upon God and in a loving and humble interdependency with others. Our lives were designed to be community projects. Yet, the foolishness of sin tells us that we have all that we need within ourselves. So we settle for relationships that never go beneath the casual. We defend ourselves when the people around us point out a weakness or a wrong. We hold our struggles within, not taking advantage of the resources God has given us." (p. 147)

We are commanded to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Gathering with God's people is good for you, and it is good for others. If you have not yet returned to church, what are you waiting for? We need you. Y'all come back!

Blessings,

Pastor Seth

July 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 5** Church office will be closed in on Monday July 5th in observance of the July 4th holiday.
- July 7** Children, ages 3 to kindergarten, are invited to be a part of **Kids on Mission Friends and Mission Friends** on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the FLC, from June 16 through August 4.
- July 11** **Lord's Supper**—we will be having the Lord's Supper during both morning services.
- July 17** **Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am** - FLC Banquet Room. The focus of the prayer and fellowship breakfast is to strengthen the spiritual bond between our men while connecting and networking with others in the Kingdom of God. We will "lift up our holy hands." 1 Timothy 2:8 says "In every place worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted to God." We would love to have you join us. For more information, please contact **Charlie Nichols**: wvtroutbum@cebridge.net or call 304-541-5800 or **Kennon Chambers**: kicham.1973@gmail.com or call 304-767-1441.
- July 25** Sunday evening prayer service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- August 8** **Connect@CLBC Information Class** August 8th at 9:30 am in the FLC room 308. This class is for new members, potential members or those who would like additional information about our church. Contact our church office at 304-776-3154 or email rose@crosslanesbaptist.org to register.

Mark your Calendar for September 26th - Church Picnic and Hayride at FMC Teays Valley. Picnic will follow the 10:50 am worship service at 1:00 pm.



SPROUTS MNISTRY

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am & 10:50 am

Wednesday Evenings

Kids on Mission and

Mission Friends

6:30 pm

Summer is here and so is the return of **MORE** of our **Sprouts Ministries!** We are so excited to have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with these precious children not only for Bible Fellowship, but Missions as well!

We are also thrilled with the birth of so many **BABIES** into our church family! **Congratulations** parents, as children are a heritage from the Lord! We welcome these little ones to the nursery when parents feel comfortable enough to bring them. We also have a space available for nursing mothers should you like to use it. We are looking forward to the birth of the other babies that are due this summer!

New parents, please feel free to contact Crystal Reynolds at 304-389-3324 with any questions you have about our nursery or other Sprout Ministries. We take wonderful care of your children so you can stay connected.

God has blessed us with so many babies, and now we pray He blesses us with so many nursery workers as well. We could use nursery workers for both the 9:30 and 10:50 a.m. services. Please contact Crystal Reynolds at 304-389-3324 if you are willing to help with this vital ministry. Please be in prayer about how you can help serve and make a difference in eternity.

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 or



10:50 a.m. for our **Sprouts Bible Fellowship Classes.** Come journey through God's Word with us and get connected!



A great big thanks to Jodi, our VBS director, Erica our preschool coordinator, Leah, our decorations coordinator, and everyone else who worked in VBS this year! We were so thankful to have the opportunity to share God's love with our church family and community again in a way that can only happen at VBS! Those of you who worked in VBS in any capacity and prayed for VBS made a difference in eternity. We had a recorded salvation and seeds were planted! Please continue to pray for those seeds to take hold and grow!

Kids on Mission and Mission Friends are back in full swing on **Wednesdays** at 6:30 p.m. for the summer! Join Kids on Mis-



sion and Mission Friends as they learn about other countries and see how God is at work there. It's also a great way to see how God can use you to share His message of hope and salvation with others around the world and right here in your daily life. Contact Mindy Ilar at 304-206-8190 if you can serve in Sprouts Missions as a teacher or substitute this summer.



MISSION JOURNEY: KIDS! AND MISSION FRIENDS

I know God loves everyone,
Like He loves you and me.
Mission Friends are loving too,
As Jesus said to be.
Mission Friends are happy.
Mission Friends have fun.
Mission Friends can share God's love with everyone.

During June, Mission Friends boarded their airplanes for Ghana Africa where they did some fishing and camping at Lake Volta and tried their hand at photography. Children learned how missionaries help get clean water to people in isolated areas and provide health clinics for families.

In July, Mission Friends will get their passports stamped for Central Asia and Ukraine. They will learn about missionaries The Driver family and Linda Gray. From tea cups to pets to Bible studies, children will explore how missionaries tell others about Jesus and share His love. Children, ages 3 to entering kindergarten, are invited to be a part of Mission Friends on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.



Down the street and around the world...

Church Plant - Morgantown, West Virginia

“Morgantown, WV is home to over 30,000 residents and 26,000 college students. Sadly, at least 81% of them do not attend a church that teaches salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The Church at Morgantown is an important part of reaching the city for Christ and reducing those figures. Currently, the core team is meeting weekly for Bible study and preparing for a September launch. Leaders are also laying the groundwork for a college ministry at West Virginia University that will begin with the fall semester. Please pray for Jason Thomas, the lead planter, and the rest of the core team as they answer God’s call to share the Gospel and serve the community. Cross Lanes Baptist Church is a key partner in this effort. Your gifts and encouragement are deeply appreciated.” - Nathan Polk



During Vacation Bible School the children of Cross Lanes Baptist collected and designated over \$1196.00 to be used in the Morgantown ministry. Our children are building on a strong foundation in Christ with giving hearts for missions and sharing the love for Jesus down the street and around the world.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Donations Help Local Community

During Vacation Bible School at Cross Lanes Baptist Church the children collected non-perishable food to benefit our local Tyler Mountain Food Pantry.



Pictured here is the Executive Director of Tyler Mountain /Cross Lanes Community Service alongside the boxes and boxes of food donated by the children.

FOOD PANTRY

The Community Food Pantry will be reopening soon. Watch for more details of how you can help.

Coupons are needed!! Please bring any unused newspaper coupons for food and toiletry items and place them in the grocery cart in the Family Life Center.

Thank you!



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.



Student Ministry

SUNDAY EVENINGS

6:00 pm

The Vine Center.

CLBCStudents.com

SUMMER CAMP

June 30—July 3

Beckley, WV

Worship Ministry

I would like to invite you to sing with the Worship Choir. We are a group of singers who serve an active role each week in our worship services preparing the heart for the Word of God.

Being a part of the Worship Choir provides a unique opportunity for us to serve the Lord in a musical capacity and experience the fellowship of a wonderful loving family of believers!

I am excited we have been able to move forward with the Worship Choir being involved in our services again over the last few months and we will continue to move forward with that throughout this summer.

My prayer is for us to grow with new singers and continue to see others re-join us again. Please contact me to talk more about being involved.

Thanks and God bless,

Pastor Eric

eric@crosslanesbaptist.org



*Women's
Ministry*

ATTENTION

All Cross Lanes Baptist
Women

2020 was a year of challenges and struggles for all of us. The CLBC Women's Ministry will be working on a schedule of events for the 2021-22 church year keeping current CDC guidelines and suggestions in mind.

Please watch the newsletter for announcements for events. If you have any suggestions, please contact Terry Smarr (text or call 304-541-8917) or Lori Rainey (text or call 304-543-4220).



Men's Prayer Breakfast

July 17th - 8:00 am

Family Life Center Banquet Room

The focus of the prayer and fellowship breakfast is to strengthen the spiritual bond between our men while connecting and networking with others in the Kingdom of God. We will "lift up our Holy hands" 1 Timothy 2:8 says "In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God." We would love to have you join us. For more information, please contact Kennon Chambers: kicham.1973@gmail.com or call 304-767-1441 or Charlie Nichols: wvtroutbum@cebridge.net or call 304-541-5800.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1

Garrett Volk
Scott Burgess
Jack Dickens
Ron Bridgette

July 2

Wayne Cooper

July 3

Christopher Willard
Daren Nelson

July 4

Kimberly Thomas
Rachel Wilson

July 5

Caleb Thaxton
Austin Jeffries

July 6

Michele Green

July 8

Nicole Slaughter

July 9

Mary Gregory
Genevive Jennings

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

July 16

Remington Mowery

July 17

Emily Pettit
Sharon Bess
Jacob Douglas

July 18

Andrew Barnette
Sophie Slaughter
Les Phares
Adam Ford

July 19

Hannah Reed

July 20

Tony Atkins
Debbie Thomas
Sue Brenan

July 21

Shannon Martin

July 22

J.R. Bowman

July 23

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

July 24

Nella Toppings
Stephen Clark

July 25

Hannah Frazier

July 29

Shirley Carpenter
Lisa Berry

July 30

Erica Spencer

July 31

Clacy Williams
Paul Dolan
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**.

Get important updates via email and text, including all weather announcements.

Flocknote lets you choose what information you would like to receive via email or text message from the various ministries and groups in the church.

Easy to use. Unsubscribe at any time.

Two ways to connect —Pick one:

- 1] Go to <https://app.flocknote.com/CrossLanesBaptist> or
- 2] Text crosslanes to 84576 from your cell phone to subscribe to updates.

Text STOP to 84576 to end communications at any time.

Connect with us at: www.crosslanesbaptist.org

For more information or to be removed from our email list you can also contact the church office at: info@crosslanesbaptist.org or call 304-776-3154.

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

For Live Stream and saved videos:
<https://www.crosslanesbaptist.org/videos/>



We will also broadcast on Facebook Live and on YouTube. Go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ybdx9ggs> if you want to broadcast on your TV with YouTube.



easyTithe

Faithful stewardship is just a click away with **easyTithe**, our new and simple online giving app. Log on to:

crosslanesbaptist.org. On the church webpage, click on the giving link and enter your information. It's easy with easyTithe but if you need help, call our office at 307-776-3154 and ask for Donna.