



# CROSS TALK

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## A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,  
 We, the people, in the  
 Land of the free and  
 The home of the brave,  
 Desperately need You.  
 Oh that we would leave our ways  
 Pf seeking to be blessed  
 And instead seek to bless others.  
 We beg for Your guidance and wis-  
 dom for our leaders.  
 We ask You to protect our land  
 From enemies, both within and  
 without.  
 And we praise you for the freedom  
 We have through the blood of  
 Your Son.  
 May Your plan be the desire of our  
 nation. Amen.



*"If my people,  
 which are called by my name,  
 shall humble themselves,  
 And pray, and seek my face,  
 and turn from their wicked ways;  
 Then will I hear from heaven,  
 And will forgive their sin,  
 And heal their land."*

-2 Chronicles 7:14

## God's Gift by: Courtney Pack

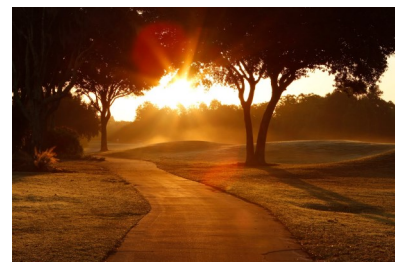
**W**hen I was younger, I would notice how happy wealthy friends seemed to be. I had difficulty understanding why I didn't have the same privileges as my friends. A friend once said to me, "I don't know why people are so unhappy when every day is a gift." My friend was right. Every day is a gift.

As I matured, I have learned from the Bible about the gift of joy and the simple values that bring happiness. Why do I worry about what I don't have

when life is an opportunity to make the most of what God gives? Delighting in what God calls us to be brings true joy. The gift of waking up in the morning, seeing a new day with new opportunities, and knowing that all of our many blessings come from God's grace and mercy can bring deep happiness.

Now when I wake up, I take a look at what is right in front of me and not what I don't have. Every hour, minute, and second bring an opportunity to

make a difference. I have learned that trying to take control of my life often results in disappointment, but allowing God be my leader is a rewarding spiritual experience.



## Get Ready for the Great Giveaway



Start planning to donate items for **Mike's Great Giveaway** coming at the end of August.

Now is the perfect time to go through your closets and garage and set aside items you would like to donate for this event.

Members will be allowed to bring in items sometime early in August. Please do not bring items to church until it is announced.

Stay tuned for more details.

## Let's Give a Warm Welcome

Welcome  
Pastor Chris,  
Emily, Nate  
and Ella!

As you may already know, our new pastor, Chris Tiedeman will be preaching to us for the first time on July 9.

He and his family will be arriving to Wabash the first week in July. As part of our thankfulness to the Lord for bringing him to our church, Staff-Parish and Igniting Ministries have teamed up to prepare an **all-church**

**breakfast at 9am on Sunday, July 9.**

Please plan on attending and giving Chris and his family a warm welcome to our church community as well as to the Wabash neighborhood.



## Eat and Help CUMC



On **Monday, July 10**, Christ Church is teaming up with **Penguin Point** for a fundraiser.

Come eat dinner at Penguin Point from **4pm—8pm** and they will give back 10% of their sales during that

time to the church.

If you can help out during those hours, please contact Sheila Gilley.

We are in need of people to clean tables, provide drinks, and customer relations.

Mark your calendars, tell your family, friends, and neighbors and take advantage of this easy fundraiser for the church!

## Please Pray for ...

Mary Davenport

Lois Koehler

Dorothy Hahn

Jon Helfin

Ester Lewis

Richard Purdy

Connie Rosen

Janet Ross

Phyllis Shambaugh

Colleen Weesner

Louis Estrom

Steve Weesner

Ed Berghorn

Jim Wensil

P.L. Wilson—cancer

Marcia Short—knee replacement surgery

Steve Reed (Kelli Singer's cousin)

Carl O'Neal (Kelli Singer's cousin)

Tiffany Frank (Kelli Singer's cousin) - health concerns

Alice Proffitt (heart/lung **ISSUS**); (Henderson family friends)

### College Students:

Nina Lake, Matthew

Knee, Joe Merriman,

Juliann Nelson, Karla

Singer, Lyndsie Thomas,

Kelsie Thomas, Carli

Henderson, Rob Lake,

Danielle Sparling

### Military Personnel:

Daniel Smith (Frank & Barb

Nordman's grandson), Na-

than Lake (Phil's son)



### *Also pray for ....*

- For our country & its leaders
- Our shut-ins (make it a point to call them or send that a card)
- Pastor Phil, church leaders, teachers, our youth and for church growth
- Those serving in our military and their families
- Those who have lost loved ones
- Those struggling financially
- Those countries suffering through war

## Veggie Table

There is a veggie table set up in the narthex for anyone who has extra produce that they would like to share with the members of the church.

If there are any veggies left behind, they will be taken to our local food pantry.

Thank you in advance for sharing with us!

**The church office will  
be closed  
Tuesday, July 4 in observance  
of Independence Day.**

### Serving for July 2017

**8am Greeter** — Hilda Speicher

**10am Liturgists** — Mary Ellen Clark

#### **10am Greeters:**

7/2 Beverly Grey, Linda McCaslin

7/9 Deborah Lehman, Joe & Barb Adams

7/16 Beverly Grey, Ned & Shirley Woodward

7/23 Beverly Grey, Ned & Shirley Woodward

7/30 Beverly Grey, Ned & Shirley Woodward

**10am Ushers** — Joe Adams, Dean Eppley,  
Rollin McCoart, Ernie Passwater

### Scripture Reading for July

7/2 Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 12

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

7/9 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-50, 58-67;

Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

7/16 Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

7/23 Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 12:24-30, 36-43

7/30 Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 12:31-33, 44-52

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**Sunday 8 am & 10 am**  
**Sunday School for all ages 9 am**

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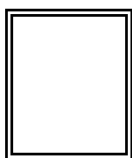


Items for the next newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **July 21st.**

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