

Weavings from Mae's Library



A NEW YEAR: A RENEWED FAITH

I step into this new uncluttered year with a greater faith and trust in God than I have ever known.

The dark trials of the past decade have prepared me to face the challenges of a new one. I have learned to "draw near to the thick darkness where God was." (Exodus 20:21) I found Him to be there in my darkest hours. He gathered me in His arms and carried me close to His heart.

The dark waters of trial did not overflow me. God parted the waters and I walked through the flood on a dry path. As I was tried by fire I was not consumed but refined! God's presence went before me and made the crooked places straight. "And I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, which has called you by your name, am the God of Israel." (Isaiah 45:3) Treasures and riches indeed! Reading His Word and meditating on the riches of His promises, I experienced more fully the faithfulness of God. As I prayed, I accepted in my heart that, "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord."

There were many times when fear, frustration, and loneliness overwhelmed me. I doubted and asked, "Why, Lord?" Thank you for not letting go of my hand when I was faithless. Thank you for fulfilling your promise never to leave me or forsake me. Thank you for the treasures of darkness I have found as I have drawn near to you in my dark trials.

This absolute trust and faith in You, Lord, must be shared with others. 'What I tell you in darkness you must speak in light.' (Matthew 10:27) Lord, give me more compassion, sensitivity, and love toward those who are walking through the darkness of trial. Help me to abound in your glory always, and radiate the love of Jesus to all those around me. Fill me anew with your love each day and anoint me with the power of the Holy Spirit.

I walk into the New Year in the strength of the Lord. In my heart I know that His grace is sufficient for all my needs. May I always see the light of Your love, Father, in my darkest hours.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

Mae Cromwell-Bakay
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Gratitude Corner

Thank you, Crossroads, for the generous Christmas gift. God bless all of you. God is so good!

Barbara Whelan



To My Loving "Family" at Crossroads,

Thank you for blessing my family with food and gifts this holiday season. We used the gift card for sundries and meat and we have been feasting in many ways. The fellowship and sermons have been quite powerful for me as well as the personal stories. Our God is powerful beyond measure!

My love and thanks, dear Crossroads family, for your offers of food and rides after I missed a hurdle on the church campus and broke a bone in my foot. I know you're always there for me (just like the God we serve) and I feel very blessed. Hugs to you all.

Sue Fullmore

Thank you to our Librarian, Jan Watson, for all your lovely seasonal decorations in the Library! They always look so attractive. You are such a blessing to us.

To the People of Crossroads,

My children (all under 7) and I thank you for your kind and generous Angel Tree gifts at Christmas. Without your help, it would have been very bleak for us. I was overwhelmed by your support at this difficult time and hopefully, I'll get another job soon.

A Grateful Mom of Three



Happy Birthday

Denise Ybarra	1	Robin Pixton	12
Gary Willoughby	2	Carroll Virt	14
Brian Stoker	3	Carole Paulsen	18
Cynthia Benevent	6	Maggie Soltero	22
Kay Collins	8	Aaron Gonzenbach	29
Brad Lantry	9	Emily Braunecker	30
Louie Gernhardt	11	Cyrus Rajeski	31
Dee Baughman	12		

Happy Anniversary

Tim & Dena Howell	9
Bart & Nadine Floryancic	10
Jim & Betty Marrs	24

We apologize if we have missed your special day. Please call the church office and let us know so we can update our records.

CROSSROADS HAPPENINGS



Women's Evening Bible Study

Starting Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m., the women of Crossroads will be able to gather in Room 203 for Beth Moore's study of **the book of Esther**.

This in-depth study, confirming that it's tough being a woman in many circumstances, will touch your hearts and souls.

The video and workbook study is 12 weeks long. The discussion will be rich and we will be able to invest in each others' lives through prayer.

Please see Linda Knight (682-9458) to order your study book (\$20). You can pre-pay before class begins or pay the first night of class. We hope you will join us and bring a friend who is looking for answers and hope.



Now Showing!



"Amazing Grace"

Saturday, January 23

5:30 p.m.

Come to see how you can serve others in the world around us.

Home Fellowship Groups

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Bay Point
Contact	Grants	825-8225
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Concord
Contact	Virts	676-3046
	7:00 pm	Clayton
Contact	Kolls	672-7371
	7:30 pm	Clayton
Contact	Stewarts	672-6901
Thursdays	6:30 pm	Concord
Contact	Howarters	671-7137
	6:30 pm	Concord
Contact	Solteros	680-7799

Change in Office Hours

Effective immediately the church office will be open from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. We will be closed between 12:00—1:00 p.m. for lunch. If you do not reach someone during those times, leave a message and we will get back to you.



"The Jesus I Never Knew"

Why not start the new decade with a resolution to get to know Jesus better by attending the adult Journey Hour class at Crossroads on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.? Starting January 10, we will begin a seven-week video series by Philip Yancey called, "The Jesus I Never Knew."

Each segment includes short clips from various movies about Jesus. There will be plenty of time for discussions, as well as a fresh pot of Peet's! For more information, contact Carl or Diane Grant at 825-8225.



**Worship****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday****Saturday**

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3 9:00 am Student Ministries 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship & Nursery & Kindergarten Classes	4 7pm -Boy Scouts 7:30pm -Al-Anon	5 9:30am -Ladies Bible Study 7:30pm -Home Fellowships 7pm -Senior High 8pm -Praise Team Rehearsal	6 7pm -Junior High 7 & 7:30pm -Home Fellowships	7 6:30pm -Home Fellowship 6:30pm -AA	8 Sr. High Hume Lake Retreat (through Sunday)	9
10 9am -Journey Hour 9am -Student Ministries 10am -Fellowship 10:30am -Worship & Sunday School	11 7pm -Council Meeting 7pm -Boy Scouts 7:30pm -Al-Anon	12 See above	13 7pm -Junior High 7 & 7:30pm -Home Fellowships	14 See above	15	16
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24 See above	25 7pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm Al-Anon	26 9:30am -Ladies Bible Study 7:30pm -Home Fellowships 7pm -Senior High 7pm -Prayer Service 8pm -Praise Team Rehearsal	27 See above	28 6:30pm -Home Fellowship 6:30pm -AA 7:00 pm -Ladies Evening Bible Study	29	30
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