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CROSS ROAD REVIEW

*We exist because of Jesus Christ and for His glory;
to love God completely, to love others sincerely,
and to make disciples continually*

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America is 250 years old this year! On the one hand I'm blown away by all the history and the journey we have been on as a country. On the other hand, I think about the history and longevity of countries like Scotland, where we will be sending a team in August to evangelize on the streets, and I realize we are just babies!

Though we are not who we were, one thing no one can take from us is that we are still, 250 years later, the freest nation in the world! Freedom is the banner that birthed our nation. Mind you, these are freedoms we have had to earn and still have to protect.

Though we are not a perfect nation, may our heart be the same as the founders who in the preamble of our constitution wrote, "*We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...*"

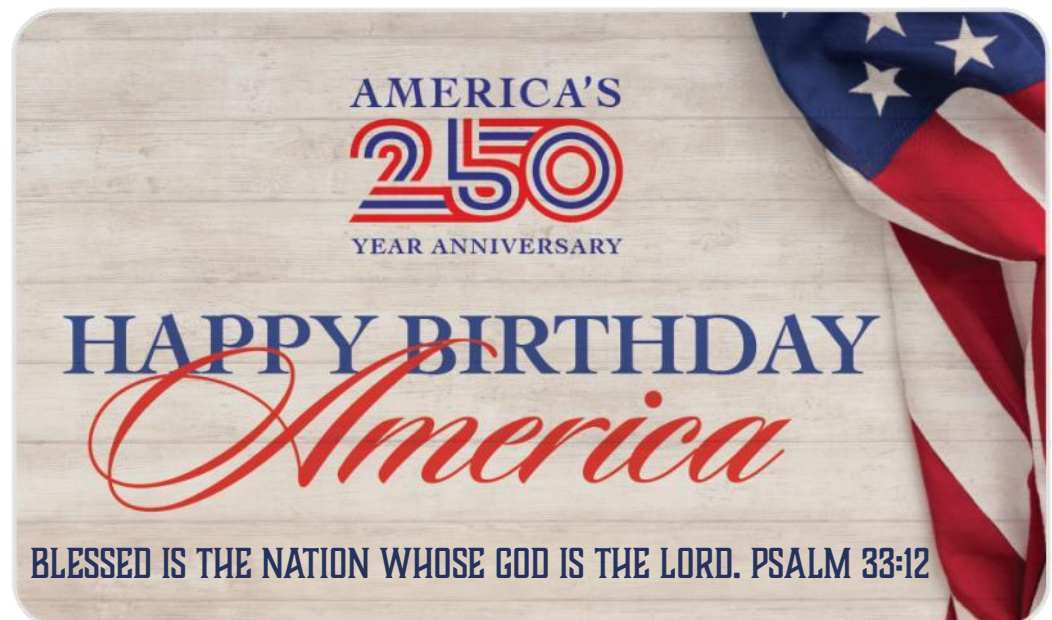
We, as Christians know the "blessings of Liberty" very well! I love Galatians 5 which reads, "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." We have been delivered from the slavery of sin, through Jesus Christ! So, let's celebrate our freedoms.

I am proud to be an American and stand for freedom, but prouder still of who I am in Christ - free!

Let's declare that
freedom to the nations,
for His glory!

Happy Independence
Day!

- Pastor Justin



CR Kids

Thank you for helping make our VBS a success! We had a blast learning about the nature of God. This month, we have two more fun events during the day. See below!

July 14

**Mini Golf
1pm**



On July 14th, we will meet at Asheboro Mini Golf on S. Fayetteville St for a friendly round of putt-putt. Please bring cash for this event.

On July 30th, we will head to the Children's Museum in High Point. Please register with the church office, on our website or in the app for this event. The cost is \$13 per person and we will meet at the church at 8:15 that morning. Please see Taylor if you have any questions. - *Taylor Ferrer Diaz*



Wednesdays in July and August 6:30-7:30pm: We will continue with Mission Friends, Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors .

CR KIDS SPORTS CAMP

**August 3-7
9-1:30pm each day**

Join us for camp this year! Sports camp is for rising 3rd - rising 6th grade boys and girls.

Each day we will work on a different sport with drills and games. There will also be a devotion each day. This year we will be doing soccer, basketball, pickleball, floor hockey and have a water day on Friday. Participants need to bring their lunch Monday - Thursday. On Friday we will have a pizza party. Wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. No sandals or flip flops please.

On Friday at 1pm we will have an awards ceremony. All parents are invited to attend!

Please go on our website or app and look under the events page to register and pay.

CR Students

This summer our students have been diving into a series called "Life Transformed".

We are looking into the lives of various people in the Bible who had their lives radically transformed by the Gospel of Christ. We will continue to dive into this series and look at what can happen when we surrender our life to Christ.

In July we are looking forward to our mission trip. We will be partnering with MFuge camps, and will be involved in ministry ranging from evangelism, VBS or other community outreach. Please be in prayer for our students during our trip and before as they prepare for ministry. The camp is going to be held at Regent University at Virginia Beach. We will be gone July 13th through the 17th.

In August the students will be hosting our annual sports camp, where they will play a vital role in coaching students in various sports skills and helping them learn their daily Bible verse. It is a great time to see students step up to the challenge and lead their group. This is another area where we can surround them in prayer as they minister to the kids at sports camp. - *Pastor Andrew*

July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26 - 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday Bible Study

Worship Ministry

The song, "Trust in God," that we have been singing together as a church family reminded me of a portion from a Billy Graham book that I have read called, ***He Walks with Us Through the Fire***.

When the three Hebrews were thrown into the fire, they didn't know they were going to come out unscathed. They only trusted God that whatever happened to them, it was His will for their lives. Incredible as it may seem, God wants our companionship; He wants to be close to us. Unlike friends on earth, who may leave us when the going gets rough, He wants to shield us, to protect us, and to guide us in our way through life. The story has been told about a lone survivor of a shipwreck who was marooned on an uninhabited island. He managed to build a hut in which he put everything he had saved from the wreck. He prayed to God for rescue, and anxiously scanned the horizon every day to signal any passing ship. One day he returned to his hut and to his horror found it in flames and all of his possessions gone. What a tragedy! Shortly after, a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal and hurried here," the captain explained. The survivor had only seen his burnt hut, but out of disaster, God worked a blessing. The shipwrecked man fell to his knees to thank God for the fire that caused his rescue. When we walk through our fires, He will be with us. He will be our "fourth man in the fire."

-Hope for the Troubled Heart, Billy Graham

I hope that you will be encouraged by this insert from Billy Graham.
- Abiding in Christ, Danielle Kelly

Choir Rehearsal Begins in August!

2nd and 16th, 4:30-5:30pm, in the choir room. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer break!

Discipleship/Outreach

Saturate Update: Last summer we started on an evangelism journey with Saturate USA. Our task seemed simple, putting a bag on every door in



the 27205-zip code. Each bag containing, How to Know God, the Jesus DVD and a message of love from CRBC. **(13,370 homes in total)**

One year later Cross Road alone has placed **2,024 bags**. We have **711** remaining in our area. Just think, over 2000 opportunities for God to impact a home in our area. Three other churches are hanging bags in other parts of our zip code. What I first called simple is anything but. The one thing that makes it difficult is manpower and time. It's fun, it's great exercise and it's a fellowship builder. I personally invite you to our next Saturate Sunday **July 19**. We will meet at **5:00 p.m.** at the CLC and go out into our community until **7:00 p.m.** We will return to enjoy a cookout and a slice of fresh cut watermelon together. Come join us and make a Kingdom impact.



ServeNC Week is coming: Aug. 1-8
If Cross Road Baptist Church didn't exist, would our community notice?

ServeNC Week is an opportunity for every N.C. Baptist church to demonstrate the love of Jesus through service

projects to their nearby communities. This year we will be working with several community organizations to have a successful week. Some are Habitat for Humanity, Grace Given, Ridgewear, Place of Grace and Shephard's Way Day School.

There will be announcements in all four July bulletins on how to get involved and make this a success. We will also advertise these opportunities in pre-service slides and on our church app. Sign-up early before all the opportunities pass you by. - Pastor Roger



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Return Service Requested

THE LIGHT

Please pray:

Dear Father, YOU created the heaven and the earth. (Genesis 1:1) YOU are the most powerful, loving Being in heaven and in all the world. (See Deut. 4:39) YOU are the one true GOD.

In all things and in all ways, please help us to focus on YOU. On the Cross YOU forsake Jesus for a while for my sake! Oh! Thank YOU for forgiving us. YOU will never leave us or forsake us, Your children, as YOU did Jesus. (Matt 27:46) YOU used HIM to bring us back to YOU-the Triune GOD.

We are learning to live in this world and we ask that Holy Spirit lead us, every one of us. Help us to obey as Holy Spirit leads and gives us peace. We stand with YOU.

By Your grace and mercy we believe the **Truth**. We are **righteous**; we have **peace**; we have **faith**; we have **salvation**; we speak the **Word** of GOD. We have put on Your **armor**. We persevere by Your power! Thank You almighty GOD.

Amen.

- submitted by Melda Dyer, Prayer Coordinator

