



**CONNECT this Sunday through Worship at 9 or 10:30 am either On-Site or Online**

Sunday Oct. 4th we will end our New Normal Series; **New Opportunities** with Pastor Mark.

A new normal could be a new task, lifestyle, or place God has called us to. As followers of Jesus, we should prepare for that and then obey.

**SMALL GROUPS**  
**Sunday Evenings 6-7:15pm**  
**Starting Oct. 18th**  
**Fellowship Hall - lower level**

If you are not in a small group, this is your opportunity to join us as we form new small groups.

Pastor Troy will be teaching on the key principles of small group life and we will form discussion groups around the teaching.

Come and meet new people, get connected into a Biblical community and see how God changes your life.

Contact Sarah at the church office to register at 218.692.4141 OR email her at [sarah@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:sarah@crosslakeefc.org)

If you have any questions contact Pastor Troy at [troy@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:troy@crosslakeefc.org)

*Here we are, a church seeking to stay connected with people in the midst of a pandemic ... So here we go, offering you the following ways to stay connected with Jesus and The Log Church community.*

**Stay CONNECTED through Devotion - The Source of Lasting Change**

by Doug Fields, [www.homeword.com](http://www.homeword.com)  
*Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.* –John 15:4-5

The story has been told of a Minnesota man who retired. Seeking change, he moved to Florida where he would escape the cold winters, relax and live out his years in a warm and sunny climate. He spent his days going to the beach and laying under the sun. Six months after he moved to Florida, the man died. His body was shipped back to Minnesota for the funeral. His friends attended the funeral and stood in front of the open casket. They stood there for a moment, and then one friend remarked, “Whoa! Florida sure did him good!”

The man had tanned considerably while in Florida, but the point is, he was still dead. Florida was the source of the man’s change, but what good is that change now?

We too hope for change. Maybe it’s the hope of moving to Florida

someday. Perhaps, for you, cosmetic surgery is the answer. Or, maybe it’s a bigger home, a better job, a more attractive spouse or whatever else it is that you think you need. You may pursue this type of change, but once you get it, if you don’t have the real and lasting source of change, you’ll end up empty and searching for the next best thing in your pursuit of fulfillment.

In today’s Scripture passage, we read about the real source of meaningful and lasting change, Jesus. He tells us that He is the vine, and we are the branches. Only in our connection to Him will we find fulfilling change. Only in our connection to Him will we bear lasting fruit.

We’re all connected to some vine. To what vine are you connected? Is it Jesus? Or, is it the vine of the world? No matter what, you’re going to produce the fruit of the vine to which you are connected. So the question is, what kind of fruit are you producing? If you are connected to the vine of the world, you are going to produce bitter fruit that comes from your selfish old nature. If you are connected to the vine of Christ, you are going to produce fruit that comes from being connected to Jesus and the Spirit of God.

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## New Sermon Series Starting Next Week - Need Hope?

As we prepare to enter a tumultuous season with the election & the pandemic continuing we need to make sure we do not lose hope.

Tough circumstances are no match for the kind of inner strength fueled by hope. Hope changes our perspective, hope liberates, hope motivates and hope activates us which is why we will be spending 50 days in a series entitled "Need Hope?" that will include a 50 Days of Unleashing Hope daily devotional.

- Oct. 11 - Recharge Your Batteries
- Oct. 18 - Raise Your Expectations
- Oct. 25 - Refocus on the Future
- Nov. 1 - Play to Your Strengths
- Nov. 8 - Refuse to Go it Alone
- Nov. 15 - Replace Burnout with Balance
- Nov. 22 - Play Great Defense



## HEY KIDS!

### Invite a Friend to Kids Club

We want to reach out and invite some friends to join us on our Kids Club via ZOOM!

Who can you think of that would like to join us?

Your friend's parents should reach out to our Kids Club Director, Laurie Atwater, at 320-980-8253.

Friday - Oct. 2, 2020

**September 20th through October 25th**

**It's About Baby Bottle Time!**

Please take an empty baby bottle home and fill it with change, cash, or a check to LAPS and bring it back on Oct. 25, 2020.

**LAKES AREA PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER**

## Stay CONNECTED G.O.A.L. (Go Out & Live)

1. What type of fruit is your life producing?
2. To what vine would your closest friends say you are connected, the vine of Christ or the vine of the world? Why would they answer this way?

### FURTHER READING:

John 15:8; Galatians 5:19-23; Matthew 7:16-19



## Stay CONNECTED through Prayer

If you need prayer, simply email your prayer request to: [sarah@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:sarah@crosslakeefc.org) and you will have over 200 people praying for your request.

If you want to be a part of our prayer chain, email Sarah and she will add you to the team.

YOUTH FOR BIRTH OF CHRIST

# BAY Rally 76

## MIRRORS

**Wed., Oct. 21st 6:45-8:00pm**

One Rally, two options! To reduce crowd size per COVID regulations, we have two attendance options for this upcoming Rally, and this is the first one! Contact David Hughes for more information at [david@crosslakeefc.org](mailto:david@crosslakeefc.org)

## EMAIL SCAM ALERT

We want to make everyone aware that there are scams targeting churches and our members. They will ask you to purchase gift cards or send money.



The staff and elders at The Log Church will never solicit money or gift cards via email, phone or text.

If you receive a call or email asking for money, please notify the church office.