



TLC CONNECT

HAPPY

Valentine's Day



CONNECT this Sunday, Feb. 14th through Worship The Greatest Love Story Ever Told

God loved Abram and made a great promise to him. The story of Israel reveals God's great love and His commitment to His promise. Join us this Sunday as we experience that love story in a far out kind of way.

WEDNESDAY

NOON ZOOM WITH PASTORS MARK & TROY

A chance for anyone to join a "virtual lunch" where you can interact with them about the message and what's coming next! To join the meeting, you will find the link on the homepage of our website. www.crosslakeefc.org

NEW CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

11:30 am-1:30 pm (lunch will be provided). If Interested, call the church office at 218-543-4098 OR email sarah@crosslakeefc.org

... the latest inspirational update from our Missionary, **Pastor John Gerhardt of Urban Impact New Orleans.**



Yesterday, the importance of hope came in the form of a sign blowing into our ministry center that proclaimed, "I'm not a bum just a homeless per" What a powerful reminder that many people who are made in God's image are hurting and need hope. It is our responsibility – our calling – to respond with the hope and love of the gospel.

Your partnership throughout this unprecedented year has enabled us to:

- Provide over 6,000 meals for people;
- Re-open our youth programming in a safe and highly effective way;
- Begin a new men's ministry to encourage and empower the men of our community;
- Disciple and mentor youth and be a constant presence in their lives when everything else is changing rapidly;
- Employ 10 youth last summer and provide training and encouragement while giving them hope through the dignity of a job.

Like you, we are looking forward to 2021. With your prayers and financial support, we want to bring God's living hope to our community by:

- Continuing to expand our outreach to youth and families in a safe, productive manner.
- Growing our partnerships with local churches to support our neighborhood programming.
- Hiring a new education director. We want to add someone with social work expertise to help us bring family transformation to a greater level.
- Continuing to bring the bread for life and the hope of THE bread of life to the families of Central City.

God has shown us the big hope that He has for us. We are going to share God's living hope by continuing to love, give and tell His story.

To learn more about Urban Impact New Orleans, please visit their website urbanimpact.org



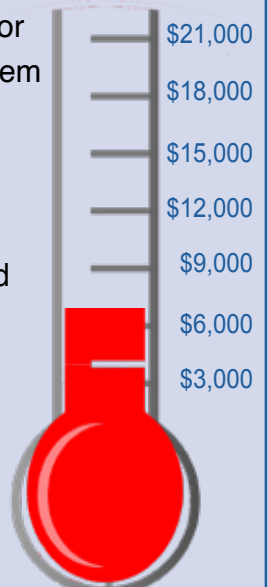
TECHNOLOGY FUND

Current goal for the video system upgrade, is **\$20,342.50.**

So far we have collected **\$6,588.10**

We're off to a great start.

Thank you!



ONLINE AUCTION

Youth Ministry Fundraiser

March 14th - 21st

Due to Covid-19, we lost all fundraiser opportunities for District Blitz and our Summer Youth Mission Trip. **We will be holding an ONLINE AUCTION!** We are getting creative and hope to offer some fun items and services for people to bid on. While we are gearing up, we are looking for more items/services to list on our auction! Do you have any of the following gently used or like-new items to donate for the auction:

- sports equipment, name-brand clothing
- nice pieces of furniture, quilts
- quality household items, etc.
- your services
- host a family for an afternoon to come use your kayaks
- take someone fishing on your lake
- host a family for a sunset cruise on your pontoon

We are looking for all kinds of creative services like that!

If you would like to partner with us please contact Sarah at the church office and leave your name & number. We will call you about the item/service you have in mind! You may email her at: sarah@crosslakeefc.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Library located off the Gathering Room, to the right, from 1:30-3:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Park at 218-821-1339 or the church office at 218-692-4141.

ONSITE WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class will begin their Winter study on January 12th from 9:30-11:00 am meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

The Amazing Collection Volume 8 "The New Testament Historical Books, Matthew through Acts" will be the new study. Workbooks will be available at the first class for \$8.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Hagberg at 218-310-6791 or the church office @ 218-692-4141.

THIS WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL

In the Basement

by Sarah Dawdy

Growing up in a small town was always an adventure! Life lessons abounded everywhere even "in the basement." In fourth grade a slumber party invitation was sent to me. My friend's family were members of a very strict church, no make-up, no jewelry, no television, no loud music, stereos or dancing allowed. Reluctantly I accepted the invite hoping for some pizza perhaps. Upon arrival, I was quickly escorted to the basement which was a world of complete contradiction of their family's outward faith commitment! Television, stereo system complete with a disco ball, closet filled with awesome sparkling outfits and jewelry, off limits bar and humidor. "Suprised huh" she asked adding "It's okay, God does not go into the basement". Lightning bolt moment for me and my life. So many new possibilities for me swirling in my head with this new revelation! In sharing my excitement with my mom the next morning as how my life was on a new path, an instant reality moment was revealed. My mom's revelation "God is everywhere always! He will never leave you, misplace or lose you."

Proverbs 15:3 "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good."

God DOES go in the basement. He watches over us in our good times and bad times, and everything in between! Praise God for His ever present and unconditional oversight and love!

ZOOM WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Please join us at 9:30 am on Mondays, starting January 11th for our on-line "Collection Study of the Later Minor Prophets (Nahum through Malachi). Using the Zoom platform, we will show the DVDs, host discussions, and pray together during our Monday studies. Most of us are new to Zoom, so we are happy to help with technical challenges by using practice sessions, phone guidance, and helping each other out.

Contact Tina Lunde at cklunde@gmail.com or 651-301-1548 to ask questions and to sign up.

Friday - February 12, 2021

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday morning is growing and so is our need to move back to live children's ministry. Will you help us? We want to start our "Little Loggers Children's Ministry". We have outgrown the family zone as being a place for our kids to hang out during services so we will return to that space being reserved for parents to go during service with their infants. Little Loggers will be for children 3-8 years old and will take place in the treehouse during the Sunday morning sermon time. **To start this ministry we need your help!** We need someone to assist in coordination for this area and then 4-5 other people willing to serve one Sunday per month. If you can help please contact Pastor Troy at troy@crosslakeefc.org or by calling the church office at 218-692-4141.



How we are living out our faith at home especially since church has had to be shut down? Please go to our website homepage, scroll down and click the FaithLIFE button and take the Faith Life Survey. IT'S ANONYMOUS so please be completely honest as it is going to help us know how we can serve you better.

Join Us for Family Movie Night Friday, Feb. 19th "NOT A FAN"

February Movie Night at Church! We will be watching the movie **Not A Fan** on February 19th at



6:30 pm. This is a great Christian movie that follows the life of a man who moves from being a Sunday morning Christian to becoming a completely sold out follower of Jesus.