

CrossWay Covenant

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Dear Friends,

By mere chance, I happened to come across a news story in mid-August which was buried on the BBC's website, and which I assume most American news outlets never even covered. It was a story about one of the great problems facing the developing and under-developed world today – the ongoing persecution of Christians.



Christians across the globe continue to face hostility, oppression, prejudice, and violence, in many ways worse than at any other time in modern history. And yet Christians living in the comfort of places like the United States largely ignore the suffering of our brothers and sisters in the faith.

This particular case involved mob violence on August 16th in eastern Pakistan. A local Christian had been accused of tearing pages from the Qur'an, writing on them, and tossing them to the ground. Muslim nations have strict blasphemy laws which are easy tools for hearsay and false accusations. Nevertheless, Christian-hating crowds often find them to be convenient excuses for violence against the faithful.

In this case, one Christian church was entirely burned down and several others were damaged. One Christian home was destroyed and several more homes damaged as well. Christians fled to escape death from the mob. In order to placate the crowds, two Christians were arrested and charged with breaking the blasphemy laws.

Christians make up less than 2% of Pakistan's population. The organization Open Doors ranks the nation as the 7th worst worldwide for persecution of Christians. Their website explains:

In Pakistan, Christians are considered second-class citizens and are discriminated against in every aspect of public and private life.... Christian women and girls are particularly vulnerable in Pakistan. Reports indicate there is a silent epidemic of kidnappings, forced marriages and forced conversion of Christian girls and women. Christian women and girls are constantly at risk of sexual assault, abduction and forced conversion. Christian men are particularly vulnerable to being falsely accused under Pakistan's blasphemy laws. They are often compelled to take lower-state jobs referred to as 'chura,' a derogatory word meaning 'filthy'.

Unfortunately, the church in America is largely silent – and ignorant – about the suffering of minority Christian populations in places like Pakistan. Let's help change that trend. Look for these stories, read about persecution, and pray for Christians as they suffer for their faith. They deserve no less.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, September 14th & 28th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment



Thank you to everyone who donated socks for New Market Elementary students. They were distributed at the back to school night on August 7th along with plastic bags with our new name. The students were appreciative.

Habitat for Humanity

We will be collecting for Habitat during the month of September. There will be a container on the piano if you would like to donate. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Thank You A big thank you goes to Crossroad Nazarene Church for providing a meal after Brooke's memorial service. The food was delicious, the kitchen fellowship was great, and their organization was wonderful. We are so fortunate to have their support. Approximately 74 people were served. Some leftovers were taken to Trinity Mission.

BY THE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE

July 30

Sunday School Attendance: 16
 Sunday School Offering: \$ 37
 Worship Attendance: 28
 Sunday Offering: \$ 247.00

August 6

Sunday School Attendance: 13
 Sunday School Offering: \$ 43.00
 Worship Attendance: 25
 Sunday Offering: \$ 1,575.00

August 13

Sunday School Attendance: 22
 Sunday School Offering: \$ 55.00
 Worship Attendance: 37
 Sunday Offering: \$ 1,205.00

August 20

Sunday School Attendance: 19
 Sunday School Offering: \$ 25.00
 Worship Attendance: 32
 Sunday Offering: \$ 1,080.00

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Prayer Meeting

Mondays at 4:00PM

50 Plus Luncheon

Friday, September 1
 12:00PM

Holy Communion

Sunday, September 3
 10:45AM

The Women's Group

Wednesday, September 6
 7:00PM

Men's Fellowship Group

Wednesday, September 13
 7:00PM

Administrative Council

Wednesday, September 20
 7:00PM

PRAYER REQUEST

- Dick Chadd
- Stanley DeBusk
- Dolores Farley
- Sherry Girdler
- Ken Harlan
- Terresa Hatke
- Larry & Louise Hulse
- Sue Kinman
- Barb Lidester
- Donna Lieske
- Tammy Long
- Gale Merriman
- Kim Miller
- Marcia Morris
- Bev Reed
- Jim Ruggles
- Carrie Saunders
- Norma Sillery
- Billie Ann Thomas
- Matthew Thomas
- Wellbrooke
- Bill Welliever
- John Wilber
- Billy Sue Zerby

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Cathy Pointer

Usher

Lori Hedrick & Larry Hulse

Liturgist

3rd	Dan Welliever
10th	Kelly Clifton
17th	Lori Hedrick
24th	Dixie Ruggles



New Market Community Rummage Sale Follow-Up

Rummage Sale The total on Saturday's sales was 1599.00. With a few additional sales through out the following week. Everything leftover was distributed to local non-for-profits. Thank you everyone for your generosity in your donations and to those who shopped.

Bake Sale Thank you to everyone who donated bake goods to the bake sale. We made \$434.63. We had fun talking to everyone who stopped by to purchase and visit. Many people asked for pies and we had only one. Next year we need to remember to bake more pies!

Food Court Men's Fellowship served breakfast and lunch for the rummage sale shoppers. They had wonderful help this year. Coney sauce was added to the menu this year and it was very good! The men raised \$623.00

Blood Drive There were 17 blood donations collected which was wonderful! Thank you to everyone who donated. Thanks to Judy Welliever for coordinating the drive, getting the location, and supervising.

Cinnamon Rolls Friday evening we made 288 cinnamon roll to sale at the bake sale and at the food court Saturday morning. Thank you cinnamon roll team, delicious!!!





AUTUMN



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apples

autumn

birds

blanket

bonfire

changing

cider

colorful

cozy

crow

deciduous

equinox

flannel

foliage

frost

harvest

hayride

jacket

leaves

migrate

orchards

pumpkin

quilt

rake

rustling

scarecrow

season

spider

squash

squirrel

sunflower

sweater

trees

vegetables

wheelbarrow



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Holy Communion	4 Office  No Prayer Meeting	5	6 Women's Group 7:00PM	7 Stacy Burkhart Birthday	8	9 Zoey Jones Birthday
10	11 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM Kathy Lidester Birthday	12	13 Men's Fellowship Meeting 7:00PM	14	15	16
17	18 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM Nick Hedrick Birthday	19	20 Ad Council Meeting 7:00PM	21	22	23
24 Lori Hedrick Birthday	25 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM	26 Brendan Paddack & Kevin Sillery Birthday	27 Bill Pike Birthday	28	29 Rachel Welliever Birthday Jamie & Marci Welliever Anniversary	30 Levi DeBusk Birthday

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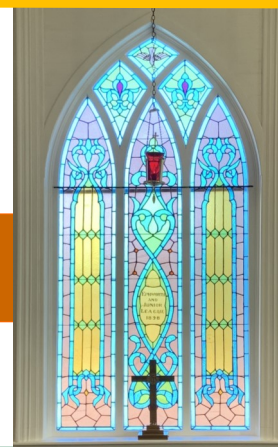


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Come Worship With Us

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM



Find Us On Facebook!

Just search CrossWay Covenant, New Market, Indiana and select Facebook.

If you have any pictures or events you want posted, please contact Lori Hedrick.

Find Us On Our Website!

Just go to www.crosswaycovenantchurch.com or google CrossWay Covenant, New Market, Indiana

If you have any thing you would like to put on the church website, please contact Rachel Welliever