

CrossWay Covenant Church

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

**April
2026**

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Dear Friends,

Good Friday this year will have extra meaning for me; it will mark 15 years since my first Sunday at our church.

Late in March 2011, District Superintendent Judi Purvis contacted me out of the blue to say she had "two churches, just north of you" which had an immediate need for a pastor, at least through Easter. If things went well, she explained, it could be a permanent arrangement. On April 3rd, we arrived at Wave-land, and then at New Market, for the first of 780 Sundays, as of this 15th anniversary. Brooke and I were 38 at the time, and Jacob had just turned seven.



On that first Sunday I was truly moved by the reception we received: smiling faces at each church and a front row filled with happy teenagers in New Market. By the summer I signed a contract to be officially appointed to serve the charge. My short-term plan was to spend three years, at which point I was eligible for ordination through the Nazarene Church (from which I was "on loan" to the UMC). I had no idea what a wonderful journey actually lay ahead.

Together, over these 15 years we have dealt with Covid and disaffiliation; we have joined a new denomination, changed our name, and celebrated our 150th anniversary. We have watched as the church landscape around us changed, both locally and nationally. We have seen many people leave our pews for their eternal glory, and we have also seen many fresh faces come to join us. Through it all, this has remained the healthiest and most loving congregation I have ever seen, and God has blessed us at every turn.

Just before that first Sunday I wrote to the late Dr. William K. Quick to tell him my news. Dr. Quick, once the pastor of one of America's largest Methodist churches, taught church administration at Duke in his retirement, and was a mentor and friend to me. In his response to my email he said: "You have no idea what God has in store for you. You probably wouldn't believe it should it be revealed in a vision.... Yours will be – I predict – a special outreach."

He was certainly right that I had no idea what God had in store, for me, or for us. May His blessings continue to overflow. Today, I thank you, as I also thank Him, for the undeserved honor of being "your pastor."

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, April 16th & 23rd- from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

BY THE NUMBERS - ATTENDANCE & GIVING

March 1

Sunday School Attendance: 21
Sunday School Offering: \$ 25.00
Worship Attendance: 35
Sunday Offering: \$ 2,008.00

March 8

Sunday School Attendance: 14
Sunday School Offering: \$ 26.00
Worship Attendance: 33
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,037.00

March 15

Sunday School Attendance: 29
Sunday School Offering: \$ 23.00
Worship Attendance: 40
Sunday Offering: \$ 928.00

March 22

Sunday School Attendance: 15
Sunday School Offering: \$ 34.00
Worship Attendance: 35
Sunday Offering: \$ 995.00

Thank you to everyone who donated to FISH in February. We sent FISH a check for \$200.00

Just a reminder....**July 18 is the New Market Summer Celebration** with vendors, foam party, bicycle parade, bands, etc. We take part in that by having a table of home made items to sell. We want to be a part of the activities. So start thinking of what you might like to donate or if you just want to save the date to help at the table.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Prayer Meeting

Fellowship Hall
Every Monday, 4:30PM

Holy Communion

Sunday, Apr. 5, 10:45AM

The Women's Group

Wednesday, Apr. 1, 7:00PM

Men's Fellowship Group

Sunday, Apr. 8, 7:00PM

Administrative Council

Wednesday, Apr. 15, 7:00PM

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Sue Howell

Usher

Sheila Chadd
Dixie Ruggles

Liturgist

5th Rhett Welliever
12th Sylvia Green
19th Kelly Clifton
26th Lori Parks

Nursery

JoElla Haffner
Volunteer needed

PRAYER REQUEST

- Lyle Bratton
- Don Carson
- Patty Coleman
- Ted Common
- Jim Conrad
- Gilda DeBusk
- Sue Foy
- Gary Fruits
- Brian Hester
- Glenellen King
- Kostka family
- Miranda Leahy
- Sue Lough
- Gene Mills
- Nuper Motycka
- Patricia Pruett
- Brandy Richmond & family
- Barb Runyon
- Jay Strickland
- Kaden Wilbur & baby
- Judy Welliever
- Brent Williamson
- Steve Williamson
- Church Growth
- Our Military
- Our Country's Leader
- Global Christians

Our sympathy goes to those who have lost loved ones

The Women's Group

Four women met in fellowship hall March 4, 2026. President Marci Welliever opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Secretary's Report: The minutes from February 4, 2026, were read and approved.

Unfinished Business: The plans for the 50+ meal this Friday were finalized. Marci reported that the applications for the women's scholarship have been taken to the guidance office at Southmont.

New Business: The final book of the study book was discussed and the group listened to a song the author had written. A new book will be selected at the April meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:35 PM. The next meeting is April 1 at 7:00 PM in fellowship hall. The group will help with any preparations for the Mother/Daughter banquet on May 5, 2026. The women of the church are invited to attend the meetings.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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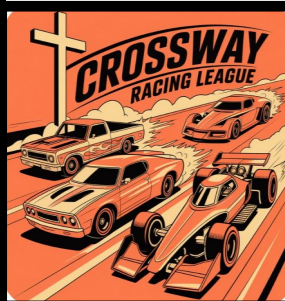
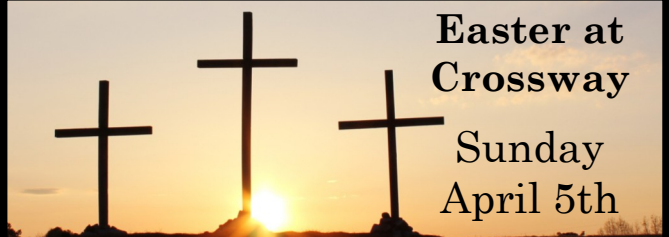
Good
Friday
Worship
April 3rd
7:00PM



**Easter at
Crossway**

Sunday
April 5th

Breakfast 8:30AM
Sunday School 9:30AM
Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt 10:15AM
Easter Worship Service 10:45AM



The CrossWay Racing League has had a great season so far. The largest group of racers has been 20. A dedicated core group of Hot Wheels racers even came during spring break.



The season will wrap up at the end of the school year, so there is still time to come and race with us. The next race will be April 7th at 6:00PM

The CrossWay Covenant Men's Fellowship



The Men's Fellowship Group met on March 11th with five members present. Members spent most of the meeting filling 212 eggs for the upcoming Easter egg hunt. Dan Welliever, who provided refreshments, offered a devotional by having the group recite the 23rd Psalm one phrase at a time. We then discussed the 2026 schedule. The next meeting will be at the church on April 8th.

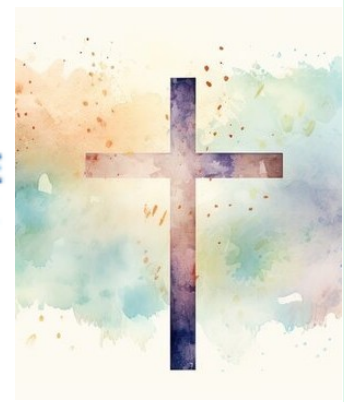
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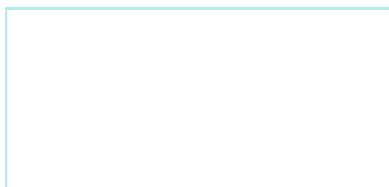




April 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p align="center">EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH</p> <p align="center">Easter Breakfast 8:30AM Sunday School 9:30AM Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt 10:15 Easter Service 10:45AM</p> | | | <p><i>1 Women's Group</i> 7:00PM</p> | <p><i>2 Maundy Thursday</i></p> | <p><i>3 Good Friday Service</i> 7:00PM</p> <p><i>50 Plus Luncheon</i> 11:30AM</p> | <p><i>4 Holy Saturday</i></p> |
| <p><i>5 Easter Sunday</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> 10:45AM <i>Sylvia Green & Patricia Pruett Birthday</i></p> | <p><i>6 Prayer Meeting</i> 4:30PM <i>Bill Thomas Birthday</i></p> | <p><i>7 CrossWay Racing League</i> 6:00PM <i>Madonna Watson Birthday</i></p> | <p><i>8 Men's Fellowship</i> 7:00PM</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> |
| <p><i>12 Children's Church</i></p> | <p><i>13 Prayer Meeting</i> 4:30PM <i>Sue Tandy Birthday</i></p> | <p><i>14 Glenellen King Birthday</i></p> | <p><i>15 Ad Council Meeting</i> 7:00PM <i>Austin Bartlett Birthday</i></p> | <p>16</p> | <p><i>17 Ty Welliever Birthday</i></p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p><i>19 Beckham Kraynak Birthday</i></p> | <p><i>20 Prayer Meeting</i> 4:30PM</p> | <p><i>21 CrossWay Racing League</i> 6:00PM</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> | <p><i>24 Billie Ann Thomas Birthday</i></p> | <p><i>25 Cecie Kraynak Birthday</i></p> |
| <p><i>26 Children's Church</i></p> | <p><i>27 Prayer Meeting</i> 4:30PM</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | | |

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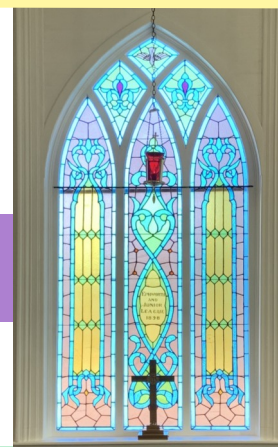


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Come Worship With Us

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



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

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