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May can often be a very busy month! We celebrate Mother's Day and remember Memorial Day, and with those occasions often come get together.

Our mothers are such a blessing to us and certainly worthy of celebration. However, there are some who celebrate Mother's Day by remembering a mother who is no longer with them. Memorial Day brings another occasion to remember those who we have lost, specifically those who defended and protected our freedoms. If you are reading this, I am not trying to bring you down but the truth is there are times in life when our hearts are heavy and to the point of breaking. We saw many of our folks struggling with their health and loss of loved ones in recent months.

As we look to May, I felt compelled to recognize that loss and heaviness. Though our hearts can be heavy at times I want to remind you of the words of Paul, in *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*, "*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.*" First, note that he does not say we do not grieve or mourn. Rather when we grieve, ***we grieve with hope.*** What is our hope? "*For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*"

First, we have hope in the gospel of Christ. It is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ that provides forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life for all who believe in him and call upon his name. Second, we have hope in the promise that our loved ones, who professed faith in Christ, are, even now, with God, and we will be reunited with them if we too believe. Yes, at times, we are all too aware of the brevity of this life. That awareness must compel us to share the gospel with those who are in our lives – it is our only hope in death. May our memory of those we have lost and the responsibility of living on beyond them drive us to make much of the time, as Jesus said in John 9:4, "while it is still day."

My prayer for you is not that God would keep you from mourning – but instead, in times of mourning, you are reminded of our hope, you are encouraged in the gospel, and you will be an ambassador of the ministry of reconciliation until your time on this earth is through. To God be the glory, forever, amen! - *Pastor Justin*



Wed. May 1, 8, 15, 22 at 6:30pm: Aftershock Bible Study.

Saturday May 18 at 8am: Kids Triathlon at the YMCA. We are helping with this event. Remember to dress comfortably, wear sunscreen and bring water. Let Justin know ASAP if you are planning on helping. We will meet at the church.

Wed. 22 at 6:30pm: We will join our Awana friends in the sanctuary for their awards ceremony.

Children's Ministry

We are excited that things are gearing up for summer! In June,

we will have VBS and in July, we will have Music Camp (4 yrs. through 5th grade) and a Deep Impact Kids Mission Trip for rising 2nd graders through rising 6th graders. **Please let me know if you are interested in your child going on the mission trip or chaperoning the mission trip.**

We are also in need of **volunteers for Children's Church** on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be a helper or a leader, we are in need of both. Please let me know if you are interested and we will work on getting you plugged in.

I am so thankful for each and every one of our nursery and Children's Church volunteers. There is no way we could do it without you all! - Taylor Ferrer-Diaz



Wed. May 1, 8, 15 6:15-7:45pm
each Wednesday Night for ages 2 through 6th grade.



May 22 at 6:30pm Join us for our Awards Ceremony to be held in the sanctuary!



Summer Kids Program

In the summer we take a break from Awana and study missions! Mission Friends is for boys and girls 3-5 yrs. old. GAs is for rising 1st-6th grade girls and RAs is for rising 1st-6th grade boys.



DI Kids Mission Camp July 29-August 1

For rising 2nd through rising 6th grades

Blowing Rock Conference Center

Cost is \$225 (possibly subsidized by Missions Committee)

Deposit of \$50 due June 24th

See Taylor with Questions



Save the Date! VBS is coming June 23-27!

VBS is for 3 yrs. (potty-trained) - rising 5th graders! Watch for the notice to register your child and to volunteer coming this month! We need YOU to help make VBS a success!

Thank You

Dear Cross Road Leaders and Staff, Thank you so much for allowing us the use of your facility once again. Your generosity is much appreciated by each family and we are blessed by it. **Sincerely, CCHE & Asheboro Classical Conversations**

Dear CRBC, Thank you for partnering with us on this journey. With your help, many lives and souls will be saved! **For His Glory! The Love Life Team**

Dear CRBC Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful peace lily you gave our family during the passing of my father. I really appreciate all the texts, calls and visits that our church family gave and especially prayers. We love and appreciate our church family. **Much Love, Angela Lucas & family**

**Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Tour of Tables!
We had a great dinner, wonderful worship and an excellent speaker!
Be looking out for information next year's 20th Annual Tour of Tables!**

WOW Women's Ministry

Service Opportunity at Lydia's Place On May 30, we will be providing dinner for the residents at Lydia's Place. This is a shelter for women and their families. Please contact Annette Bean or Renea Henderson if you would like to help.

Men's Ministry

Men's Night Out on May 7 Join us for the May Men's Night out by Randolph Christian Men. It will be at West Asheboro Church of God and the speaker is Johnny Craven. The dinner starts at 6:15pm and worship

Senior Adult Ministry

Cookout and Service Opportunity at Camp Caraway May 28 from 11-1pm

We will be packing goody bags for the incoming summer counselors. This will be in the Davis Dining Hall at Camp Caraway.

Please sign up by May 12 on the bulletin board in the lobby by the playground.



Worship Ministry

Hey CRBC Family! It has been such a joy to worship with each of you on Sunday mornings. God has been so faithful to us! If you have an interest in using your gifts and talents in our music ministry I would

love to talk with you. One way to get involved is with our CRBC Worship Choir. We rehearse the first and third Sundays of each month from 4:30-5:30pm in the downstairs choir room. Brandy Martin has so graciously volunteered to provide childcare during choir practice. If you have small children and need assistance with that, we would love to help you get that squared away and have you join us. You can contact me with any questions at: worship@crbcasheboro.org - *Abiding in Christ, Danielle Kelly*

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods." Psalms 96:1-4 NIV



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God is in Everything

You've probably asked yourself, *Is God really involved in the details of my life?* If you're like most of us, it's easy to believe that God is in the good things. He's surely in your successes, strong relationships, and good physical health. But you may wonder if He's also in your failures, broken relationships, and sickness. God news—He is!

Take note of an important distinction: God being in everything doesn't mean that He is *causing* everything that happens to us. After all, we live in a fallen world full of brokenness and sin. There will always be trouble to deal with on this side of eternity. So, while God doesn't *create* every circumstance we face, He does *allow* every circumstance. As He does, He's weaving the good parts and the difficult parts of our lives together for our long-term benefit and his glory.



Nothing we're dealing with has slipped by our sovereign God. Everything is under His control. When we choose to trust His ultimate goodness, we can both receive the joys of knowing that God is with us, for us, and always working for the good of those who love Him.

Romans 8:28-29 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

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