

December 14, 2025

Crossroads

Baptist Church

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"We will love God and one another, reach people for Christ,
and encourage growth in Christ-likeness."

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then approach
God's throne of grace
with confidence, so that
we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us
in our time of need.

Generations in Worship
December 14, 2025
10:30 am

PRELUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas
Pam Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 88

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

WELCOME & PRAYER

Rev. Stuart Clark
Associate Pastor

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

“Hallelujah” Shadow Play
Crossroads Kids

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pat Bass

OFFERTORY

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Worship Orchestra

TIMOTHY TIME

Dr. Doug Diehl & Timothy

SONG OF PRAISE

Hymn 82

Emmanuel
He Made A Way in A Manger
Praise Collective

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 73:21-26
Terry Chiles

“When Life Breaks Its Promises”

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 & 12:6-10

Dr. Doug Diehl
Pastor

INVITATION

Hymn 321

The Savior is Waiting

CLOSING COMMENTS

Dr. Doug Diehl

PARTING SONG

Hymn 82

Emmanuel

TLC Tender Loving Care (Childcare) 10:15/Joy Bldg., Infants-Pre-K

Enhanced Hearing Devices are available at the Welcome Desk

Sermon Notes

When Life Breaks its Promises

2 Cor. 1:8-10 & 12:6-10

Life often breaks its promises, leaving us frustrated and discontented. Even _____ of Christ face debilitating circumstances. On his letters, Paul tells of occasions where his circumstances fell far short of his hopes and desires. In 2 Cor. 1:8-9a, he describes his circumstances in Asia, “troubles,” was one used to describe the process of _____ grapes or olives.

Paul didn’t _____ to his circumstances or struggle in his own power to change them. Instead, he trusted God to use whatever circumstance he faced to _____ him into someone who trusted in God. Paul described this transformation in 2 Cor. 12. He was stricken with something he called a “thorn in the flesh.” This word for “thorn” was used to refer to fortification _____ placed around a military encampment or stakes used for _____ as a means of execution.

People often begin to follow Jesus with high hopes of _____ blessing. But at some point life happens. Everything that was once coming up roses is now coming up _____ and _____.

I am convinced that it is at this point that a follower of Christ either moves toward real Christian _____ or _____. They decide, ‘I’m not going to let this hardship _____ me away from God but _____ me closer to Him.’”

The mature Christian can say this because of God’s sufficient _____. Grace is God’s _____ toward something. Here, grace is God’s tendency to favor the _____ and powerless; to provide His power to a believer in _____ measure to the worldly power they possess. When your circumstances fall short and life breaks its promises, the mature believer trusts that God’s power will, in time, come through. So, failed circumstances don’t turn you _____ from God but _____ to His side than ever before.

If we take 2 Cor. 12 seriously, we can say when circumstances fall short, “I shall emerge _____, ... I shall emerge _____, ... I shall emerge _____ one day.”

End-of-Year Giving Contributions must be received or postmarked by Wednesday, December 31, to be eligible for the 2025 tax credit.

A Wedding Shower for Mauricio & Olivia is today, December 14, from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be honoring them in advance of their upcoming wedding in January.

Women of Prayer Christmas Luncheon will be held on Monday, December 15, at 11:00 am at Aspen Creek (11719 Bandera Rd.). Learn about the 7 blessings of prayer, from A Woman After God's Own Heart, by Elizabeth George. RSVP to Gail Anderson, 210.863.5254.

Card & Crafting Ministry Group will be meeting on Tuesday, December 16, at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come be part of this fun & creative outreach ministry! Help brighten the day of our shut-ins and others in need.

The front parking lot will be closed next week on Friday & Saturday (December 19 & 20) to complete the repairs.

Christmas Eve: The Christmas Eve Memorial Service will be at 5:30 pm in the Choir Rm. Please RSVP with the church office (210.681.1911) by Tuesday, 12/23, so you will have a memorial card prepared for you. The Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service will be at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

The Lottie Moon Post Office will be open through the month of December. If you are sending Christmas cards to people at Crossroads, bring them to the Lottie Moon Post Office, in the Bride's Rm. Place your cards in the basket for dispersal and leave a donation for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in place of the postage.

Help Needed for New Year's Eve at Ft. Sam! Your help is needed to provide some refreshments for the medics in training at Ft. Sam on December 31. Brownies and/or cookies are requested. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation instead, please notate it for "Military NYE" or if you give online, choose "Military NYE" from the drop-down choices. Please bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall on December 31 between 11:00-11:30 am. Thank you for helping to brighten this time for these men and women serving our country!

MISSING!!! 20 silk potted poinsettias, that were just purchased last year and stored in the Christmas storage area of the church, have disappeared. If you have seen or know the possible location of these poinsettias, contact the church office asap. They would be a lovely addition to our Christmas decorations in the sanctuary.

Deacon Team: Phil Dieter, 915.479.8808, Phil McDonald, 210.313.2456, Jesse Pullen, 210.602.9151, Armando Rodriguez, 210.833.0451.



Scan QR Code
for
Prayer Sheet

GUEST REGISTRATION
Please scan the QR form



This Week

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:45 AM Preservice Prayer Time
 9:00 AM Bible Study
 10:30 AM Generations in Worship
 12:30 PM Comunidad de Gracia
 4:00 PM Handbell Practice
 4:00 PM Mauricio & Olivia's
 Wedding Shower
 5:00 PM AWANAS
 5:30 PM Yth Ldr.Christmas Party

Monday, December 15, 2025

9:00 AM Prayers 'n' Stitches
 10:00 AM MDO Staff Christmas Party
 10:30 AM Home School PE
 11:00 AM Women of Prayer Lunch
 1:30 PM Joyful Noise
 7:00 PM DC Kings BB

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

10:00 AM MDO Christmas Pract.
 10:00 AM Tues. AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM Card/Crafting Ministry
 5:00 PM Peer Parenting Prog.
 5:30 PM Girl Scout Mtg.
 6:00 PM Girls VB Practice
 6:00 PM Stevenson Choir Concert
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
 8:00 PM DC Kings BB

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

8:30 AM MDO Enrichment Class
 10:00 AM MDO Christmas Pract.
 11:00 AM Choir Caroling
 5:15 PM Potluck Supper
 6:00 PM Adult Bible St.
 6:00 PM Wed. Night Kids
 7:00 PM Worship Choir
 7:00 PM Worship Orchestra
 7:30 PM Praise Collective
 7:30 PM DC Kings

Thursday, December 18, 2025

10:30 AM MDO Christmas Pract.
 11:30 AM Young at Heart
 6:00 PM Girls VB Practice

Friday, December 19, 2025

Front Pkg Lot Closed

7:00 PM CdG Praise Team

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Front Pkg Lot Closed

7:30 AM SABA BB Group



Last Week:

Sunday In-person Worship	340
Sunday AM Bible Study	203
Sunday Virtual Worship	484
Wkly Tithes & Offerings	\$22,549
Revitalizing CR 2020 Loan Balance	\$134,951
Annual Missions	\$29,459

How to Reach Us **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Friday
 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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WIFI (Where I Fit In) Class,

Next Class, December 21

9:00 am, Pastor's Office

Register at cbcsa.net/w-i-f-i

WIFI is a class for adults who are considering becoming a part of our Crossroads family.

Baptism Class

By Request

Contact the Church Office

Hear how baptism is practiced and encouraged in scripture. Youth and adults are invited.

GIVE



Online giving is available. It's a simple way to give to CBC via your credit/debit card or checking. Go to www.cbcsa.net and click on **Give** or use the QR Code. Follow the simple on-screen instructions.

Services are streamed live and remain available for post-service viewing on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).



KIDS CONNECTION SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00. CLASSES ARE IN THE FAITH BUILDING FOR ALL CHILDREN BIRTH THROUGH 5TH GRADE.