

Monthly Newsletter

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This Month's Spotlight Ministry is: Courage Bags

Courage Bags is a ministry designed to give foster kids a sense of peace and comfort in such a difficult time of transition from one home to the next. This ministry began in 2019. We fill each bag with a toothbrush, toothpaste, flashlight, coloring book or journal, crayons, blanket, pair of pajamas, and a stuffed animal made by Margaret Steinacker. The bags are then taken to the Department of Child Services (DCS) office of the counties we serve. When a child is removed from his/her home, the DCS case worker will give the child a bag to have with them as they enter their foster home. Often, when children are removed, they bring some items in a trash bag or have nothing to bring with them at all. We believe these bags allow for a little peace in such an uncertain time. If you feel inclined to donate, please consider making a monetary donation, which helps us purchase the items needed to fill each bag. Please put DCS Courage Bags in the memo line of your check. On average, \$25.00 fills one bag. If you would like to donate items, please donate those listed above, excluding the stuffed animals as we only include those made by Mrs. Steinacker. We do ask that items be new. If you have any questions, please refer to our website, <https://werthecross.com/connect/ministries/courage-bags/>, or email hallijmarie@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your support! We have been blessed in being able to continue this great ministry. We have given over 250 bags to DCS offices in the 3 counties we currently serve and are looking to service a 4th county. DCS workers have expressed to us how much the children love getting a Courage Bag. Again, thank you for your support! Jaylynn Hall

Monthly Tithes

October 2021

\$27,900.47

November 2021

\$25,122.01

2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank You!

To everyone who helped
make this year's play a
success!

Pastor Martin & Alan Allen



Dear God,

On this day I ask You to grant this request?

May I know who I am and what I am,
every moment of every day.

May I be a catalyst for light and love, and
bring inspiration to those whose eyes I meet.

May I have the strength to stand tall in
the face of conflict, and the courage to
speak my voice, even when I'm scared.

May I have the humility to follow my heart,
and the passion to live my soul's desires.

May I seek to know the highest truth, and
dismiss the gravitational pull of my lower self.

May I embrace and love the totality
of myself? My darkness as well as my light.

May I be brave enough to hear my heart?
To let it soften so that I may gracefully
choose faith over fear.

Today is my day to surrender anything
that stands between the sacredness of my
humanity and my divinity.

May I be drenched in my Holiness
and engulfed by Your love.

May all else melt away.

And so it is.

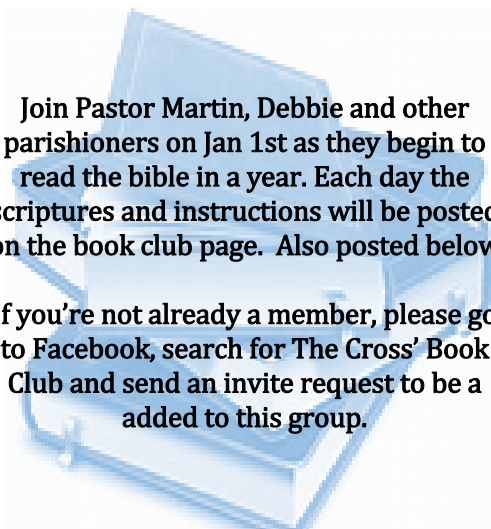
DEBBIE FORD

woman's day

The Cross' Book Club

Join Pastor Martin, Debbie and other parishioners on Jan 1st as they begin to read the bible in a year. Each day the scriptures and instructions will be posted on the book club page. Also posted below

If you're not already a member, please go to Facebook, search for The Cross' Book Club and send an invite request to be added to this group.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Communion Sunday 01/02

9am and 10:30am

3 Food Trucks 01/05

9:30am-11am

Baptism Sunday 01/09

After 2nd Service

Coffee With Pastor 01/11

8am at the Loghouse in Argos.

Meals costs are your responsibility

Special Time of Prayer 01/15

9am

Pizza With Pastors 01/22

For those attending a year or less

After 2nd Service

WROI Broadcast 01/16

7:30am 92.1 FM

Bible Reading For January

01/01 - Psalms 148; Genesis 1-2; Eph 1

01/02 - Genesis 3-4; Ephesians 2

01/03 - Genesis 5-6; Psalms 12; Eph 3

01/04 - Genesis 7-8; Ephesians 4

01/05 - Psalms 8; Genesis 9-10; Eph 5

01/06 - Genesis 11-13; Ephesians 6

01/07 - Genesis 14-15; Psalms 47; Matt 1

01/08 - Genesis 16-18; Matthew 2

01/09 - Psalms 11; Genesis 19-20; Matt 3

01/10 - Genesis 21-23; Matthew 4

01/11 - Genesis 24; Matthew 5

01/12 - Genesis 25; Matt 6; Psalms 127

01/13 - Genesis 26-27; Matthew 7

01/14 - Genesis 28-29; Matthew 8

01/15 - Genesis 30; Matthew 9

01/16 - Genesis 31; Matthew 10

01/17 - Gen 32-33; Matt 11; Psalms 131

01/18 - Genesis 34; Matt 12; Psalms 64

01/19 - Genesis 35; Matthew 13

01/20 - Genesis 36; Matthew 14

01/21 - Genesis 37-38; Matthew 15

01/22 - Genesis 39-40; Matthew 16

01/23 - Genesis 41; Psalms 40; Matt 17

01/24 - Genesis 42; Matthew 18

01/25 - Genesis 43-44; Matthew 19

01/26 - Genesis 45-46; Matthew 20

01/27 - Genesis 47; Matthew 21

01/28 - Genesis 48-49; Matthew 22

01/29 - Genesis 50; Exodus 1; Matthew 23

01/30 - Exodus 2-3; Matthew 24

01/31 - Exodus 4; Matthew 25

