



Pastor's Corner

THE FAMILY OF GOD

We praise God for all the people who have gotten involved in the small group Bible studies of Fire and Reign. This month we have seen many people get involved in serving others. From helping others get their homes ready for winter to painting in the children's room of church. We have seen people giving rides and babysitting.

There are several people in our church who do not have extended family and are making CrossBridge their family. The Scriptures say in Psalms 68, "But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds, his name is the LORD—and rejoice before him. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land." God uses the church to be His family for those in need. I pray that CrossBridge Church would earn the trust of people so that we may live in harmony as a family. That we would be about the work of binding up the wounds of those who have been wounded along the way.

The CrossBridge Church will be a great family if we keep Christ at the center of our

focus. Pointing to Jesus as our only hope. As we keep the unity and encourage those who are downcast. Praying for one another with great expectations of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Intentionally serving one another with sincere hearts. That we would take it upon ourselves to especially be the brother or sister to those that struggle to relate within the family. Genuine concern and generosity, without need for applause, will win the day in this family. As you know, I love big families so let us always make room at the table for another. Welcoming newcomers with doors swung open to all. May CrossBridge Church be a warm family for all who are in need of good news.

Thankful for God's Family,

Pastor Kevin

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Prayer Note

Pray for the opportunity to encourage people this month. I Thessalonians 5:11

|| Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Acts 2:47 . . . And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



We praise God for the testimonies and baptisms of Matt and Brian in September. What a joy to hear these men tell of their desire to follow Christ and lead their families after the Lord. Brian said, "I don't want to leave the water, this is awesome!" Brian just wanted to bask in the moment and celebrate the spiritual step he had made. We celebrated with Matt and Brian as they proclaimed the death and resurrection of Christ.

We remembered the words of Romans 6 as it says, "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God."



Fall is in the air and school is under way! This summer has gone by so fast; it's hard to believe winter will soon be here. This past summer has been such an amazing time for the church! We have seen two baptisms with amazing testimonies, and lot of growth in the lives of the people.

The youth center has proven to be a challenge this year, but plans are still in the works. We have been in need of licensed workers to make sure our plumbing is fully up to code, and some of the financial end has set us back to launch. For now, we are going to be running tutoring and youth ministry at the church until we can get the building under way. I am excited to see who God will bring in this year as we strive to reach out to the students in the area. Please continue praying for wisdom and direction as we need to think "outside the box" in running events this year.

The college group will be running a separate Bible study this fall as well. In the past we had run the college and high school aged students together, and are

now separating the age groups to be more effective at reaching the students in their peer groups. Hopefully we will have a Jr. High option in the near future.

I felt God's leading to let go of one of my part time jobs to be more available at CrossBridge. I had to say good bye to Best Buy, and now only work for the Credit Union. I am really looking forward to spending more time serving in Ishpeming, and am excited for what the Lord has in this next chapter for the youth ministry. This has been a hard season, but God has been so good.

Thanks for your continued prayers! I look forward to sending more updates in the coming months.

In Him,

Pastor Kurt Andree

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Warm Up Drive—We will be taking donations of new or “gently used” coats, boots, hats, scarves and mittens for children at the Head Start School in Ishpeming beginning next Sunday through the end of October. There will be a box here at the church. Contact **Nicole Richards @ 391-0095** for more information.

Harvest Festival and Hayride! - There will be a Harvest Festival and Hayride at the McIlhany’s on **Oct 14th from 5-9**. More info coming!

Kitchen Shower — We will be having a shower to help stock the church kitchen on **Sunday, October 30** right after services. Please bring a dish to share. A list of desired items is on the bulletin board.

October Birthdays

Jerome Foster	10/06
Michelle Jarvis	10/12
Tammy Rivard	10/12
Lorna Ternus	10/21
Jody McIlhany	10/24

October Anniversaries None

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Baby Shower for Kate Welter	10/01
Last day for Directory pictures	10/02
Ishpeming HS Homecoming	10/07
Work Day @ the McIlhany Farm	10/8
Harvest Fest @ McIlhany’s	10/14
Daylight Savings Time ends	11/06