



Crossroads Emmaus

February 2025

Night-to-Shine (Video)

The Tim Tebow Foundation's *Night to Shine* is a complimentary event for people with special needs hosted by local churches around the world. February 7th over 300 guests attended a Night to Shine event hosted by the Northwest Baptist Church in Houston. My daughter, grandson, his cousin, and grandmother were able to support this event as Buddies. Many of the volunteers included children 14 and up through high school students as well as adults of ALL ages.

Night-to Shine is open to anyone living with disabilities, ages 14 and older. A Buddy is partnered with each guest to insure a fun-filled evening including; hair-makeup stations, shoeshines, Limo rides, and a red carpet entrance complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Activities include karaoke, dancing, gifts, a catered dinner, and a Sensory Room for anyone needing less noise and stimuli.

A beautiful prayer room was also available as well as a Respite Room for parents and caregivers. Lots of guests enjoyed the horse drawn carriage rides. The entrance on the red carpet was a huge hit, notably as the guests often walked the red carpet multiple times to the cheers and photo flashes,

The opportunity to serve as a buddy came with instructions on how to interact in ways to highlight each guest's strength and uniqueness without bringing attention to the disability.

A major highlight of the evening focused on the Crowning Ceremony where every guest is honored as a King or a Queen - **the way God sees them each and every day.**

Special points of interest:

Board Meeting

February 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.

JEC Bldg., 8925 TX-111

Gathering

Feb. 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Ganado Methodist Church

200 Twin Oaks Blvd.

Ganado, TX 77962

Up Coming Gatherings

Exciting Walk News!

Upcoming Walks

Crossroads Women's Walk

#91-2025

Date:

March 27th – 30th, 2025

Location:

Cathedral Oaks Retreat

Center Weimer, TX

Registration Fee: \$140.00

[Document Link](#)



Welcome to our new Class of '27:

Jay Thigpen, Herb Decket, Drew Pattillo, BJ Drehr

2024-2025 Community Officers

Community Lay Director &

Board Chairperson: Mike Myers

Vice Chairperson: Cindy Krause

Secretary: Belinda Waters

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Greetings Crossroads Community,

I accepted the task of newsletter editor back in November. I honestly felt I would have a letter out by December or January, yet the process of creating this newsletter just stopped. Every time I sat down to push through, it just stopped. I tried a lot of things and read a lot of examples; to no avail. It seemed I was not in line with the message God wanted for the community.

The name Perseverance seemed to focus on the struggle rather than the goal of our community. While I recognize the continued struggles we face, I spent a lot of time thinking about what message I was supposed to help bring to the community. The dictionary definition actually reads **the continuation of Grace to Glory**. This helped me move past my stagnation to at least finish this first newsletter.

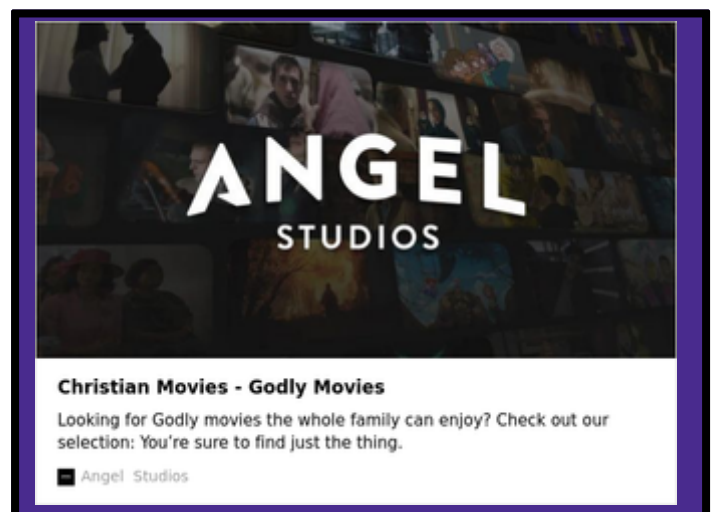
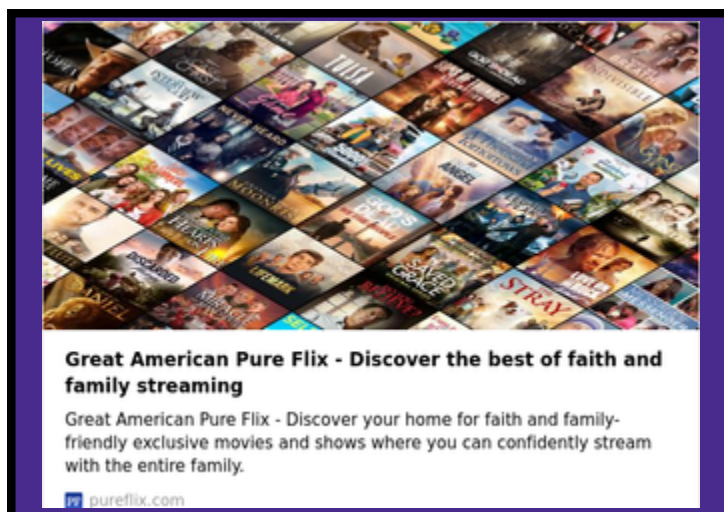
Currently, I tried to focus on the news for the community and organize reminders. I have provided links to specific areas within the text; the website is awesome, by the way.

Just yesterday my daughter related her experience as a Buddy with Night to Shine; their goal is to focus on the person God sees and loves rather than their struggles. So, here we are.

Cindy Krause



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Meeting Minutes- December 3, 2024

Attendees: Board Members: Mike Alderson, Retha Hahn, Karen Webb, Mike Myers, Mike Kinsey, and Belinda Waters

Call to Order: Chair Mike Alderson called the meeting order at 7:00pm and opened with prayer.

Community Lay Director Report: Mike stated this would be his last meeting as Lay Director.

Community Spiritual Director's Report: Reverend Debbie Head -no report

Minutes: Minutes from November 4th meeting were reviewed. Retha Hahn made the motion to approve; Karen Webb seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Retha Hahn submitted report as information. All is reconciled to the end of November. Jean Wehmeyer's stipend was paid.

Cindy Krause and Linda Alderson will meet to audit the books for 2024.

Gatherings Report: John Behrens sent an email report. December 19 – Danevang Lutheran Church. He will start this week on getting the 2025 list going.

Committee Reports:

Agape Letters (Wall): Cheryl Worley – No report

Candlelight: Mike Kinsey – Checked candles, they're ready

Community Trainer: Kimberly Blezinger – No report

Ministry Manager/Website: Bill Rakowitz – No report

Music/Prayer Vigils: Linda Alderson – Linda submitted a letter of resignation as the Music Chair effective February 1, 2025, but she will continue to be in charge of Prayer Vigils.

Newsletter-Perseverance Press – Cindy Krause – No Report

Reunion Groups: Mike Myers – Nothing new to report

Registrar Report: Retha Hahn – Ready for Walk #91 and several have requested applications.

Team Selection: Karen Webb – Jean needs to call and get the team nailed down.

Trailer-Sharing the Love of Christ Reunion Group, Salem Lutheran: Retha Hahn- Will meet with the Outside Coordinator to go over the trailer

Lay Director's Report: Jean Wehmeyer – Submitted her report via email and gave the list of confirmed team members so far for the walk.

ALD's - Kimberly Blezinger, Belinda Waters & Julie Thigpen

Table Leaders - Carol Alexander, Jan Scott, Pam Greminger, Linda Peters

Asst. TL - JoDean Phillips.

Outside Team - Joan Behrens, Rene Behrens, Beth Boles & Judy Brown

Media - Brenda Svetlik

Clergy – Diane Cleary, Debbie Head, Jacob Hunter, Kathleen Jones - Marcie Estrada agreed to serve, but position wasn't stated. Waiting on a dozen or so call backs. Music and cook team seem to be difficult to fill.

Spiritual Director's Report: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Election of new board members needs to happen. No names of potential members have been submitted. Attendees at the Danevang Gathering will be asked.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm at JEC and Zoom

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm and Mike Myers led us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Belinda Waters

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