



CREEDMOOR ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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This Sunday at CRBC ...

Does your faith waver with your feelings? In Romans 5, Paul begins to show the difference that faith makes in how we see life, and particularly how we see suffering. CRBC Pastor Danny Estave shares *Faith Over Feelings* this Sunday at 11AM (also on YouTube).



Christianity in America

We are thankful to still be able to say that Christianity is the most prevalent religion in the United States. Estimates from 2021 suggest that 64% of the US population is Christian (about 210 million). However, in the early 1990s, approximately 90% of people identified as Christians. By 2007, the share was at 78%. Meanwhile, those who are not affiliated with a religion have grown from 16% in 2007, to 30% in 2020. Many adults have transitioned, now identifying as atheist, agnostic, or "nothing in particular."

Pew Research Center projects that by 2070, Christians will likely make up less than half the US population. You may wonder what is causing this steady decline in Christianity? Their findings include:

- ◆ Many people not affiliated with any religion affirm the existence of God and even pray, but don't want to be connected to a religious group or identity.
- ◆ One third of those raised in a Christian home eventually switch to "none" or "nothing in particular" concerning their religion.
- ◆ 7% of Christians are disaffiliating from the faith after the age of 30.
- ◆ Some young Christians (ages 15-29) are switching - deciding they are not Christians anymore.
- ◆ Some argue that "switching" is caused by denominations growing more liberal accompanied by broader social developments.
- ◆ Only 20% of those raised without religion become Christian.
- ◆ Birth rates, rather than conversion, will prove to be the main factor in the growth of any given religion.
- ◆ Jews, Muslims, Hindus, and all non-Christian faiths currently account for only about 6% of the US population. It's projected that non-Christian faiths will double in America by 2070, mostly by parents having children and raising them in their religion.
- ◆ Globally, a comprehensive religious forecast for 2050 predicts that the Muslim population will grow at a faster rate than the Christian population primarily due to the average younger age and higher fertility rate of Muslims.
- ◆ Globalization, industrialization, and technology are making it harder for people to believe.

Pew's commentary ended with this: Revival could happen and would change things, but there is nothing in the current data that indicates it will. This should alarm us as Christians. As children of God, we are to go and tell in our own community, and support those who go other places to share the gospel with people they do not know.

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature — Mark 16:15

We are called to be disciples making disciples. We should put on the full armor of God and wear it well. There is much to do right here in our own community. The essential tools for disciple-making are the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and the people of God.

Upcoming Trunk-or-Treat

CRBC is hosting a *Trunk-or-Treat* on October 31st from 6-8PM. Volunteer by decorating the trunk of your vehicle, maybe wearing a costume, and supplying candy for our visitors. For decorating ideas simply google "trunk-or-treat decorations." If you do not plan to decorate your vehicle, you may provide candy for this event by bringing it to the *Welcome Center*.

The Numbers from Last Sunday

Last Sunday, there were 27 in worship. Giving totaled \$3,050. Thank you.

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Birthdays

No birthdays this week

Prayer Requests

Unreached People
Everywhere
Our Community
CRBC
Missionaries
M/K
Pastor Shane and Legacy
Community Church
Jeffreys Grove Elementary
Area Refugees
Our Nation
Ukraine / Russia
World Leaders
Florida
Howard Benton
Pete & Olivia Byrd
Joe & Ada Canady
Dennis Choate

Claudette Hall
Audrey Harp
Marguerite Nelson
Elizabeth Oates
Tito Soto
Linda Waddell
Clara Wimmer
Fahima & Family
Frank Andrews
Benjamin Bennett
Mark Choate
Robert Clark
Myra DeBruhl
Peter Harrison
Rachel Hite
Jackson Killian
Nina Killian
Bettie Knight

Jeffrey Knight
Vivian Sagan & Family
Carol Stokes
Leo Stolff
Daisy Watkins



This Week

Sunday, October 16

- 10:00am The Gospel Project
Seek the Lord, All You Humble of the Earth:
A Humiliated Nation
Isaiah 13-31
- 11:00am Sunday Worship Service
Romans - The Power of God for Salvation:
Faith Over Feelings
Romans 5:1-11
Pastor Danny Estave
(Also on YouTube)

Wednesday, October 19

- 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study
Mark 4:35-5:43

Tonight's Bible Study

Mark 4:1-34
October 12th 6:30PM

Upcoming Weeks

Sunday, October 23

- 10:00am The Gospel Project
11:00am Morning Worship Service

Wednesday, October 26

- 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study

Sunday, October 30

- 10:00am The Gospel Project
11:00am Morning Worship Service

Monday, October 31

- 6:00pm Trunk-or-Treat at CRBC

Wednesday, November 2

- 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study

Sunday, November 6

- 10:00am The Gospel Project
11:00am Morning Worship Service

Wednesday, November 9

- 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study