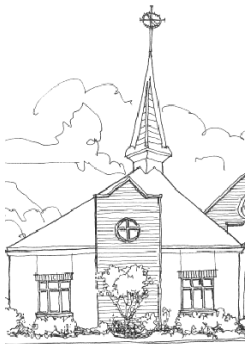


# Cross Words

Reaching, Teaching  
and Living with the  
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## Pastors' Page

Pastor John De Young



It's one of my favorite commercials of all time!!! "Elevator music" plays softly in the background. The shopping cart wheels through aisles of the store gathering various school supplies off the shelves while an obviously dejected little girl expresses with puppy sad eyes her disappointment. She articulates, "But you said, 'schools out forever.'" Suddenly, the father, looking like a caring parents worst nightmare, turns to her with his gothic darkened shoulder length black hair, which encircles an ashen face highlighted by black massaged eyes, with pasty bloodless hands and fingernails painted black, fashioned in some Mid-evil "dark side" lord, states, "No, I said 'schools out for summer!'"

Thus, Alice Cooper "rejoices" at the cashier as he considers – with glee – sending his daughter back to school. It's the antithetical gloating of a parent verses the sorrowfulness of a child who is about to loose their "summer – freedom – vacation".

Well, it is that time of the year again. The nation sends its kids back to school and we slip back into a familiar routine of relief from the hot busy days of summer. Now what? I

would assert that parents/grandparents need to go back to "school," too.

What? Let me explain.

Problems, struggles, financial questions, issues and concerns come at us daily. They effect us, our families, our friends, our relationships, our jobs, our world and/or a combination of any or all of the above. It is enough to shake some of the very foundational beliefs which we have kept dear to our heart for years. Some of the problems we like to believe we can control. Others we know our beyond our abilities to control. But it doesn't matter how much we think we are in control, satan continues to use these problems to destroy our faith in our hearts and minds.

But our Gracious LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ, has preserved His Word for 6,000-10,000 years – that we might read, mark and inwardly digest His story of Salvation. His Love is so great for us that He continues to provide us with this "Message of Salvation" in which we can never say, "I have studied the Bible enough." Christ commands us to, "meditate on it night and day."

Thus, in His caring not

only for His Eternal Word but also for His Holy and precious Bride - the Church, He has equipped people with Wisdom and Knowledge to teach His Word to His people. One of the reasons our church was founded 34 years ago was to provide a place where the Word of God would be taught in truth and purity.

This September we offer many new Bible classes and education opportunities. Besides our new Sunday morning classes which will, without a doubt, be exciting and interesting, there will be new Mid-week "Pick-me-up" Bible Studies for men, women, and others. New studies and always new insights to be learned.

I pray that you would avail yourself to the desire of our LORD's heart: that you would learn more about Him by taking in a continuing education Bible study." In a way we would be going back to school together and teaching our children a very important life lesson: When it comes to learning God's Word this is a life long process.

Your "continuing education" brother in Christ,

Pastor De Young

## School Report

The children are enjoying the Summer Camp concept and have learned a great deal about things such as recycling; dinosaurs; the Olympics; transportation; and animals. We also enjoyed a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, complete with a parade. Pictures of the parade and some of the completed projects have been added to our section of the Cross of Christ website. Check them out.

We are working diligently with DeSoto ISD setting up the partnership to help increase the ministry of early Christian education and ask that you remember us in your prayers.

Lila Fussell  
School Director



## School Board Report

The school is running smoothly. Attendance is down for the summer which is normal. It should increase for the fall. This happens every summer so this is not a surprise.

This has been a busy month in the school area as we are dealing with offers to rent some classrooms. We had a contract offer from Newman International Academy, a charter school, to rent most of our classrooms. We could not accept the offer because we did not have time to make needed changes to rooms.

We are now dealing with the DeSoto School District. They need more space for preschool kids. It looks very positive for this coming school year. I don't want to say for sure until we sign the contract. Paperwork should be coming very soon, this is July 31. DISD uses 3 outside preschool schools. It looks like we will be number 3 and it could involve a lot of kids. Please pray about our future.

A. D. Cowser

## Board of Properties

Now that I am officially the Chairman of the Board of Properties I find myself busy evaluating the current condition of the building and establishing maintenance schedules. I will have a report to present to the congregation at the Voters' Meeting and pray we have a good turnout.

Greg Fussell



## Board of Elders

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Last month, we received word that Morris "Mo" Horstmann was transferring his membership to Zion Lutheran in Dallas. As you know, Mo had been an elder (and a strong one) for many years. He and his mother, Virginia, had been members here since, I believe, the Church first started. Mo was our designated cook, as he cooked bacon every year for Easter breakfast and brisket for the Feed Thy Neighbor program. We will miss Mo and, of course, pray that he continues to grow in his faith at Zion.

With Mo's departure, we have a vacancy on the Board of Elders. (Actually, we have several.) If any man has an interest in being an elder, please let me know. It is a very rewarding position in our Church. It provides the opportunity to interact with other Church members and to work closely with the Pastor. I strongly encourage the men of our Church to consider becoming an elder.

As I write this article, Nathalie Smith has just returned from the hospital where she had back surgery. Also, Joan Symank continues her battle with cancer. Both women have been faithful servants of our Lord. Please keep them in your prayers. There are many others in our church who have health issues and need our support, but I wanted to remind everyone about Nathalie and Joan who have been shut in. It is easy to forget about our shut-ins because we don't see them on Sunday. If you get a chance, please feel free to give them a call or drop them a note.

Peace be with you!

Tom



Remember Common Sense is the Best Defense in the Summer Heat!

- Stay out of the blazing heat
- Drink a lot of water & juices
- Keep shades drawn shut
- Turn on the air conditioner
- Keep lights turned low/off
- Check on elderly family and neighbors
- Avoid coffee & sodas
- Avoid high physical activity

## Ways you can help:



### Kroger

Have you re-enrolled this year?  
Re-enroll your Kroger Community Rewards card to continue to help our Church grow!

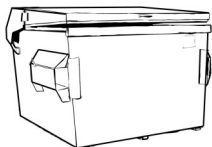
You can enroll and re-enroll at one of the following: [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com), or call 1-800-576-4377, or take this and your card to Kroger and provide our number, **80948**.



Other Ways you can help: ink cartridges and old cell phones (Place in box on the table in the main hallway.)

Please do not put household trash in the dumpster on the church parking lot. It costs the church over 100.00 for every special call to have it emptied.

Paper for recycling goes in the green and yellow container.



### August Birthdays

- 8-1 Christopher Symank
- 8-4 Cindy Edsall
- 8-5 Greg Fussell
- 8-7 Charlotte Walker
- 8-8 Emily De Young
- 8-12 Gretchen Thomale
- 8-18 Elwanda Wuensche
- 8-20 Brian Springer
- 8-23 Karen Kindler
- 8-26 Mary Caldwell
- 8-29 Allan Kloess
- 8-29 Carla Schulze

We are sorry if we have inadvertently left your name off the birthday list. Please contact the church office by phone, 972-223-9340, or e-mail at: [admin@CrossofChrist.org](mailto:admin@CrossofChrist.org), so we can update our list.

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Christ the King Lutheran Church in Waxahachie is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

The celebration will be Sunday, August 12th at 10:30 a.m. at the Waxahachie Civic Center with lunch to follow.

They are requesting RSVP to Cyndi McDonald at 972-938-1633 or via email at [ctkwax@gmail.com](mailto:ctkwax@gmail.com)

## DISCIPLES of the WAY Ministries (DOW)

“DOW celebrated a milestone in the life of Grace Korean Lutheran Church. This church, planted by DOW, installed its first pastor, Rev. DongSu Son, on July 1st.

God has truly given Grace Korean Church an open door into the Korean community in Watauga. DOW is proud to introduce Pastor DongSu Son as a Lutheran minister of Grace and a fervent missionary to the Korean people and people of all nations.

Grace Korean Lutheran Church is God's answer to DOW's four-year-long prayer to plant a church that could reach out to the Korean community.

Please join us in praying that God would grow this church in the image of His Son and make it thrive as a light to those in darkness.



Four years ago on May 4, 2014, Zion Lutheran Church in Watauga gave Disciples of the Way the keys to their sanctuary with the commission to plant a church of all nations. The promise verse for the building dedication was written above the sanctuary entrance. “The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.”

- Psalm 99:2

The words of this verse serve as a true reminder of God's promise to be exalted over people from all nations. DOW missionaries have remained steadfast and faithful to the Great Commission in planting a church of all nations in God's perfect timing.

Though leaders, methods, and plans have changed through out the years; DOW's focus has always remained steadfast and immovable. Our labor for the Lord is not in vain. (1Cor 15:28).

The right man has to work hard at the right plan in the right place; but if it is not in God's right timing, then nothing will be built. God's right timing is what confirms the right man, the right plan, and the right place.

God has a plan for the nations who are being brought to our backyards. In Dallas alone, 1 out of 4 people are foreign. Acts 17:26-28a reveals that God himself has brought the nations together, so that they will all know him.

DOW works hard and waits patiently for the order to deliver on his promises and execute his plans in his perfect time."

(excerpt from July DOW e-newsletter)

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## Help us keep our records in order:

If you have a change of address -or - a change or addition of phone number(s) - or - email address Please be sure to let our church secretary (Sharon Wilson) know.



## Mark Your Calendar

October 13, 2018  
Country Day on the Hill  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Volunteers needed!**

## Are you in need of prayer?

Complete a prayer request card (found in the back of the pews in the sanctuary), and place in the offering plate.

Send an email to the church office:  
admin@crossofchrist.org

Call the church office at 972-223-9340.



## Want to join the people praying for those in need of prayer?

Provide the church office with your email address and the desire to be on this lists. Emails are sent Monday and Thursday mornings.



Did you know the recorded versions of Pastor De Young's sermons are available on our website to listen to?

Simply visit [www.crossofchrist.org](http://www.crossofchrist.org) and click on the SERMONS tab, select the Sunday you wish to hear.

## Scrip Cards

Scrip cards are great gift ideas for young adults heading off to school.

To purchase Scrip Cards:

See Lila Fussell or Carrie Graves after church on Sundays, or call the school at 972-223-9586, or contact Sharon Wilson at the church office during the week.



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## Saturday, August 18th Voters' Meeting

5:45 p.m. Ice Cream Social\*  
6:00 p.m. Voters' Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting!

Remember your vote counts and is important!



\*Vanilla ice cream will be provided. Bring your favorite toppings to share. (You can also bring other flavors of ice cream if you want.)

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## Remember our Shut-ins

Charlotte Walker; Nathalie Smith; Dolores Jirik; Gail Carmical; Joan Symank; Karen Wenzel; Dr. Falke; Lucille Gropp; Sue Riewe