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Mission Statement

Love • Transform • Serve

Cross of Hope is a Spirit-centered community that shares in Christ's love through worship, education and outreach to develop and strengthen relationships with God.

Be still and know that I am God

Psalm 46:10a

There are so many words here in this newsletter. That is mostly by design as its mission is to give you a monthly check in on news to note: pictures and stories of recent ministry happenings, current information for the month at hand, and important details for upcoming ministry opportunities. So too is our website filled with important information, necessary tools, and invitations to people exploring our church (make sure you bookmark it for frequent use! www.crossofhope.org

With such a dynamic place of ministry, there comes the necessity and challenge of communicating about an overwhelming amount of good stuff! My initial impulse was to fill this front page with words about all the exciting stuff coming up as we stand together at the precipice of another 'program year,' as the saying goes. Now don't get me wrong, there's a whole lot of exciting ministry opportunities through Cross of Hope, and I'm blessed to come alongside you as your Pastor to learn and grow in life and faith through our shared ministry. Read these pages. Get in the habit of checking into our website.

For now, breathe with me!

Deep breath in. Deep breath out.

As you notice your breath, pray the words of the psalm above. As you feel your muscles unclench (maybe even relax!), repeat the above psalm now without the last word: Be still and know that I am...

And again: Be still and know...

When you get the idea, you might even close your eyes: Be still... Until you arrive with your conscious breath in and out on the words: Just (in) be (out)

Stay here in this 'Just be breath' as long as seems appropriate for you this moment. As distractions arise in your heart and mind (and don't worry they will!), you can return to the full verse above and repeat the journey to the 'just be breath'.

We will grow from here beloved as we seek to contemplate the good news of God's love and how it shapes our lives and community as we follow Jesus in love and service. Be invited to make this time of quiet a part of your regular devotion, a healthy tool to help you reset when you notice yourself spiraling, and a way to create the space where you and God would rest together in prayer and discernment as you open yourself to the opportunities before you.

Peace for the journey,

Pr. Adam

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Deadline is 10th of the month for the following month's edition. Send E-mail articles to office@crossofhope.org, lbagby@crossofhope.org, or deliver to church office.

Stewardship

Stewardship involves your time, talent and treasure. Contact the church office for assistance in getting started in any of our ministries. Please remember Cross of Hope in preparing your will.

Cross of Hope School

Now enrolling new students at Cross of Hope School

Please click on this link to begin our Online Registration process:

https://ch-nm.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=2059

Campus tours are available for those families interested in becoming more familiar with Cross of Hope School. To schedule a tour prior to registering your child/children, please contact Susan Rivera, Director of School Ministry at 505-897-1832 or email esdirector@crossofhope.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Cross of Hope School is a welcoming, Christ-centered community providing high quality education in a nurturing environment that respects each child's development.

Scholastic Book Fair

September 11-14

- 7:30a 8:15a;
- 12:30p 1:15p
- 3:30p 4:15p

Sunday, September 17

- 10a -10:45a
- 11:45s -12:30p

Want to volunteer?

Email mailto:carly@crossofhope.org



Kona Ice Social

and

6p to 7p on Wednesday, September 13.

September 15 (Friday)

7:30a - 8:15a 12:30p - 1:15p



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Cross of Hope School Staff





Susan Rivera Jennifer Abeyta Director of School Kindergarten Teacher



Lea Vera 1st / 2nd Grade



Elaine Pratt 3rd Grade Teacher



Joy Thornhill 4th-5th Grade Teacher



Carly Haynes Art Teacher, Librarian, Educational Assistant



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Lori Braunhardt Preschool Lead Teacher



Ann Martin Preschool Lead Teacher



Angela Tinker Preschool Lead Teacher



Rhonda Cantu Preschool Educational Assistant



Deonna Chavez Preschool Educational Assistant



Florence Begay Preschool Helper

Introducing New School Staff



Deonna Chavez, Preschool Educational Assistant. I am so honored and blessed to be a first year educational assistant for this upcoming school year in the three year old program. I am originally from northern New Mexico and moved to Albuquerque in 2012, where I met my wonderful husband and through the grace of God we were blessed with two amazing kids. I was fortunate to be a stay at home mom for the past five years.

I received my associate degree in 2015 as a licensed physical therapist assistant and actively remain licensed. My daughter attended the preschool three year old program and we absolutely loved the school. We immediately felt the sense of comfort from the staff that she was in good hands and throughout the school year, we witnessed the developmental growth, social skills, and overall happiness in attending this wonderful school. I was able to volunteer in her classroom and realized very quickly that working in the schools was a goal.

That saying "God's Timing," truly attested to this opportunity. I was asked to be an EA for this upcoming three year old program and I am so eager and excited to be a part of this ministry and school community.

My hobbies include: Spending time with my family and making memories, outdoor activities, running, gardening, and most importantly strengthening my faith with God.



Angie Tinker, Preschool Lead Teacher. I am so thankful to be a part of the Cross of Hope Preschool team. I have been in the Early Childhood Education field for about 17 years. I earned my Associates of Arts at CNM in Early Childhood Education 2021. I am currently completing my Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Multicultural Education rth to 3rd grade with Western New Mexico University. Lwill be graduating this Spring 2024

from Birth to 3rd grade with Western New Mexico University. I will be graduating this Spring 2024 with hopes to continue on with my Masters shortly after.

I am blessed to be a mother of three amazing young men ages. I love working with our youngest learners, there is never a dull moment, they are filled with joy and energy. I love to see that spark when they have mastered a new skill. Being able to take part in helping families create a strong foundation in faith and learning is truly a blessing.



Jennifer Abeyta, Kindergarten Teacher - I have been an educator since 1992. I served as an educational assistant, substitute teacher, classroom teacher in grades K-3, and assistant principal. I am now back in the classroom where I am thrilled to be teaching children Biblical principles and the love of Jesus.

I live in Albuquerque with my husband Don of 22 years, 3 children, my mother and our menagerie of 5 dogs and a cat. I moved to New Mexico from Montana in 2000 to teach. I never dreamed New Mexico would be my home but 23 years later, I guess you would consider me a transplant.

I love contemporary Christian music, Sandia sunsets, date nights with my husband and family gatherings. We are a joyful family serving Jesus and basking in His blessings.



Alex Kurtzman, PE Teacher - I am a PhD student at UNM. I love movement! I am obsessed with all forms of movement, from yoga, to cycling, to hiking, to lifting weights, and throwing the frisbee all the way to good ol' walking. I feel blessed to have the ability to move and I love to share my excitement with everyone. Movement is therapy, if you feel bogged down with stress, take a short walk, take some deep breaths and reap the benefits!

Welcome to Cross of Hope School and Preschool Anchored in Jesus







Council Corner

by Kristi J. Valdez Council Member

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Greetings from your church council!

First, a big "welcome home" to Pastor Adam. Also, a big "thank you" to Pastor Russ and Pastor Rick for filling in while Pastor Adam was on sabbatical. We are so blessed to have several pastors in our congregation.

The school is buzzing with activity again. Teachers returned to school on August 7. On August 10, there was a back-to-school open house that many families attended, which provided parents and children with an opportunity to visit the school, meet their new teachers, and enjoy some time together. School started on August 14. To comply with House Bill 130 (extending school learning hours), half an hour has been added to each school day. Our current enrollment is 58 elementary students and 35 preschool students. There are some new teachers, as well as a new Director of School Ministry, Susan Rivera. Art and Spanish have been added to further enrich students' education. It is such a blessing that God has met the needs of the school and provided opportunities to positively impact our students.

The fiscal year was recently changed to September 1 to August 31. This will be beneficial in developing the new budget so we can more accurately determine the number of students who will be attending school for the year. The Finance Committee will also begin to meet regularly again.

The church and school are working on upgrading the music/sound equipment, as well as replacing some of the computers. We appreciate your patience as this occurs.

Finally, as summer comes to a close, the 9 a.m. worship service will soon be moved indoors. We thank all the volunteers who helped make the outdoor services possible.

Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- September 3 This will be the last outdoor 9 a.m. service for the year.
- September 10 The 9 a.m. worship service will be moved to the sanctuary, COH hosting Outreach Sunday and Food Drive.
- September 24 There will be <u>one</u> worship service at 10 a.m. A Congregational meeting will follow at 11 a.m. Pastor Adam will also discuss highlights of his sabbatical during this time. A potluck will follow, so come enjoy some good food and fellowship.

Please note that the Church Council strives to be open and accessible to the members it serves. We will continue to keep you informed of upcoming changes, events, and activities. You may also direct any questions or concerns to any Council member, and we will do our best to help.

Blessings, Kristi



The Mission of Cross of Hope Faith Connections Group To provide an opportunity for all people to share Christ's love and authentic community in a small group setting where lives are transformed through growth in faith and service to others.

COH Small Group Ministry

Cross of Hope Worship and Small Group Series on Community Life New Series Beginning September 10

Gather with us at Cross of Hope for a new worship and small groups series beginning Sunday, September 10, 2023. Together in worship and small groups we will explore letters to God's people with a focus on Community Life. We hope for this time to Transform our relationships with God, self, and others!

The Sunday worship experiences will form the basis for small group conversations offered to deepen the faith walk through this new season of growth. If you are interested in trying out a small group opportunity this year, contact the church office at (505) 897-0047, ext. 102 or Pastor Russ Sorensen at r2csorensen@gmail.com or (505) 400-8206 for more information. We have several options, and room for you to come and grow with us. Invite your friends as well!

Community Life

Transforming Relationships with God, Self, and Others!

Worship and Small Group Series Schedule

- Sept 10 The Power of Love
- Sept 17 The Risk in Forgiveness
- Sept 24 The Model of Relationships
- Oct 1 The Shape of Community
- Oct 8 The Clash of Values
- Oct 15 The Invitation to a New Way
- Oct 22 The Life of Thanks
- Oct 29 The Gift of Grace
- Nov 5 Your Belonging with God

Romans 13:8-14 and Matt 18:15-20 Romans 14:1-12 and Matt 18:21-35 Philippians 1:21-30 and Matt 20:1-16 Philippians 2:1-13 and Matt 21:23-32 Philippians 3:4b-14 and Matt 21:33-46 Philippians 4:1-9 and Matt 22:1-14 I Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Matt 22:15-22 Romans 3:19-28 and John 8:31-36

I John 3:1-3 and Matt 5:1-12

Open group meetings: Sunday's 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday's 6:30 p.m. Talk with Pastor Russ Sorensen about other available time options. Pastor Russ Sorensen at r2csorensen@gmail.com or (505) 400-8206 **Dale and Edee Bauer**

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Heart Strings

Members of COH unable to worship with us on a regular basis. Please contact and let them know we care.

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	<u>Day</u>	Years Married
Carmine and Genie Rossetti	3	28
Rudy and Sherrie Simek	3	46
Geoff and Debbie Bokan	13	48
Robert and Sheri Phillips	14	38
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Julia Hawkins

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Youth News

In August, Pr. Adam and I dreamed together, then shared that dream with parents at a meeting between services Sunday, August 27. The response was overwhelming from our parents and kids. Everyone is excited to start up Camp@COH again this year.

Camp@COH begins Wednesday, September 6 at 5:30p

What is Camp@COH you ask? For those of you who don't know what that is, Camp@COH is a Wednesday night for families and youth to come together and share time together in a camp atmosphere modeled after Rainbow Trail. We will be doing camp in 5 week rotations this year. Each rotation will have a theme. Themes may be related to a season in the church year or a fun theme chosen by the kids. Kids will be organized in villages, a Senior High village, a Mid-High village, and an elementary school age village. Our Bible studies will happen in the village setting. Our games and activities will occur in the bigger setting called "All Camp." And we are bringing back meals.

Meals? We're bringing back meals you say?

Let me tell you more about the meals.

Each week in the rotation we will have a simple meal.

•The first week will be **burgers grilled right onsite**, with chips and condiments on the side. Cookies and drinks will also be served. We already have a parent willing to do the grilling.

•Second week – **pizza catered from outside.** We will be adding veggie trays, cookies and drinks to this meal as well

•Our third week will be tacos with all the fixin's. Again more cookies and drinks are provided.

•Week 4 will be **sandwich fixin's that folks can make themselves**. Fruit and/or veggie trays will be available. And of course, cookies and drinks.

•Finally, week 5 is **fried chicken coming from Albertson's**. We will supplement with veggie trays and you guessed it– cookies and drinks.

I know by now you are asking- How can I help? Here's where we will need your help!

Each rotation we will send out a sign up genius asking our Youth Supporters (btw that's you) to help with food and/or monetary donations. This will help offset the cost of feeding hungry kids. If you want to help serve during a rotation or a particular evening, we welcome that as well. It is not an all year commitment. We appreciate any support we receive. Here's the Signup Genius link if you want to signup for Meals Camp@COH.

Live well, laugh often, love much!

Nancy Lacher, Youth Coordinator, <u>nlacher@crossofhope.org</u>, 505 934-0401

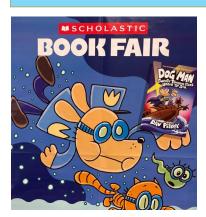
Outreach Sunday and Food Drive



On Sunday, September 10, Cross of Hope will host an **"Outreach Sunday and Food Drive"** event between worship. This will enable us to share our opportunities to reach out to our community and all of the partners Cross of Hope joins hands with.

There will be a metal rolling cart to hold donations. Please remember that donated food must be non-perishable and in non-breakable containers (no glass). By Kathy Gorman

Community Gathering September 13



The Church and School invite you to our Kona Ice Social and to do some Christmas shopping for books at the Book Fair, Wednesday September 13, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Contact: Carly Haynes, School Librarian carly@crossofhope.org,



Women on Wednesday (WOW)

On September 6, Bart and Tessa will host the introductory gathering for the new session of Women on Wednesday. They live at 5205 Sweetwater Dr NW and will be available from 3-4:30 p.m. (regular sessions will be 4- 5:30 p.m. at the church). They will provide iced tea, some soft drinks, and water for beverages as well as a variety of snacks. You just need to bring yourself. Please do not bring any additional food but feel free to bring your own drink.

There will be good conversation, an opportunity to play Cornhole, and time to sign up for a date to talk about your favorite Bible verse during our meetings this year. No official program so just a relaxing afternoon. By Kathy Gorman



The church and school will be closed Monday, September 4.

FamilyPromise Thank You

The Family Promise of ABQ hosting August 6-13 was well served, (32 volunteer hosts, meal providers, and monetary donors, and prayers). Your donations of food, supplies, hot meals and your time, provided a safe and grace-filled week for our families.

Laura Combs, director of FPA said the three families we served have needs and barriers beyond what we have experienced. Every volunteer is important to the success of the program. Her stated opinion was these families, if left to the streets, would Not have survived. What we offer is a True Blessing from our Lord for these folks. They are progressing well toward graduation and will be supported by FPA staff. A list of needs may come soon at graduation time and we will have a sign up available.

Glenna Meneely and I thank you sincerely for your generous spirits of outreach! You have been good and faithful servants to our Lord in your acts of service! Matthew 25:35...'you have done this as unto Me.'

Respectfully, Jan Anderson

Save the Date



Congregational Meeting and All-Church Potluck

September 24 -One service at 10 a.m. Meeting and potluck to follow



The Happy Hoper Jerry and Laura Burton



Jerry

Birthdate: June 27, 1942

Birthplace: San Angelo, TX

Children: 4 from previous marriage 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and 1 on the way

Marriage: December 8, 1990

Occupation: Retired Air Force, Lt. Col.; Corporate Executive; Ordained Minister

Hobbies: Published author, geology, rock hunting, horses, chickens

Laura

March 13, 1965 Akron, OH

2 together - Daughter, Elizabeth (Albuquerque.) Son, James (Michigan)

Where: Albuquerque, NM

Associate Director of Business Operations, UNM Health Science Rio Rancho Campus

Working on work/life balance; swimming, animals, pottery, reading, and listening to

Jerry has a brother, Larry, (two years older) who lives in TN. As a child the family lived in San Angelo, TX, Clovis, NM, and near Wichita, Kansas. His dad worked for the Santa Fe Railroad. Eventually, the family moved to Ohio where his dad worked for GE on the atomic airplane project. Jerry's mother, Mattie Louise, worked as an executive secretary in several organizations.

Jerry shared several experiences he had that confirmed and strengthened his belief in God. His family was Christian, but he "needed to know for himself." Let me share one story which truly impacted his military career. While in high school and college Jerry was a pole vaulter setting twenty seven high school and fourteen college records. In high school he had a vaulting accident resulting in a slipped disk. He was in a brace for nine months and his physical activity was severely curtailed. After the nine months, he amazingly returned to vaulting.

Jerry's dad, a Navy veteran of World War II, encouraged Jerry to enroll in the Air Force ROTC program in college. During his junior and senior years of college, Jerry was the Commander of his unit. In his senior year he completed Phase I of flight training. During his commissioning physical they found a disk with a strange spike on it. Consequently he was separated from the Air Force and rated (4F, **un**fit for service).

Jerry graduated from Capital University, a Lutheran College, in Columbus, Ohio with a B.S. in Geology in 1965. He started a master's degree in business at the University of Miami in Oxford, Ohio. He accepted a full time job in IT. He married. In 1972, Jerry met a co-worker in IT who was

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also a member of the Ohio Air National Guard. This friend convinced Jerry to pursue his Air Force commission again and offered to help. After pushing his previous paperwork through the system, the Air Force required Jerry to undergo three months of grueling physical exercises, stress and agility tests. The conclusion of the Flight Surgeon was that Jerry satisfied the physical requirements. The Air Force did not x-ray his back in spite of Jerry's strong suggestions to do so. Jerry did have an x-ray taken and it was perfect. Eight years had passed.

Jerry's career in the military had many twists and turns. He flew, was in air operations, did flight training, operations intel, re-wrote operational training manuals and had many top secret assignments both here and abroad while rising through the ranks. No, he didn't wear his cowboy hat while in the military!

As his military career neared its end, Jerry transferred to the US Air Force Reserve. He was transferred to Space Command and later attached to the Air Force Academy. Jerry retired at the rank of Lt. Col. in 2002.

During his military career, he continued working in IT for Champion International, moving to Stanford, CT in 1980. While there he went back to school at Sacred Heart University earning an MBA in Financial Management. After Champion, he worked in the music and movie industries.

While in CT he lived in a neighborhood that had several mafia members. The FBI called Jerry asking him to gather information on the movements of a mafia member. After a little over a year, he was approached by two men. It was time to get out of town. At the time Jerry was also going through a divorce. He decided to move with his youngest child, Carson, to New Mexico where his parents were living.

Once resettled in NM, Jerry worked eight years as an IT consultant and eventually as a Director of IT for a local company. He went to Trinity Theological Seminary, was ordained in 1999, and received a PH.D. in Church Administration in 2003. After "retiring," Jerry started teaching General and AP Chemistry, General and AP Physics at Hope Christian High School. While teaching full time, he enrolled in a Masters program at NM Tech. He graduated in 2012 with a Masters of Science Teaching (Math, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Astronomy).

To continue reading about the Burton's follow the link provided <u>*Read the full Burton "Happy*</u> <u>*Hoper"*</u>

Welcome Back and Thank You Brunch



Great food, and even better conversations to celebrate Pastor Adam, Pastor Russ, and Pastor Rick.







All photos courtesy of 3MorrPhotos



Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, September 8 at 1:00pm

Lunch Bunch Wednesday September 13 at 1:00 pm

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen 4865 Pan American West Freeway NE

Questions? Contact Beth Cretsinger Call/text (505) 249-1162, or email <u>ddbecrets@gmail.com.</u>



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TRNA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER MARKET / RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 7:00 am—12:00 pm Cross of Hope Church Parking Lot



t wouldn't be a TRNA flea market without hot dogs, doughnuts, coffee, and more!!

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR?

Neighborhood volunteers help set up, oversee the TRNA tables and clean up.

WE NEED DONATIONS FOR THE TRNA TABLES - BEST DROPPED OFF BY 8 AM THE DAY OF SALE

To reserve a parking space to sell or to volunteer or to donate goods for TRNA

CALL OR TEXT TERRI SPIAK AT 505-879-4995

OR EMAIL trnaeducation@gmail.com FOR MORE INFO

IN GRATITUDE: We extend our appreciation to Cross of Hope Church for allowing us the use of their parking lot for this important community-building event! Cross of Hope Church is located on Taylor Ranch Road, between Montaño and Golf Course/La Orilla, across from the Don Newton Taylor Ranch Community Center.

Set up begins at 6:00am – please no earlier arrivals! Close at noon. Let us be good neighbors and leave the church parking lot clear and clean no later than 1:00 p.m.

Cross of Hope Care Outreach

Transportation

Medical Appointments Other Appointments Necessary Errands

Assistance is available:

- www.crossofhope.org/forms
- Email: care@crossofhope.org
- In the Great HallCall COH office (505)897-0047x102

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Worship Times: On-Site Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Sunday - 10:45 a.m. Digital: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Devotions: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

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September Book Suggestions

Recommended by Dee Gutierrez

Faith of the Father's: a novel. Book 4 of 5. - Lynn Austin

Can Joshua rescue the faithful remnant from Manasseh's persecution? Has it all gone too far...or will he rediscover his father's God?

Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the wrong people - Nadia Bolz- Weber

Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls "a religious but notso-spiritual life." Tattooed, angry and profane, this former standup comic turned pastor stubbornly, sometimes hilariously, resists the God she feels called to serve. But God keeps showing up in the least likely of people—a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop and a gun-toting member of the NRA.

Two Full Plates: Learning to be a Caregiver - Fran Rogers

Who would ever consider serving others as being the most fulfilling role in life? Being a caregiver far outweighs other opportunities in this life and lays up treasures for us in heaven. When we think of how much the Lord gave for us, what more can we do than give all that we are for those we love.