



CROSSROADS CHAPEL

# SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME BACK TO MINNESOTA STATE FAIR 2021



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**S**o much has changed since the last time the fair was in operation in 2019. The pandemic changed everything, the way we live, play and interact with each other. So many people lived in fear, while others were experiencing the racial tension that was in every major city across the nation. We then culminated 2020 with a contentious election that even divided us further. People against people, mask or no mask, vaccination or no vaccination, conservative vs liberal, black against white, it was all a hodgepodge of tension and confusion. Now in 2021, things have settled down a bit, but what remains is still the aftermath of all those unfortunate events. People are wondering even more about the security of our nation, what is next in terms of pandemics, and the relationships that were put on ice for more than a year, will we ever be the same?

Most people say no, the pandemic, and the events in 2020 have changed us a people forever, but I am not sure the change will be good. Trust in government, authority and democracy has all been challenged and questioned. So, what does a person do

when everything in life is either at a standstill or in jeopardy of going away? The only hope we have is to trust in God. He has made promises to us to be our peace, our safety, and our eternal hope. The Crossroads Chapel has been around over sixty years at the fair sharing the Good News that God's promises can be trusted and in the midst of so much change in our world, His truth will bring us peace. Please stop by the Crossroads Chapel this year, we would love to spend a moment in conversation or prayer for you and your family. Thanks for making the Minnesota State Fair and the Crossroads Chapel a go to place in 2021.

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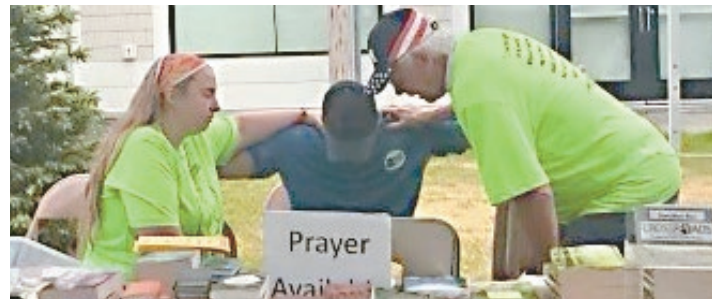
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# MESSAGE FROM SHAWN JONES, CROSSROADS BOARD PRESIDENT

**W**elcome back to the Minnesota State Fair and the Crossroads Chapel! It has been two years since we assembled at the Crossroads Chapel and the Minnesota Great Get Together. The Crossroads Chapel has undergone many changes and we are excited to share with you just what has transpired. First, the Chapel is fully carpeted front to back. We installed a new kitchen floor that will uphold the worst water leaks and new lockers that will help keep volunteers' belongings safe and secure.

The building has gone through some changes and so has the ministry. In 2020 the Crossroads Board voted to expand our horizons. A "365" committee was formed and is made up of 4 individuals from the Board: Larry Kutzler, Chris Heeb, Terry Schuveiller, and Shawn Jones. This group's mission is to bring the ministry outside the walls

of the fairgrounds and reach others for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of our goals was to do county fairs, festivals, etc. and share the Good News of Jesus. This summer we had the opportunity to have a booth at the Blaine Festival, which we took full advantage of. Wow, was it exciting! We prayed with hundreds of people and some received Jesus as Lord and Savior. 500-plus free Bibles were given out as well as cross necklaces were made with hundreds of kids which explained the Gospel. Lord willing, we plan on doing many county fairs, festivals, etc. in 2022. We also were able to participate in the Street Machine Summer Nationals in July. God worked in the hearts of many as several trusted Christ for salvation. Another first for Crossroads Chapel is a full Spanish service on a Saturday night during the fair. Emmanuel Christian Center will be holding an all-Spanish service on Saturday



September 4th at 7 pm. This will be a unique experience for our Hispanic Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We welcomed Amy Bruno to the ministry! Amy is our first employee that will be serving in a year around capacity and helping coordinate, manage, and handling many projects for Crossroads Ministry. She is also involved with Saturate USA which is an evangelistic program to reach the entire USA by 2027 with the gospel.

We have a new relationship with Praise Live FM 95.3. Dave McIver, Executive Director of Praise Live FM will

be providing information and updates to listeners about what is going on at Chapel during the fair. A real Holy Spirit affiliation and we are blessed to have them involved.

For our southern MN visitors, we also will be working with Kinship Christian Radio, KJYL in Blue Earth, MN. They will also be announcing events at the Chapel on-air as well as call in interviews with Crossroads.

Come and see us! We have missed you! Maybe you will get caught up in the revival we have been praying for. May God Bless you and Keep You!

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## The DIAGNOSIS and the CURE



**I**f I told you have an undetected spiritual cancer, which is tormenting your soul and killing your body, would you want the cure? Would the cure be good news? Maybe only if you first received the bad news.

What if you went to the doctors office and were given the report from the Great Physician that you now have this spiritual cancer, called "sin" that has gone undetected by you for years and it is a guaranteed death sentence to ruin your life and be separated from your Creator forever in eternal torment if you don't accept the cure. Then the cure should be the greatest news you have ever heard, right?

Eight years ago I received the cure from this Great Physician for my "sin" cancer. I was predisposed to getting this type of cancer from birth from my ancestors, but ultimately I chose it at a young age the first time I disobeyed my Father's Word. This choice resulted in consequences. When I chose to disobey

my Father, the sin cancer became a spiritual prison I was living in until I was cured and set free. I didn't even know I was in prison until I accepted the cure.

Jesus is the name of the Great Physician, who offered me a cure. He said the cure is free for anyone and everyone who comes to Him and trusts His Word. Jesus, the Great Physician and Creator, put His words for the cure and eternal life in this manual called "the Bible".

Will you trust His Word for the cure? He said it's a free gift and 100 percent trustworthy.

The Cure Explained:

God is holy, perfect in all of His ways. (Rev 15:4, Psalm 22:31)

Every human sins. Sin separates us from a holy God because it is contrary to his perfect nature. (Rom 3:23, Isa 59:2, 1John 1:5-6)

The consequences of sin are death and eternal separation from God and an eternity of suffering. (1Cor 15:56, 2Thes 1:9, Dan 12:2)

Knowing that man was unable to be good, God sent a Savior. (Mat 19:17, John 3:16)

God sent His son Jesus, who lived a perfect

life, to take the punishment we deserved upon him-self as a substitute in our place. This occurred when Jesus died by crucifixion. (1Pet 1:18-19, Mat 20:28)

Jesus' death was for our sin and three days later he rose from the dead, overcoming the consequences of sin in humanity and entering into eternal life. (1Cor 15:3-4)

It is only by the work of Jesus that we can be saved. Our own work can never be good enough to inherit righteousness. (Eph 2:8-9)

Then Jesus offered us a cure for the sin problem. This cure He said is a free gift and available for anyone to accept or reject. The gift is that if we confess Jesus as Lord, believe in his substitutional death for our sins, and that the Lord raised him from the dead we will have our sins forgiven and will live forever with Him in paradise. (Rom 10:9-11, Psalm 23:6 Luke 23:43)

Will you accept His gift today? Pray to Jesus in your own Words and tell Him.

More information can be found on: [GotQuestions.org](http://GotQuestions.org) and [BlueLetterBible.org](http://BlueLetterBible.org).



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Have A Question On How To Get Started? Email Us At [Info@SaturateUSA.org](mailto:Info@SaturateUSA.org)





# CROSSROADS CHAPEL ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 5th annual golf tournament was held June 25th at Oak Glen Golf Course in Stillwater, MN. Despite the high temps, the teams were eager to play. Dozens of water bottles were

consumed! Teams were from several ministries and local churches played: Bless MN, Side by Side, Living Faith, Cedar Valley Church, Glorybound and First Evangelical Free Church. Side by Side

ministry won the event! Greg Pagh from Bless MN was the speaker at the dinner afterwards. Join us next year for the 5th Annual Golf Tournament.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The date for the 2022 Golf Tournament is June 24 at Oak Glen Golf Course

*Proceeds from the golf tournaments are used for ministry expenses, welcome bags for carnival workers, kid's crafts, Christian entertainment and building maintenance*



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preaching on  
**Saturday,  
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**P**astor Adrian Falgetti and his wife Silvia, both from Argentina with many years of pastoral experience, lead the Hispanic Ministry at Emmanuel Christian Center alongside an excellent team of leaders. ECC is located in Spring Lake Park, MN.

In their Hispanic Ministry you will find a family of more than 17 Latin American nationalities. All ages are represented through different groups, classes, meetings, and activities.

ECC has weekly service in Spanish on Wednesdays, Spanish interpretation for Sunday service, many connect groups that meet throughout the city and dozens of opportunities to connect and serve. You would love what God is doing in our Hispanic community and you will immediately feel at home, as a family.

If you want to know God and grow in your relationship with Him, if you want to make friends and share life with other

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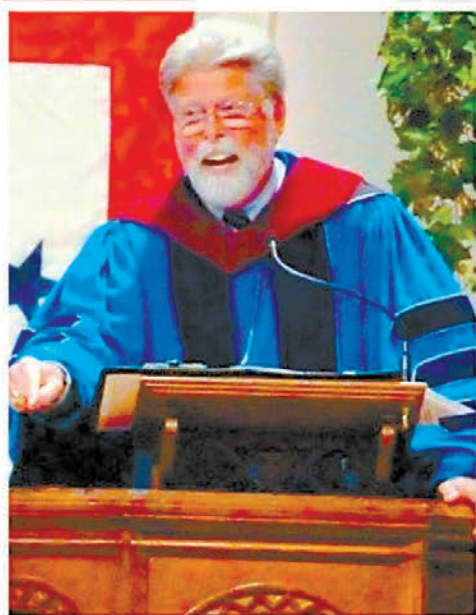
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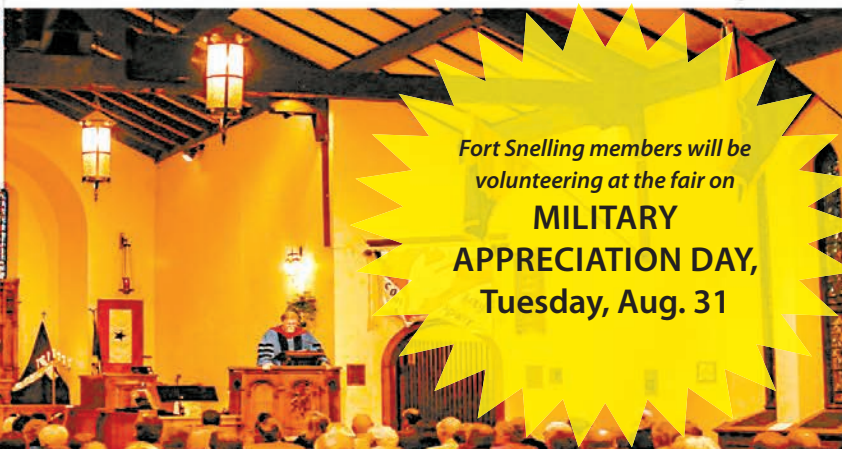
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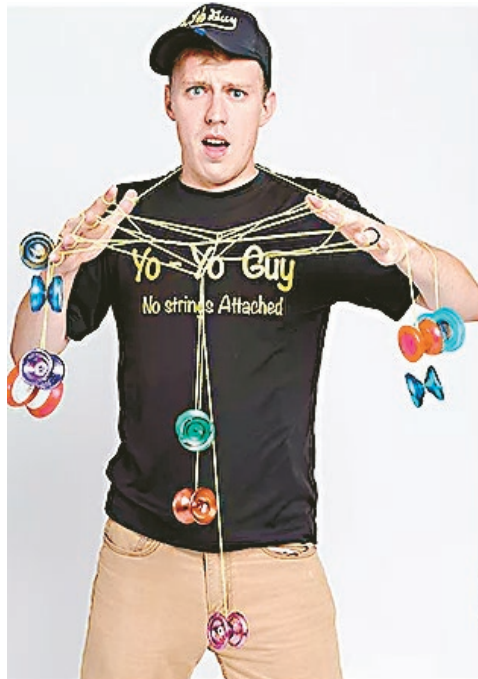
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**Performing: Aug. 26-28 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Contact info: [www.glberg.com/roster/Britton-Pankratz](http://www.glberg.com/roster/Britton-Pankratz)



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## Get to know Randy Christensen

**R**andy Christensen is a professional entertainer and speaker known for his creative and inspiring presentations. As a variety artist, Randy has presented programs for over thirty years for schools, churches, businesses, conferences and community programming across the United States and in seven other countries.

Randy, an ordained minister, was taught how to juggle by his college roommate. That was the start of an unexpected path change for Randy. Soon,

Randy was pursuing circus and variety arts education and every opportunity he could find to perform for children and families. He has taught kid's workers, clowning and creative communication methods at various local, regional and national work-shops.

Currently teaching and performing full time, Randy is based out of Minnesota. He's active in local community events and elementary school programs. He is a husband and father of three.

**Performing: Aug. 30 & 31, 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Visit Randy's website for more information:  
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**"I felt truly inspired by the speaker, and I could almost feel as if he were talking to me. It really sparked something in me, and he made me want to save sex for marriage."**

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# Get Organized!

**M**y name is Sarah and I am a flight attendant located in the Minneapolis area, who also works as a personal home-organizer! Working both of these jobs together is a dream come true and I can genuinely say that I love what I do.

I am a California-born girl, adopted and raised in Minne-so-cold until after high school. I headed right back to southern California for Bible College in 2009. That school led me to have the opportunity to study abroad for three months in Jerusalem. I then moved north of San Francisco for a few years, and now back to the Midwest! I love to travel, but one of the places that will always hold a special piece of my heart is Uganda. My friends run an orphanage specifically for special needs children there, called The Gem Foundation.

Before becoming a flight attendant, I worked in senior living for many years and loved serving the Residents. As I now delve into my organization business, I carry my love for the elderly community with me. I truly believe in living out their deserved respect and coming alongside to help during the hard transitions of life. I am thrilled to use my gifts as a way to



help in that process. I also enjoy helping busy, working moms with spaces they just don't have time to organize, along with assisting families who are going through home transitions. I love cleaning out storage units, organizing garages, helping people make more use of small living spaces, and so much more!

These are some of the ways my heart has been inspired to do this work, but I am looking to serve anyone and everyone who needs a touch of organization to declutter their lives and minds!

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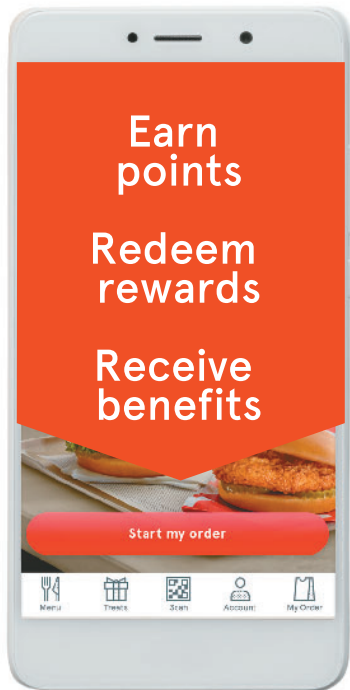


For several years, Arlyce Morrell of Elk River and a team of volunteers have been selling Key Lime Pie Bars at the Minnesota State Fair.

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**I**t was the 135th anniversary of the St. Paul Winter Carnival, and it was sure to be special. How little we knew just how extraordinary it would be! There would be no parades, no gathering, and surely, masks would be required. The Vulcans had a conundrum on their hands. Combined with determination to hold the annual Vulcan Snow Park, and seeing the success of other drive-thru events during a pandemic, the Vulcan organization teamed up with the Saint Paul Winter Carnival to create the "Winter Carnival Drive-Thru Ice and Snow Sculpture Park."

With the generous help of Crossroads Chapel and the much appreciated donation of their heated haven, the Vulcans were able to pull off one of the most successful Vulcan Snow Parks yet! A combined total of 36 sculptures

were erected along the route, and over 15,000 cars loaded up with families and friends drove through the carefully planned route. The most incredible part, however, was the generosity of those that drove through. Over six tons of food was collected for Second Harvest Heartland, and over \$13,000.00 were raised. Of that, \$5000.00 was leveraged at a three to one match, making the final amount donated to Second Harvest Heartland over \$28,000.00!

It was a difficult year for many, a struggle to distance ourselves from our friends and families. Life changed in ways none of us could imagine, but difficult times allow mankind's generosity to shine.



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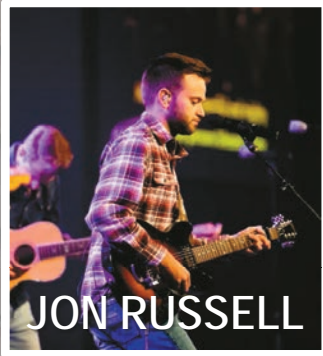
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Crossroads has prayed for several years about outreach ministry at non-fair times. How do we do ministry inside and outside the walls of the Chapel building? A "365" committee was launched earlier this year and they have been busy!

### **MAY:**

Twin Cities Auto Show

### **JUNE:**

Coffee at the Cross (an in-depth study of the Scriptures led by Pastor Chris Heeb)

Annual Golf Tournament at  
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### **JULY:**

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# Finding Faith:

## A Young Woman's Journey from Darkness to Light

### Rebekah's story

I was born and raised in a affluent conservative Muslim family in Southwest Asia. Praying 5 times a day was not forced upon anyone but was encouraged and neither did women have to cover their heads with Hijabs. We lived and ate in a very "western way" but followed the 5 pillars of Islam. I am the oldest of 3 children and only daughter. I was born in one of the only Christian Hospitals still standing in my birth country.

While I was going to college in Minnesota as an international student, I converted to Christianity on

Feb. 22, 1998 at the age of 21. I kept my conversion a secret from my family for 2 1/2 years for fear that my Muslim father would kill me per Islamic laws. I was told I can never talk to Christians again because I was putting the family in danger. Years of torture left me broken but Jesus had plans that led me to choose Him over my family.

To read more of Rebekah's testimony, you can purchase her book on Amazon: [www.amazon.com/Finding-Faith-Womans-Journey-Darkness/dp/1717017959](http://www.amazon.com/Finding-Faith-Womans-Journey-Darkness/dp/1717017959) )

Afterword By Mary Lene: There are encounters in life that change us. For years I have been in tune with the persecuted Church and Christians who have chosen to lay down their lives to follow Jesus. I've read many testimonies where men, women and children have endured the unthinkable because they count their lives as loss knowing that what is to come far exceeds what they are enduring in this world.

Meeting Rebekah changed

me. As I sat and listened to her story unfold, I was in awe of her love for Christ and her obedience and willingness to lay down all that she was for all that He is. As I choked back tears, I found myself seeing some of my favorite scriptures coming alive before my very eyes. Phillipians 3:8-10 "What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them

rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes

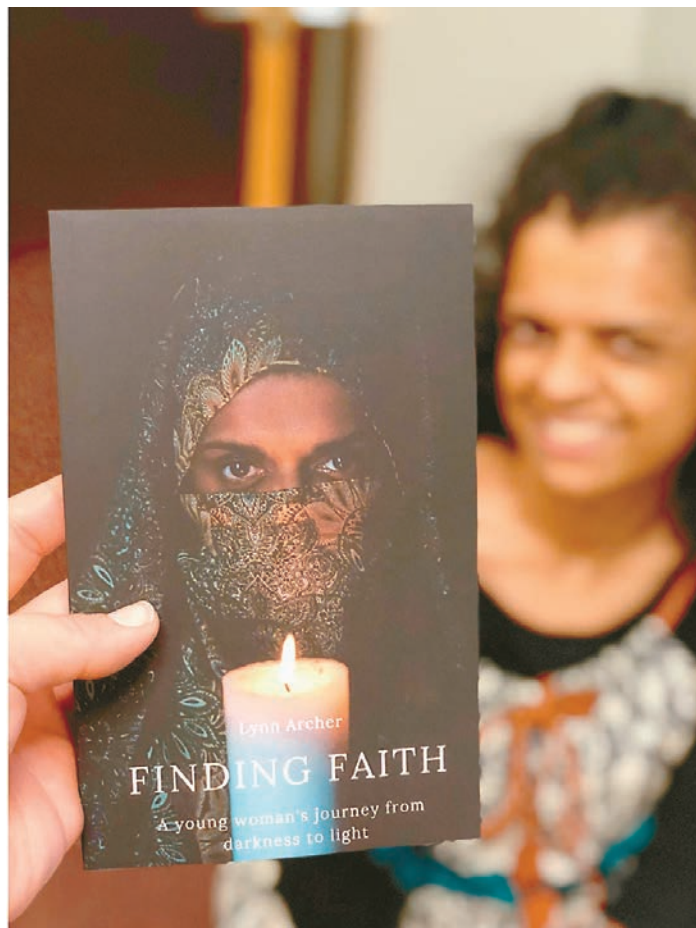
from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain the resurrection from the dead." As she spoke, this scripture captured her life.

Rebekah's story is an example of coming to a place where nothing else will satisfy but Jesus himself. It is a journey that can only be accomplished when we give all that we are for all that he is.

This book is significant. It is a book that expands our understanding of what many have endured and few have had an opportunity to share. It is a book of choices. An example of choosing the road less traveled for a greater reward. It is a book of hope that is shown in the story of our redemption that can only be found in Jesus. When we die to our old nature, it is then we truly live...

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

*-Romans 10:13*



Rebekah's heart behind this memoir has always been to present her story as one written by the Lord. She laid down her life long ago trusting that in doing so, the Lord would instruct her tongue and footsteps to glorify Him and give others hope. She offers that same chance and choice to you today. If you do not know Christ as your personal savior, today is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 "For he says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." The Lord has a plan for each one of us. Most of us will not have our story unfold as Rebekah did. But, if we allow our story to be written by the Lord, he will use it for His Glory, as he is doing with her. She believed the truth that Jesus died on the cross, shedding his blood for our sins, washing us white as snow so that we can have ever-lasting



life with our Heavenly Father and Lord. If you desire to know the Lord, as your savior, your coming King, do not tarry. Today is the day.

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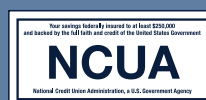
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## Meet the Board of Directors

**Max Haake**



**I**n Fairmount, Minnesota Max and Ashley are busy parents of four children, Graylyn, Stetsen, Jensen

and baby Gretchen. When he is not hanging out with his family or playing basketball, he loves to drum! Max works in the Automation Industry, mainly Fertilization Automation. Max says, "Being a part of the Crossroads Chapel at the State Fair has been rewarding. Crossing paths with thousands of folks attending the Fair and working side by side with the board members and volunteers has helped fuel the passion for sharing the Amazing Grace of Jesus Christ." What does he eat at the fair? Cheese curds!

**Chris Heeb**



**I**f you have ever met Chris, you would know is he obsessed with telling people about Jesus. Chris is

in full-time ministry with Good News for Israel, a branch of Chosen People Ministries. He loves to do projects around the house and tinker with cars. Married 21 years to Gina "hottie" Heeb, they have four children: Ben, Hadasah, Paul and "best mutt", Abby. What is he missing from the fair food selection this year? Key Lime Pie on a stick and whatever new meat is sold. Favorite verse is Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. Depending on the current COVID situation, Chris is hoping to start services at the Chapel on Saturdays soon. Watch our website for details!

**Drew Saterdalen**



**D**rew has previously served as Board President and now is the Treasurer. Drew and Sue

have two sons, Josh and Evan. Their home church is Living Faith in Circle Pines, Minnesota. When not working as a Business Manager for Michael D Heiderscheid Construction, Drew likes to read and fish, probably not at the same time. Mouth-watering, butter dripping corn is one of his favorite fair foods. Egg rolls from Que Viet also top the list. 2 Timothy 2:11-13 is Drew's favorite verse.

**Julie Curtis**



**O**riginally from Minneapolis, Julie lives in St. Paul with her husband, Tom.

They have two children, Ashley (married to Billy) and Dan. Both Ashley and Dan "grew up" at the Chapel over the years with Julie and later Tom's involvement with the ministry. Julie works full-time at Bethel University and is the Office Manager for Crossroads as well as Board Secretary. Favorite fair food? Not enough room to list them all. Key Lime Pie is near the top though! Hobbies: not fishing/golfing for sure. Crafts! "Be still and know that I am God..." Psalms 46:10.

**Terry Schuveiller**



**I**f you want something done, go to Terry! Terry has served the ministry tireless and faithfully for

many years. Although he is officially "retired", Terry continues to be an independent sales rep for a commercial cabinetry company. Terry and his wife Leann have two adult daughters and live in White Bear Lake. They attend Living Faith Church. Terry's hobby is golfing and has been the driving (pun intended!) force for Crossroads Annual Golf Tournament. He is missing the French fries from the State Fair this year. Favorite verse: Proverbs 3:5-6.

**Madison Grove**



**M**adison serves as a Senior Advisor in the Employee Benefits division of North Risk Partners.

He is an active member of the South West Twin Cities Metro Camp of Gideons, International. A resident of Prior Lake, Madison and his wife Marlene are parents to three married sons and will soon be welcoming their first great grandchild this fall. What would Madison be eating if he was at the fair? Mini donuts! His favorite verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. Golfing and fishing are what Madison likes to do in his off-time.

**Doug Peterson**



**D**oug and Judy have three children, Sarah (Tyler), Jenny (Jon) and Josh (Becki). Each

have three children ranging from 4-14. His favorite food is fat bacon. Life verse is Acts 20:24 "But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others the good news about God's wonderful kindness and love." Besides farming with his brother at their family farm in Southern Minnesota, Doug performs with his family music group, Heart Song, leading worship at their local church, and attending stock car races as a "Racers for Christ" chaplain. Judy and Doug will be celebrating 45 years of marriage in September. He's very thankful for God's blessings on his life and the opportunities to serve Him!

**Terry Frances**



**B**orn in Houston, Texas, Terry was an All-American football player winning two state championships. Terry

and his wife, Roxanne moved to Minnesota in 1998. They have four adult children, AJ, Sam, Alyssa and Joel. He is the Program Director at Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge where he has seen thousands of men commit their lives to the Lord. Terry's favorite verse is John 9:4 "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, for night comes and no man can work". Turkey legs is his favorite State Fair food. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, preaching and sharing his story with others.

**Shawn Jones**



**S**hawn is the Crossroads Board President. It is not unusual to see Shawn eating mini donuts while

working at the Chapel. Shawn's wife, Shari also volunteers. They have been married 37 years and have two grown children, Nick and Lauren. Both kids are married and have given Shawn and Shari

4 grandchildren. They attend Hope Community Church in Corcoran where Shawn is part of the Men's Community and sings on the worship team. He has over 26 years of senior leadership in multiple businesses.

**Terry Munoz**



**T**erry Munoz is the Founder & Executive Director of Side By Side Ministries,

a ministry that takes youth ministry to underserved communities. Terry met his wife Kris while hosting her youth evangelization team in California. Eventually the Munoz's moved back to Kris's home state of MN. Side By Side was founded in 1999 with a mission of helping young people to know Christ and offering communities necessary resources for success in youth ministry. As a member of the Board at Crossroads Chapel for the past 6+ years, Terry has been able to be a part of the larger Church coming together to serve as missionaries for the 12 days of the fair. "So having great love toward you, we were willing to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you were dear to us". - 1 Thessalonians 2:8

**Larry Kutzler**



**H**aving met Jesus on a skiing trip over 50 years ago, Larry's life changed completely.

Instead of following a secular radio career, he decided to work in Christian radio. Along the way he went back to school and pursued a theological career to become a pastor. His church career added the element of audio production, and this grew to where he eventually left the pastorate after 28 years. Larry's newest adventure combined his theological studies with his radio career and CitySites Urban Media was born in 2000. Larry writes blogs and has been engaging with other Christain leaders to create podcasts for the internet that do not compromise the truth of God's word. Along with the podcasts ministry of CitySites, he is the Executive Pastor at Cityview Church in South Mpls. Larry and his wife Paulette have been married 39 years, with 5 kids, 11 grandkids, an old home, and one motorcycle.

# My Time for Freedom,

by Luca Jo Groppoli

**M**y story isn't new, nor am I the only one. Listen to understand how I became a transgender male then found complete redemption and restoration in Jesus. Childhood trauma led me down the road to being transgender. My mother died when I was 6.

Nobody told me where she went. At 10, I was sexually molested by several people, including a family member. This resulted in dissociative disorder, a mental disorder causing a disconnection among thoughts, memories, surroundings, actions, and identity. People with dissociative disorders escape reality in ways that are involuntary and unhealthy, causing problems in everyday life.

I felt betrayed by family, who hadn't protected me, and then I even felt betrayed by my own body and mind.

One day while doing the laundry I noticed my brother's shirt and tried it on. I saw myself in the mirror and looked different—boyish, strong. I had come into agreement with a lie—that being a girl meant I'd be a victim, but being a male meant being an abuser. I didn't wish to be victimized, and seeing myself in men's clothes, I suddenly didn't see myself as the victim. Why would I NOT want to feel safe, hiding my true identity? I learned to present myself as a male. I did it for years before my family realized I needed help.

They did what they thought was best, taking me to the Program in Human Sexuality through the University of Minnesota where I took several psychological tests. Their conclusion? Gender Dysphoria. They explained it was a mix-up before I was born: my hormones and chromosomes didn't match; one indicated I was male, the other: female.



Huh. Made sense. "What can I do about it?" Their advice: a sex change. Seemed like a good option, as I hated being myself. After living as male for several years, I qualified for hormone treatment, but I never went any further as something kept me from it. But I lived as a man for over 3 decades.

In my forties, I met a woman, and we decided to live together. Her stipulation was that I go to church and a weekly Bible study. "Wait, you're a lesbian, and you want me to go to church?"

"They hate us!" Nonetheless I went because I wanted to keep the girl.

The first time I went, the pastor had an alter call. I went forward—something pulled me like a magnet. After being prayed for, I fell to the floor and wept. Afterward, it felt as though someone had taken a backpack off me; that was my self-hatred falling away.

Two weeks later, the pastor and his wife took me to lunch. They explained that I was living separated from God and that sin leads us to hell. Well, let me tell you, I didn't like hearing that

AT ALL! But suddenly it felt like all the lies I'd been told at the Program in Human Sexuality came crumbling

down. I never did feel right inside about all that transgender stuff, but they were supposed to be the experts, right? I began seeing who Jesus really was, that He truly loved me, and HE WANTED to be with me.

I continued going to that church because I loved the people, and they were loving me. They weren't telling me, "Luca, it's time to stop dressing like a boy now." They just loved me, spent time with me, answered my questions about God.

The pastor preached the FULL GOSPEL: sin—all sorts of sin, homosexuality, sex outside marriage, strongholds. I didn't much like hearing it, but something in me said he was telling the truth. I didn't always believe him, so I bought a Bible to read it for myself, then began trusting him.

In 2012, three years after I started attending church, I knew it was time to leave my former life behind. I heard a scripture in church, "He who holds onto his life shall lose it, and he who loses it for My sake shall find it." I began my walk out of trauma and fear and was getting healed through the work of the Holy Spirit. Yes, I was water baptized and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

As I healed from the trauma, I began feeling safe to be female. At first it was terrifying, would this God hurt me? He let me get hurt as a child. But something kept telling me I'd be ok. The Lord—through several miracles—led me out of my home and out of that life.

MY TIME FOR FREEDOM!!! Through excellent discipleship, I learned to be the woman I was created to be. This is why it's important for us, the Church, to hear and obey the words of the Lord: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

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## Prayer at the Chapel!

Welcome to the Minnesota State Fair 2021 and the Crossroads Chapel! In addition to music and worship, entertainment, children's crafts, free Bibles and more... did you know that volunteers at the Crossroads Chapel are available to pray with anyone who stops by? These prayer volunteers come from many churches all around the Twin Cities and the State of Minnesota. Pastor Greg Pagh, President of Bless Minnesota, is helping coordinate and provide training to teams of "pray-ers" for this 12-day effort. Many prayers are also being offered in advance of the fair welcoming the Holy Spirit to move powerfully during this "Great Minnesota Get-Together!" Hundreds of thousands of people attend the State Fair each year and every one of them has a need for

prayer. Most of these needs go unspoken.

At the Crossroads Chapel volunteers are available from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM every day to meet people personally, even if just for a minute or two, hear their prayer requests and offer heartfelt prayers for their needs. Volunteers will be wearing badges that say, "How Can I Pray for You?"

Prayer requests may relate to topics like health, finances, job, marriage, children, faith or guidance for a tough decision. There is no limit. Sometimes fairgoers are seeking peace, the kind that only Jesus can give. That's why some prayer requests include a desire to commit one's life to Jesus as Savior and Lord. A free Bible and follow-up resources are made available to everyone who makes such a first-time commitment. Whatever your prayer request may be, know

that no prayer is too great or small for God to hear and answer according to His desire to love and bless you.

This year volunteers will also be praying for every street at the Minnesota State Fair by name and "prayer walking" their chosen street at various time throughout the day. We are asking for the presence, power and love of Jesus to permeate the grounds of the State Fair leading to a genuine climate of love, peace and hospitality. If there is a specific street that you would like to "adopt in prayer" please respond at: [www.TheCrossroadsChapel.org](http://www.TheCrossroadsChapel.org) Get Involved, Adopt a Street.

You can learn more about street adoption at: [www.BlessMinnesota.org](http://www.BlessMinnesota.org). Minnesotans are known for being "Minnesota Nice" which refers to the fact that we are generally friendly, kind and

welcoming. The motto of Bless Minnesota is "Go Beyond Nice." Especially as Christians, we are called to be bold in sharing the love of Jesus with everyone we meet.

Thousands of streets have already been adopted in prayer in more than 186 cities all across Minnesota. When you "adopt a street in prayer" you commit to pray for the people and places on that street, build genuine relationships, especially with non-believers, respond to both their felt needs and deeper needs as the Holy Spirit opens doors, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Further insights and training are available at [www.BlessMinnesota.org](http://www.BlessMinnesota.org).

The Crossroads Chapel has a long history of blessing people with prayer. In 2021 this ministry will become more visible than ever. Let your friends and neighbors know that volunteers at the State Fair are available to welcome and pray personally with them!



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**B**rothers Robert and Ronnie's love for fairs dates back to the 60s when their father had a small carnival. He played at county fairs and festivals where he booked his Ferris Wheel at the North Carolina State Fair. Their father died in 1971 and shortly afterwards, their mother sold the show.

In 1991, Robert and Ronnie bought a trackless train and started doing events & festivals. Their dream was to have something at the North Carolina State Fair. They were at a fall festival in Salisbury, NC with their train when Ronnie told Robert to come look at this machine! Robert saw a guy making ice cream with a John Deere Hit & Miss engine. He took one look and said, "That's what is going to get us in the NC State Fair!"

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*They have been delivering smiles and home-made ice cream made from their famous John Deere. They never dreamed it would take them to the Greatest Fair in the country."*







from the streets

# Abdi's Story— From Muslim to Christ

*"Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know."*

*-Jeremiah 33:3*

**R**ecently, a team from Street Level Ministry went to a park in south Minneapolis. At one point, one of the members noticed a man sitting in the dark by himself. The team member felt prompted to talk to the man. He then observed the man reposition himself appearing as if he was staring at a church's cross across the street. The team member approached the man and handed him a Gospel tract, and a discussion began. The man, "Abdi" (we won't use his real name to protect him from his community), was amazed that the team member was telling him about Jesus - in fact, the moment before team member approached him, Abdi had just asked God to show him the truth, to give him a sign! When Abdi shared that, the team member light-heartedly said, "I am your sign!". For some time before this, Abdi had been

questioning his faith in Islam.

He was struggling with how fear-based it was and seriously doubting it. So, Friday night he decided to go to the park away from his family to figure things out. (Friday evenings after sunset is a prayer time for Muslims). As he sat in that park bench, he was asking God, "Do I follow Buddha? Is it Muhammad? Is it Jesus? Please show me!" Then he looked across the street but it was not the lighted cross on the church building he looked at. It was a wooden telephone pole that had beams mounted at the top that made it look like Jesus's crucifixion. As he pondered that vision, that is the moment our team member approached Abdi.

After he shared that, Abdi continued to explain that the past couple of weeks he felt that God was giving him the numbers "333", and he did not know what that could mean.

Then team felt lead to share with Abdi the words from Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Abdi and team were all very excited! Team member then explained the Gospel and Abdi put his faith in Christ - Hallelujah! Abdi and team exchanged contact information and gave Abdi some resources for follow-up. Please PRAY for Abdi!!! He is Somali and has now left Islam. Immediately, he was very concerned for his family's salvation and desperately wants them to know Jesus and be saved from Hell. PRAY for protection and strength against evil forces and resistance and persecution he most likely will face. PRAY for his family to receive his words about what happened. PRAY for successful follow-up and protection over everyone reaching out to him. This is the fruit of your prayers! We are so grateful!



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# Val and Mike's story — God's Plan

**W**hat would be your response if a people in a middle-eastern country who you had given your allegiance to for the past 6 years, told you that you could never return nor could you get all your belongings, and say good-bye to a people you had grown to love? 1 Thess. 2:17

Many times, we don't see the short-term purpose nor the long-term advantage. When we look at the life of Joseph, we are looking back and seeing God's plan in using the life of Joseph with an expected end. As he stated in Genesis 50:20.

No, it probably didn't keep our fellow students of our school and Bible college alive, as in the case of Joseph, but it did protect my husband and myself from experiencing a prison sentence that we couldn't foresee in the future.

In the day-to-day tasks we were involved with we didn't see the imminent danger that was lurking behind the close doors and peeping eyes we were experiencing.

It was 2015, and my husband and I took on a ministry working with Iraqi and Syrian Refugees. All of them had registered with the U.N. so they could eventually be transferred to an English-speaking country. We decided an outreach to the people would be to teach them English and teach them the Gospel of John, vacation bible school and weekend gatherings.

Suddenly, the government told the refugees they must leave their apartments within 6 weeks and acquire a new one in a distant city. The Lord led us to continue teaching them in their new homes. There we established a school for the young people where they could continue their schooling in various subjects, along with daily devotionals. We also established a mini-Calvary Chapel Bible College and had evening English courses for



*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."*

*-Genesis 50:20*

Syrian and Iraqi refugees. But things began to change as we began to experience opposition from our neighbors.

Turkish people really disdained this influx of refugees, (4 million), along with Americans renting in their cities. We were the only Americans living in this area and immediately, they began to complain there was too much noise and our landlord threatened to close us down. Secondly, during the evening classes we noticed those in the apartments facing us were taking pictures of us while teaching.

Our move caused red flags in the visa department. The department head was irate about our legal move and the work we were doing. He told our translator, "I will do everything in my power to keep these people from ever entering my country again."

Shortly after this, the Turkish military tried to

overthrow the president and take over the political situation. It was unsuccessful and thus everyone was looked upon very suspiciously, including us. We had to hide our school and studies for fear we would be noticed.

Shortly after this military coup, Mike was out sharing the gospel one day and was almost arrested in a Konya bus station. He was able to share with them the gospel before they released him.

We left the country in August, 2016, as Mike was doing an outreach for the Bible college students in Israel. Mike traveled on to Malta while my approach by airplane took me to Turkey and then transferring to another airport within Turkey. As I proceeded toward the airport passport control, I was told I could not enter the country. I was questioned many times and I proceeded to question them as to why I could not enter but with no avail.



Then the police came and took me to their holding area and I was told to wait for the next flight out. (Israel)

Looking back, we now see that if we continued in Turkey we could have been imprisoned as others. We were definitely on their radar since the "Military Coup" as later we found out that we were considered a "Security Threat" and as of now, we will never be allowed back into this country. We praise the Lord we are still able to connect with the people from Iraq with Bible studies so that their faith would continue to grow in grace, and encourage them concerning their faith. 1 Thess. 3:1-13

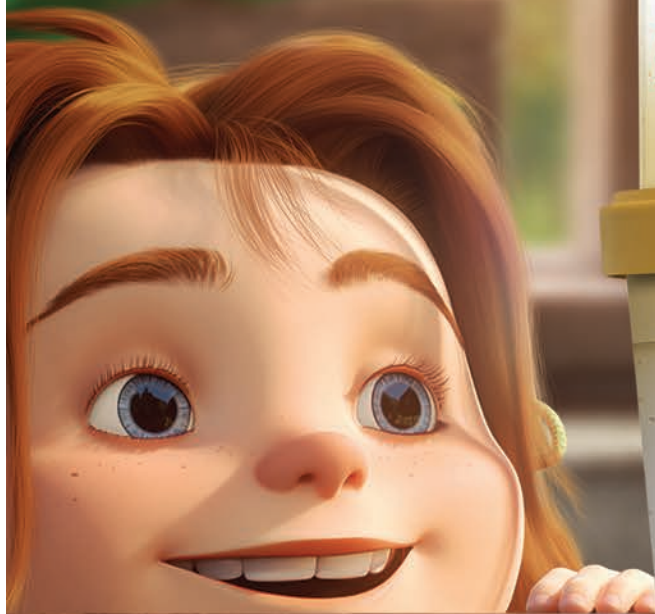
(Val and Mike currently serve in the Twin Cities and volunteer with the Crossroads Chapel.)





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## The Crossroads Chapel store

The Crossroads Chapel introduced a Christian book and gift store in 1971 when the Chapel was located near the Education Building. It was operated for many years by Gene and Donna Smith.



### Early 80s to 1988

In the early 80s the Reverend Art Ramsland and his wife Pearl staffed the book and gift store. The Ramslands were instrumental in helping with the relocation of the Crossroads Chapel to our second facility, the old Quonset building on Underwood st. in 1988.

### 1990 to 2004

For 14 years Ron and Betty Swanson managed the book and gift store from 1990 – 2004. The selection increased in variety as the Swansons made products available from their Christian book business, “Heart to Heart Communications”.

### 2005 to 2013

Judy Eckback took over the store management from 2005 – 2013. Judy also operated her book business, Inspirational Resources and was able to find many unique Christian jewelry pieces from Bob Seimon Design, Dicksons and Cross Jewelry. During this time, the Chapel was relocated in 2011 to its present location on Underwood next to the KidWay.



### 2014 to 2020

In 2014, Tom Curtis assumed the store responsibilities assisted by Liz Wieberg. Tom was a manager of a Northwestern Bookstore before LifeWay bought the chain.

### Current

Liz Wiberg may look familiar to Chapel bookstore customers. Liz and her husband, Dean have been long-time volunteers. Liz has helped in the bookstore for many years before taking over the store in 2021. Welcome Liz!

**T**he store product was increased by partnering with a local vendor, LifeWay Christian Stores as well as product from the ever popular Kerusso witness-wear t-shirts. In March, 2019 LifeWay Christian Store closed all its brick and mortar locations due to internet retail competition. The Chapel store lost one of its main suppliers but God knew and was

providentially preparing us for another product source— donated used items.

We put out a call to churches and individuals for donations of gently used Christian books, CDs, and movie DVDs. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of these items! During the fair, we sold thousands of donated items at a reduced rate. All sales from the bookstore were put

back into supporting the ministry.

As we continue to witness brick and mortar store locations closing, Crossroads continues to be committed to offering a 12 day, “hands-on” shopping experience during the fair. We are anticipating putting out another call for donations for the 2022 fair. If you are interested in donating, please contact [service@thecrossroadschapel.org](mailto:service@thecrossroadschapel.org)

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Thursday, Aug. 26 Cedar Valley Church,

Friday, Aug. 27 Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

Saturday, Aug. 28 Bless MN

Sunday, Aug. 29 Rockpoint Church

Monday, Aug. 30 Maranatha Church

Tuesday, Aug. 31 Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel

Wednesday, Sept. 1 Hosanna Church

Thursday, Sept. 2 First Evangelical Free Church

Friday, Sept. 3 Grace Church

Saturday, Sept. 4 Emmanuel Christian Church Sunday,

Sept. 5 Calvary Chapel

Monday, Sept. 6 Saturate USA

**A special thank you to Maranatha Church in Chisago City for their generous donations to purchase Bibles to be given away during the 2021 Fair.**







In 2018, the Crossroads Chapel decided to construct & display an authentic first century Roman "Tau" cross. Other than the type of wood which was not available to us, we recreated a very credible replica which is approximately 400 pounds.

The Roman execution stake which Christians call the "Cross of Christ" is the most well-known symbol in History or as I like to say, HIS-story.

Starting about 2,200 years ago, it was the most intimidating symbol of Roman power and cruelty. The so-called Tau cross was named after the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet for T. The crosses were used for approximately 200 years before Christ and 300 years afterward. This was the Divine method God chose before the foundation of the World to deliver us from our Sins. This Tree-ology is the Gospel in part as spelled out in 1st Corinthians 15:1-4. Jesus brutal death on the Tree, His burial and HIS Resurrection would eventually deliver all of Creation from the curse in the Garden.

The TAU was a 2-piece cross. The vertical piece was in the 10-12 ft range and was buried 2-3 ft. The cross beam which our Lord carried was anywhere from 80-120 pounds. The Lord's cross also had a small wooden sign called a titlist, mentioned in John 19:19-20- "Roman Governor Pilate had a sign written out and put on the cross, reading Jesus of Nazareth, king of the Jews... and it was written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin".

In Genesis 2, God created ADAM, AW-DAM, the first man. He was named after the minerals/dust of the ground called Earth/AW-DAMA. Being direct physical descendants of our great uncle Adam,

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*"Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the Tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we were healed."*

*-1 Peter-2:24*

the Apostle Paul makes it clear that all of Creation was bound up with Adam's Fall which had severe physical & spiritual consequences. Our bodies became cursed by disease and death, which was first brought into the world by Adam eating from the forbidden fruit of "the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil". From a human standpoint it seemed like all hope should have been lost! What was God's plan now? HIS plan all along was to send HIS second Adam!

The second Adam was Jesus, a Divine mixture of all man & God. He was designed

to reverse the curse that the first Adam brought upon all of us when he disobeyed God's will in the Garden. The Tree's fruit had no power to destroy but it was breaking God's divine will that brought the punishment. God decided that the second Adam was going to undo the curse and redeem us through nailing him to another tree and that Tree was called the Cross of Calvary.

Jesus, also the Lamb of God (John 1:29) came to redeem us by being crucified on this symbolic Tree of Good and Evil. The Apostle Peter says, "Who his own self bore our sins in his own body

on the Tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

God nullified Satan's power over us that he had won in the Garden. Satan couldn't have imagined that the second tree, the Cross, would be his undoing.

Lastly in Revelation 22 in the New Jerusalem, the third tree, the Tree of Life will heal HIS people forever.

I hope you enjoyed this Tree-ology! Keep seeking HIS Truth, Chris Heeb, [chrisheeb.org@gmail.com](mailto:chrisheeb.org@gmail.com)



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## Emilie's STORY



My name is Emilie and this is my New Life Story.

I was just a freshman in college, I was a high achiever with a plan for my life, which did not include getting pregnant. When I found out, I was in total shock. I told my parents and they were as shocked as I was, but also very supportive. They pointed me to New Life Family Services where I could go and discuss my options.

My first meeting at New Life sticks out to me because we spent a lot of time talking about how I was feeling, what I was thinking, and what I was concerned about. My time at New Life caused me to dig into what was going on in my head and heart: what I wanted, what I was scared about, what I imagined for my future and how my options fit into that.

The staff at New Life provided me with helpful information and long term goals to think about. I ultimately realized I wanted to raise my child and I knew I could do it because there was support available at New Life.

After I made my decision to parent, I enrolled in New Life's Parenting Education Program, *Every Family*, and attended once a week throughout my pregnancy. Through this program, I was able to learn about healthy development and met with Parenting Coaches who were genuinely inter-

ested in my life and how I was doing. This program helped me feel less anxious about becoming a mother and it also provided me with practical items, such as diapers and clothes for my baby.

Parenthood hasn't been without hardship, but the joys have far outweighed the hard days. Since having my son, Eli, I graduated from *Every Family* after two years in the program. I finished college with two degrees and I married the love of my life, a man who has been a part of Eli's life since he was four months old.

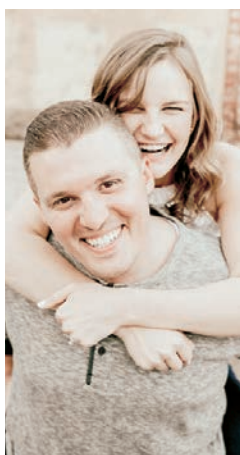


I am thankful for how much I have grown—both in maturity and in my relationship with God. Despite the darkness that has surrounded moments of my story, there is so much light.

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## Kallan's Story

My mom passed away when I was 5 years old, so I never really felt the love that only a mother can give. I began experimenting with alcohol and marijuana at age 13. I tried to fill the void in my life after losing my mom with independence, popularity and rebellion. In

high school, my dad was my principal, so I felt like I had to party harder than all of the other kids in order to prove myself. I started using prescription pills my freshman year of high school, which quickly led to trying heroin. I made one bad decision after another, constantly trying to feel better about myself and become numb to the lifestyle that I had created. After overdosing a number of times and watching my step-brother almost lose his life to an overdose, I realized I needed to make a change.

I came to Mn Adult & Teen Challenge in



2013. It took many months for my heart to finally soften and surrender to my need for Jesus. I'm thankful that Mn Adult & Teen Challenge gave me the tools and community I needed to find freedom. I still maintain friendships with both MnTC staff and other clients. Since graduating, I worked for MnTC for a time, which allowed me to share my story and grow my professional skills. I'm now married, working in sales and marketing for a local manufacturing company

In response to the growing need across Minnesota, we have expanded. We now have campuses in Minneapolis, Brainerd, Duluth, Rochester and Buffalo.

## Kelly's Story

I started using as young girl dealing with abuse. When I began, I never realized my life would turn into an endless search for

something to cover and mask the pain. I found myself in places I never thought I'd go because that's where the next high was. I lost my sons, my family and all of my friends and found myself homeless and living in my car. And then a pastor helped me get into MnTC.

Throughout my program, I dug into all of the hurt and guilt I had been holding onto, and with God's grace I was able to forgive myself. After graduating I have been blessed to find restoration with all three of my sons. I've been part of weddings, and have been by their sides through the happiest times of their lives. I've also been able to give back by working for MnTC for 9 years; I've just been promoted to a Lead Recovery Coach Coordinator. I've also been blessed with my 6th grandchild, with a 7th on the way. The best part is, none of my grandchildren know me as an addict but only as the praying Nana that loves them.

For everyone 2020 has been a year of unplanned surprises. As a Minneapolis non-profit, we've had to adapt to the pandemic and to the riots that occurred in our backyard. While there have been many uncertain moments, we continue to see God at work and trust in His plan. When looters and rioters were in the streets to cause chaos, the community around us came together and protected our buildings from destruction.

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