

# THE PASTOR'S PEN

# Some Questions

## To Think About This New Year

There is a lot to consider when planning our New Year's resolutions. Have you considered this:

A bus station is where a bus stops, a train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a workstation...

Can atheists get insurance for acts of God?

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it FedUP?

Does fuzzy logic tickle?

If they arrested the Energizer Bunny, would they charge it with battery?

I believe five out of four people have trouble with fractions.

I don't have a solution, but I admire your problem.

If a tin whistle is made out of tin (and it is), then what, exactly, is a fog horn made out of?

If quitters never win, and winners never quit, what fool came up with, "Quit while you're ahead"?

Okay, who stopped the payment on my reality check?

I believe the only time the world beats a path to my door is when I'm in the bathroom.

Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks?

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?



What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?

If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

Why are they called apartments, when they're all stuck together?

Why is a carrot more orange than an orange?

Why do they call it the Department of Interior when they oversee everything outdoors?

Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint and he must touch it.

Why do we wait until a pig is dead to "cure" it?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?

Whatever happened to Absorbine Senior?

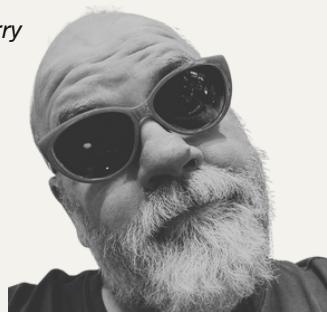
Is there another word for Thesaurus?

Why is there Braille on the keypad of the drive-up ATM machine?

As we celebrate the beginning of yet another year. I challenge you to laugh, love and enjoy this blessing that we have received called life. We often get too wrapped up in the day to day activities that we forget to enjoy the world around us. My prayers are that each of us re-discovers the enjoyment of life and celebrate a prosperous New Year filled richly with the blessings of the Father.

Loving Life!

Pastor Terry



# What's Happening at Robinson FUMC?

## SECOND WEDNESDAY DINNER: A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Happy New Year from the Nurture Team! We are starting out the new year with a fun Birthday Month carry-in on January 14th at 5:30 pm. Instead of sitting with your usual friends and family, you will get to sit and dine with new friends that share a birthday month with you! Please bring in your favorite casserole, soup, dessert, anything you want to share! No need to sign-up to attend, however, there will be a sign-up to decorate a table with a month theme. We will have a contest for People's Choice on best table decoration. The table that raises the most money will win a special prize, and all proceeds will benefit the Nurture Team for upcoming events, dinners, kitchen upkeep, etc. We look forward to this fun night; please sign up to decorate at the Welcome Center. See you there!

### CREW:

**Christians Ready Equipped and Willing**

You may already know, but in case you are out of the loop, we have new Youth program up and running! Brandon, our Director of Youth and Family Engagement, has built this program from the ground up, and has already had great success. We can't wait to see what's in store for this group! Here is some information so you can help spread the word:

### Mission Statement:

The mission of CREW is to help equip area youth with the necessary foundation to build upon and to help them develop into pillars of their communities.

## CREW (continued)

### Goals:

1. Provide Christian teachings and open discussions
2. Provide a stable and loving environment for area youth
3. Provide necessary tools and social skills vital for development
4. Demonstrate, by example, ways to give back to their communities
5. Help members with their academics to help them succeed in school
6. Provide mentors for area youth - Both career and social development

### Reasons to Join:

1. Learn and further develop as Christians
2. Activities, field trips, and social gatherings
3. Learn new life skills - Trades, technology, cooking, art, etc
4. Help with academics and school responsibilities
5. Develop new friendships and widen social circle
6. To help with community projects
7. Provide assistance to those who are in need
8. Excellent resume builder

### Age Groups:

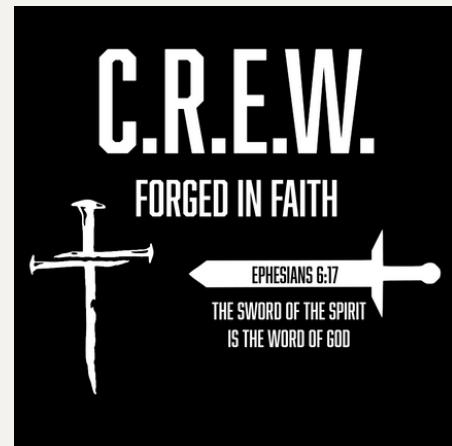
CREW - High school  
CREW Mates - 5th through 8th  
CREW Recruits - Kindergarten through 4th

### Leader:

Brandon Harmon - [fumcrobyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fumcrobyouth@gmail.com)  
Please contact Brandon with any questions or to obtain more information!

### Connect:

Follow us on Facebook! Just search for CREW Crawford County.



## NOW Program's Just - One Item for January:

### Post - It Notes



Donations  
can made in the  
church office!

SOMETHING TO ADD NEXT MONTH? EMAIL [FIRSTUMCROB.COMMS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FIRSTUMCROB.COMMS@GMAIL.COM)

# Odds & Ends

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**1/6** Mya Wright, Luke Emken  
**1/7** Pat Campbell  
**1/8** Larry Quick  
**1/9** Rachel Tracy  
**1/10** Kaitlyn Kubiak  
**1/12** Katie Aydt  
**1/14** Karen Catt  
**1/15** Kaye Damron, Pastor Terry  
**1/17** Dustin McDonald  
**1/18** Sharon Freeland, Jesse Newbold  
**1/19** Daniel Boatman  
**1/22** Paul Roales  
**1/25** Lucas Aydt  
**1/26** Breann Quick  
**1/28** Susan Carver  
**1/29** Katelyn Murrell  
**1/30** Adela Veenstra



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**1/2** Justin & Katie Aydt



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Holley; Hazel DeDoming; Luke Campbell; Letha Stanford; Bonnie Smith; Michelle Hall; Mary Kindt; Doreen Elmore; Mike Brady; Les Thurston; Jeffery Roche; Brian Frost; Brad Salhani; Shelby Kirchoff; Brody Keesling; Donna Beabout; Ivy Lee Murray; Tonya Hornback; Cora Childers; Ron Legg; Trevor Seed; Mike Tracy; Kent Tracy; Miranda Bedwell; Brenna Aydt; Jon Anderson; Sarah Valdez; Louie Ferguson; Charlie Shupe; Johnny Berry; Addie Hastings; Mary Ann Kidwell; Amy Kennedy; Keegan Pigati; Crystal Werhle; Joe Davis; Bob Bell; Anne Tarran; Millburn Hornback; Tanya Gullet; Tyler Wortheam; Raymond Reynolds; Stacie Baize; Stephanie Townsend; Jamey Drummond; Art Hall; Rita Dallimer; Brenda Richart; Karen Meeks; Brenda Graham; Harold McCormick; Family of Jacob Paul

## CARE NEWS FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

*Two are better than one because they have a good return for their hard work. If either should fall, one can pick up the other. But how miserable are those who fall and don't have a companion to help them up! Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

You should call a friend right now for many good reasons..... .

- Texting and emails have their place, but a phone call is far more likely to convey warmth and affection. If you want the person to know you truly care, a text just won't do it.

- Inflections and tones in conversations are important. If you have ever received an email that was written in all capital letters, you probably thought the sender was shouting at you. Right?
- Gifs, memes, emojis, and other fun little graphics make digital communication fun. But, a phone call is more meaningful.
- According to Irina Firstein, LCSW, a therapist in New York City, calling is simply more personal and informative than texting. "It's a much richer way to understand another's internal experience," she explains. When we read a text or email, we interpret the message, and we may not pick up on what the other person is truly communicating.
- Firstein also suggests making a "call list". If you haven't talked with someone recently, simply give your friend a call. It's a win-win for you and your friend.

*Oil and incense make the heart glad, and the sweetness of friends comes from their advice. Proverbs 27:9*

***If you are going through a difficult time and would like someone to talk with on a regular basis, please contact Janelle Oxford, (618 553-9598) or Marcia Schmidlin, (618 553-2710). Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian Care.***



WE ARE ALWAYS NEEDING VOLUNTEERS! CONTACT KIRBIE TO GET INVOLVED!

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# January 2026 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School	5	6	7 6:00 pm • CREW	8 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 6:00 pm • CREW	9	10
11 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Unhanging of the Greens	12	13	14 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 5:30 pm • 2nd Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm • Stephen Ministry	15 9:00 am • CHEW 6:00 pm • CREW	16	17
18 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 5:00 pm • Nurture Meeting 6:00 pm • SPRC Meeting	21 11:30 am • Circle of Love 6:00 pm • Team Meetings 7:00 pm • Church Council	22 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 6:00 pm • CREW	23	24
25 9:00 am • Worship 10:15 am • Sunday School	26	27	28 6:00 pm • Stephen Ministry	29 9:00 am • CHEW 4:00 pm • NOW Bagging 6:00 pm • CREW	30	31

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WANT TO SCHEDULE AN EVENT AT THE CHURCH? CONTACT THE OFFICE.

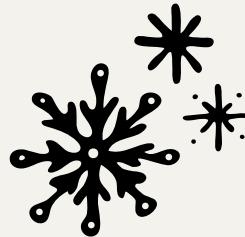
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Accompanist: Kayla Holscher  
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