



# CROSSWALK AT THE REFUGE

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF MINISTRY

**3PM** Saturday June 3

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TO VOLUNTEER



VBS

DATE: JULY 10-14TH

TIME: 9AM - 12:30PM

LOCATION: CROSSWALK COMMUNITY CHURCH

PRICE: \$25 FOR ONE KID  
\$20 PER TWO OR MORE KIDS

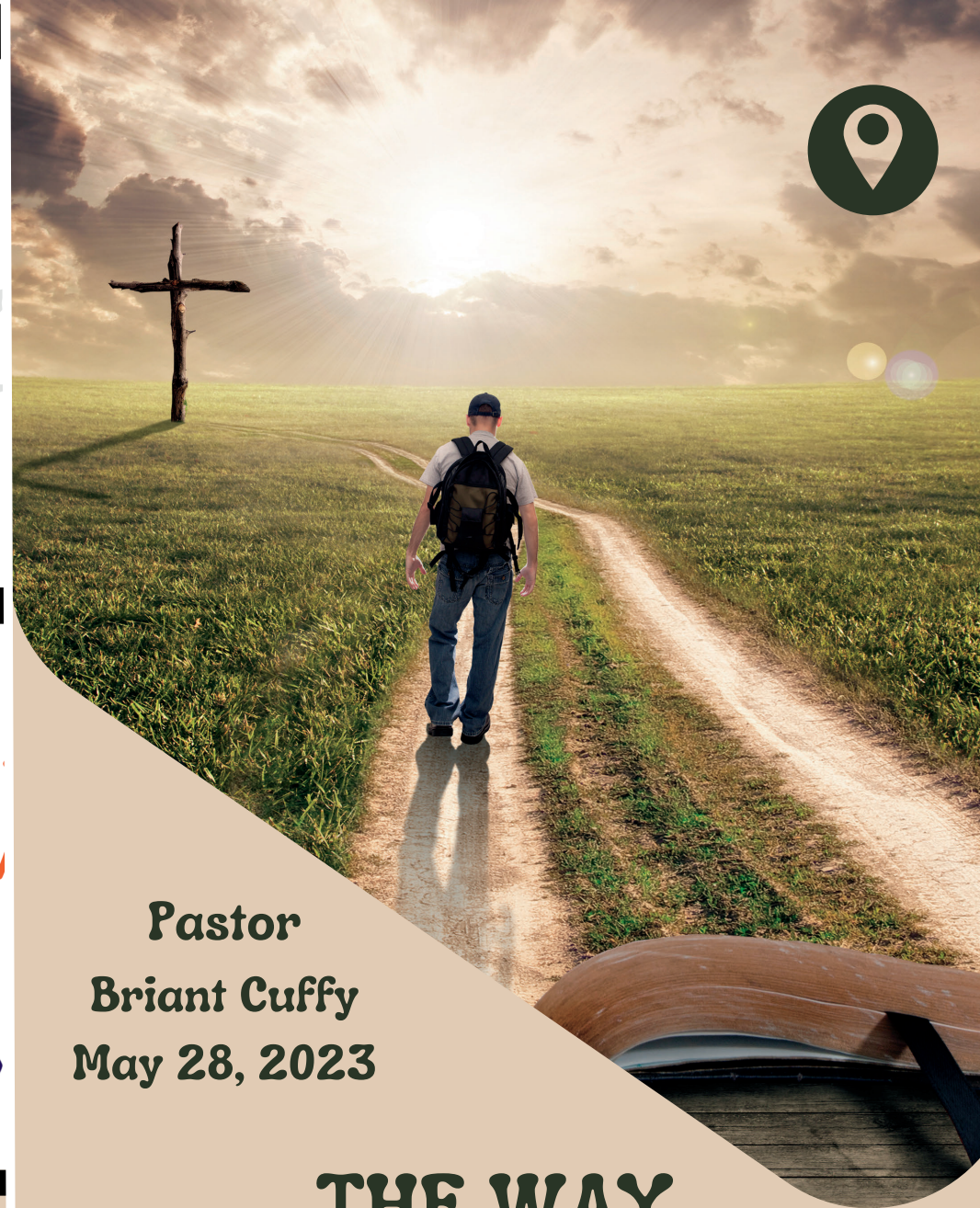


FOLLOW JESUS HERE,  
THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

GIVING IS A JOYFUL ACT OF WORSHIP

CHECKS CAN BE PAYABLE TO CROSSWALK  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

OR YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE  
@ CROSSWALKCHURCH.COM/GIVING



Pastor  
Briant Cuffy  
May 28, 2023

## THE WAY

WHY FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT SAFE

GOD'S TAPESTRY

EPHESIANS 2:11-21

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## One in Christ

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands - remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.



**CROSSWALK**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Our Prayer Team is dedicated to praying for you

Crosswalk's prayer team will be available during worship and immediately after service

At Crosswalk church, we believe prayer is our lifeline to God. We strive to be a praying church, living in a relationship with God and seeking to hear His voice.



You can request prayer at [prayer@crosswalkchurch.com](mailto:prayer@crosswalkchurch.com)

**Crosswalk Community Church - Youth Ministry**  
**Presents**



# **BOWLING BASH**



# **ARE YOU READY?**

**Wednesday May 31, 6pm**

**@ Homestead Bowl (20990 Homestead Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014)**

RSVP TO PASTOR BRIANT AT  
[BRIANT@CROSSWALKCHURCH.COM](mailto:BRIANT@CROSSWALKCHURCH.COM)



## Journey Notes

This week, we study how God has brilliantly assembled his church, from every nation of people, tribes, and tongue and gathered them under one name: Jesus. (Eph. 2:11-21) The world we live in tries to put us into groups that are at war with each other, fighting over our dissimilarities. Politicians exploit our differences to gain power. Pundits tell us the war between us is only getting worse: but God is painting a different picture through his church. We are a beautiful tapestry of Jesus, and we are going to look more and more like Him as we live out his vision for us: one faith, one people, one Lord, one mission (Eph. 4:5-6)

This tapestry is built on a common unity in Christ that is meant to shower praise on God and point people to the one who makes this possible: God.

Why has God done all this?

- (1) It is his plan. Jesus asked “That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me, and I am in you (John 17:21-23). The church is meant to resemble the Trinity.
- (2) It’s about being a good witness. He asked that all believers may be in the Father and the Son, “so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:21).
- (3) It’s to glorify Himself. In Romans 15:5-6 we read, “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (ESV).

This week, take some time to think about how you can be part of God’s tapestry in the world. How can you weave your life into the fabric of God’s greater mission? When we celebrate our diversity, we are celebrating God’s purpose and declaring his greater purpose for us and for all history.

Praying with you,  
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