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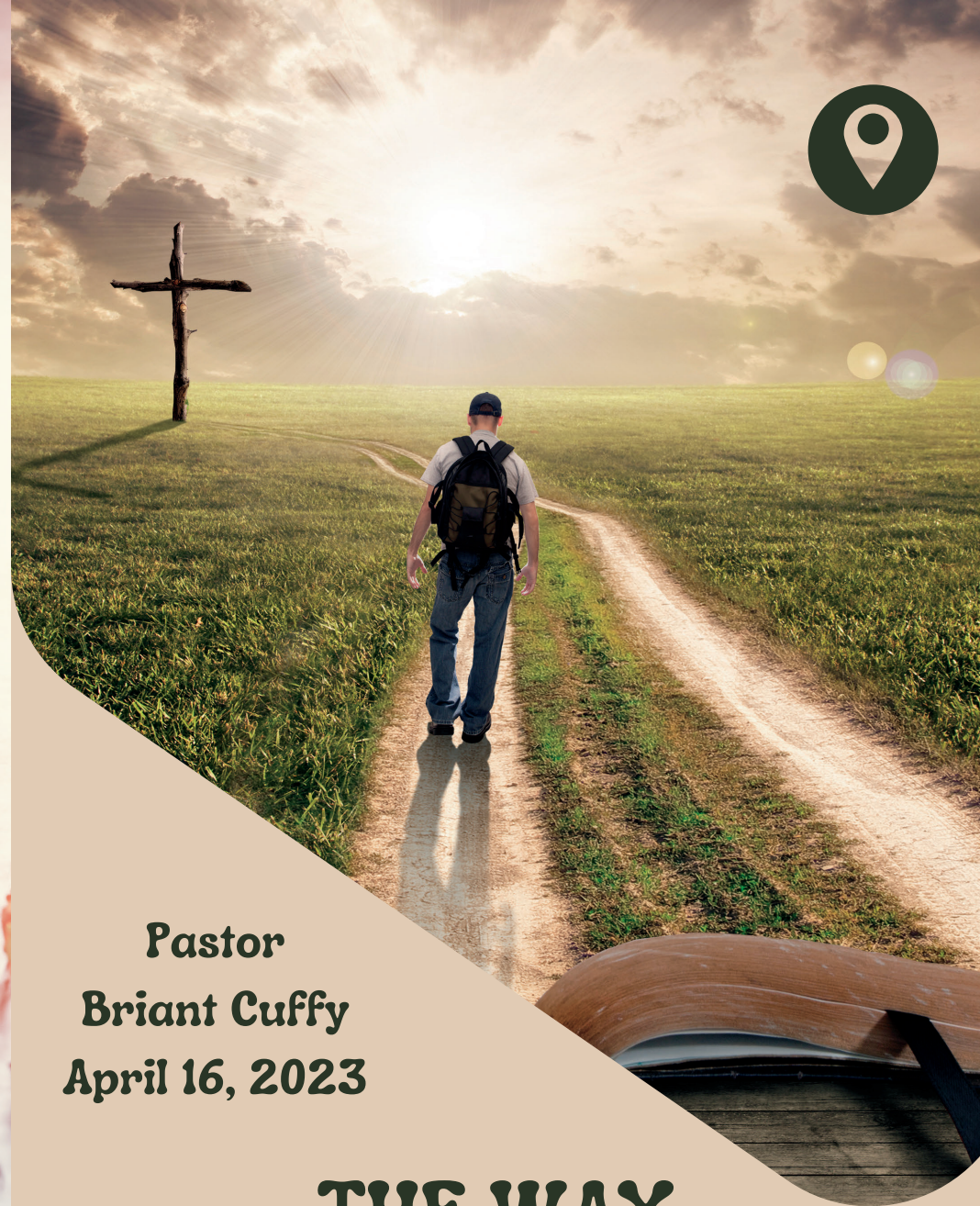
COMMUNITY CHURCH

We're all about Jesus

We are a community of
Jesus followers, inviting
people to journey with Jesus,
grow deep friendships, and
go make disciples for the
glory of God



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Pastor
Briant Cuffy
April 16, 2023

THE WAY

WHY FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT SAFE

INTRODUCTION

ACTS: 1: 1-9

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The Promise of the Holy Spirit

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Ascension

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Beyond Colorblind Redeeming Our Ethnic Journey

BEYOND COLORBLIND

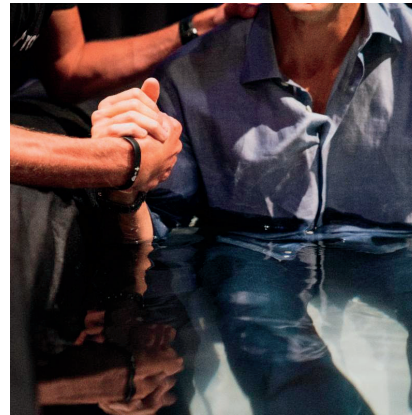
An 8 week series beginning on April 19th @ 6:30-7:45pm in the Lounge
with Small Group leader Val Red-Horse Mohl

(book by Sarah Shin and worksheets will be provided at no cost)

This series, led by Val Red-Horse Mohl, is for everyone of all ethnic backgrounds.

Stop by the Plaza on Sunday after church to talk with Pastor Linda or email Val at valerier@valerieredhorse.com for more information.

Baptism Sunday



We will have baptisms during service on
Sunday, April 23!

Baptism is a step of faith to show that you
are all in with following Jesus.

If you are interested in taking this step
email Pastor Briant at:

Briant@crosswalkchurch.com.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Journey Notes

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The text stresses two things: first, they are not to worry about dates and times and especially about earthly power, but instead they must trust him and furthermore, they must be willing to bear witness of Jesus whatever the cost to them personally.

Imagine you're one of these disciples. You're not happy. You need a plan. You need dates, times, and a white board. But that's not how Jesus operates.

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(Pro. 3:5,6; Jer. 17:7-8)
- (2) When we go the way of Jesus, we enter a new reality of faith
(Heb. 11:6, 2 Cor. 5:7)
- (3) The way to a life of freedom is not safety but saying yes to Jesus (Acts 1:6-8)

In this series we're going to see that Jesus is the way, and he knows the way we need to go. He does not promise us safety, or comfort but himself. Is that not enough?

Praying with you,
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