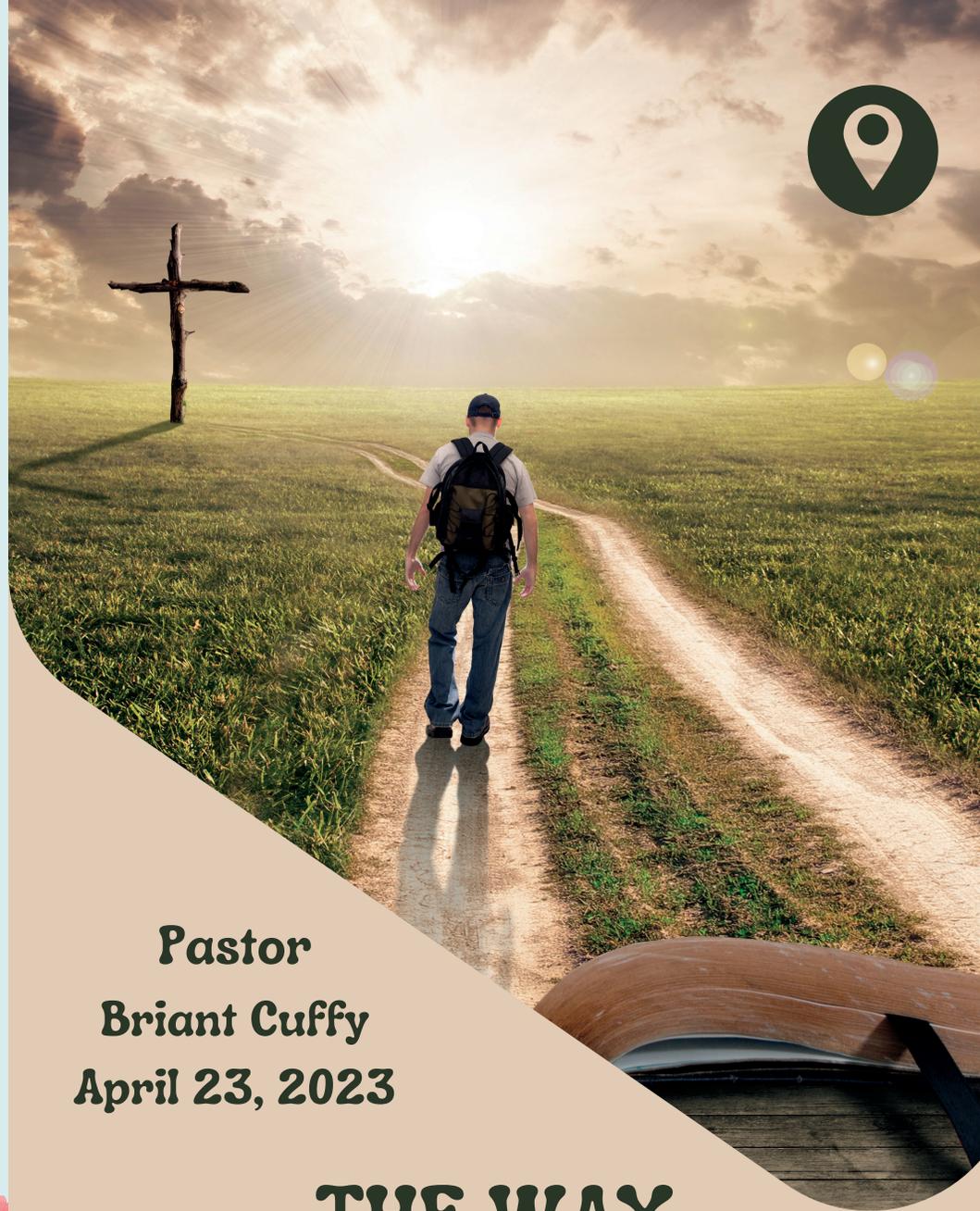


April Showers Brunch



A great big thank you to our Crosswalk women who donated baby items and financial gifts for our April Showers Brunch! With your help we were able to donate \$450 to Real Options and bags and bags of baby items for the families they serve.

It was a beautiful morning of women sharing time together and giving back to the community.

**Pastor
Briant Cuffy
April 23, 2023**

THE WAY

WHY FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT SAFE

"NO IDOLS"

COLOSSIANS 3:1-6

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Put On the New Self

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

Camp Fire Night Youth Meet

Special Message! Ignite your faith in God...

APRIL 26, 6:00 TO 8:00 PM

NEAR YOUTH GROUP ROOM

Praise
&
Worship

Games
&
Activities

Topic:
Friends

Prayer
&
Testimony

Dinner



CROSSWALK
COMMUNITY CHURCH

VBS

READY, SET,
MOVE!

FOLLOW JESUS HERE,
THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

DATE: JULY 10 - 14TH

TIME: 9AM - 12:30PM

LOCATION: CROSSWALK COMMUNITY CHURCH

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





Journey Notes

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How do idols affect our lives?

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- (3) Idolatry turns our work, wealth and power into our main identity and diminishes our Christian witness (Exodus 20:3-6)

This week, let us search our hearts to ensure that nothing other than the true God has control over our lives. The last idol to destroy is usually the one we can't see. Sometimes our idols are hidden so well, it's hard to identify.

The best way to know our idol is to ask: "What takes up my time, energy, and focus, that only God rightly deserves?" Remember, following Jesus is not safe. He does not tolerate idols. He is a jealous God, who owns the rights to our love.

Praying with you,
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