

## Crossroads Outpost

Lamoille, Nevada



Lamoille Community Presby-  
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### Our Vision

**We stand together at the crossroads where God's powerful love compels us to worship Him fully, follow Jesus daily, and live in the Spirit joyfully.**

### Our Mission

**Our mission is to pursue this vision with commitment, character, and in community.**



**WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP**



## Perspectives on patriotism



While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus' example in Luke 19:41-44. "Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation — so much so that he cried over it," he writes in Christianity Today. "He didn't despise his country or wish ill upon it — instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings."

This example of "patriotism perfected" can serve as a guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. "It's an example that's both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It's not a nationalistic patriotism — it's a love for nation that doesn't pit it against other nations. Instead, it's a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings."

Put another way, God doesn't love America more than any other nation. And he doesn't want us to worship our nation alongside him, because that is idolatry. Instead, we are to love and proclaim God above any earthly realm.

## Holy ground

For me, there's nothing quite like taking off my sandals in the summer and walking through the grass. But when our sons were infants, neither shared that love of going barefoot. When we'd attempt to lower them to play outside, they'd raise their legs, trying not to touch the tickly, prickly, green ground.

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned Moses through the burning bush. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground" (Exodus 3:5, NIV). In God's presence, Moses faced a turning point: either resist God's instructions or obey, leading the Israelites out of Egypt.

Maybe taking off my sandals this summer can remind me that I'm standing in God's presence. I may not hear a booming voice, and I might just be standing at the kitchen sink doing chores. Or I might be at a barbecue, with the opportunity to truly listen to my neighbors. God's presence permeates life's big moments as well as the mundane.

How can you "take off your sandals" and enter what God has for you?

—Janna Firestone



# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

On the right,  
The Klack Family,  
Adam, Cambria,  
Dena,  
Kane and Haven

Baptism Sunday



Brian York and his son, London were among those that were baptized on June 1st.



Cambria being baptized~



June began as a joyful and meaningful month at our church, marked by the baptism of five on June 1st. We also welcomed a couple new members into our church family as they joined in fellowship. It was a beautiful start to the summer, filled with celebration, faith, and commitment. Welcome Cambria and Tina



Haven Kleck being baptized!

WELCOME  
*New Members*





June had been a very busy month. It started out with baptisms and we welcomed two new member. We are overjoyed to welcome Cambria Upton and Teena Jones. Their decision to join us is a blessings, and we look forward to walking alongside them in faith, fellowship, and service. May their journey here be filled with spiritual growth, friendship, and the love of Christ.

## Fire transforming us for the good



For many people, relaxing by a campfire is a favorite summer activity. Nestling into the surrounding darkness while gazing into dancing flames, we sense God's love and let the day's chaos go. In contrast, Exodus 24:17 describes, "Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire."

Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes offers another take, writing about God using flames to change us. (The full poem is here: [unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire](http://unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire))  
 God, your presence is like a consuming fire —  
 not destructive, but transformative,  
 not the fire of anger but the flame of love,  
 the fire of glassblowers and bakers  
 the grace to make us more beautiful, strong and useful.  
 Your glory is no tame campfire where we sit and make s'mores.  
 It burns out of our control.  
 The furnace of your love  
 roars about our hearts, remaking us  
 Teach us to be unafraid. ...  
 When you bask in firelight glow — and maybe eat some s'mores! — ponder how God is transforming you with love, and for the sake of love.



We're proud to share that several of our church family recently participated in the Lamoille Canyon Marathon! More power to them!



## Complete joy

Because Jesus came to do such serious work, we often imagine him straight-faced. Yet Jesus also enjoyed fun times, such as the wedding celebration at Cana. When the wine ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more.


Jesus also warmly welcomed children. Picture him lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.

Summer usually allows more time for fun and play. So use these months to teach the kids in your life — and to remind yourself — that Jesus came so our "joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun, relaxing and enjoying life are part of living and loving as faithful disciples.



# July 2025

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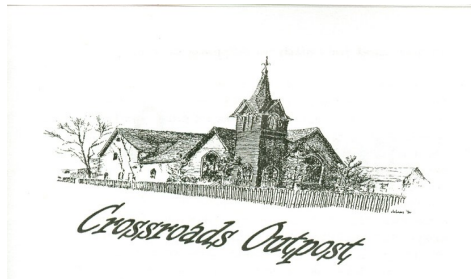
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## Preventing blind spots

About 40% of any vehicle consists of blind spots, which are responsible for an estimated 800,000 accidents each year in the United States. People also have blind spots, and when they're spiritual, they can have tragic consequences.

Pastor Rick Warren suggests these steps for discovering and overcoming blind spots:

- Pray, asking God to remind you what is true about him — and about you. "Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life" (Psalm 139:24, NLT).
- Ask some trusted Christian friends or family to point out things in you that you can't see. "Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others" (Proverbs 12:15, NLT).
- Finally, ask Jesus to change you. The Bible says the truth will set you free (John 8:32), and Jesus calls himself the truth (John 14:6). So the closer you are to Jesus, the more he will fill you with the truth. As God's truth helps you see clearly, you'll be less vulnerable to self-deception.

## Independence Day

As we celebrate Independence Day, we thank God for the blessings of freedom—and the hope we have in Christ, who sets us truly free. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." —John 8:36

## Summer Worship

Sundays in July are for sunshine, fellowship, and worship! Whether you're here every week or dropping in between vacations, we'd love to see you.

