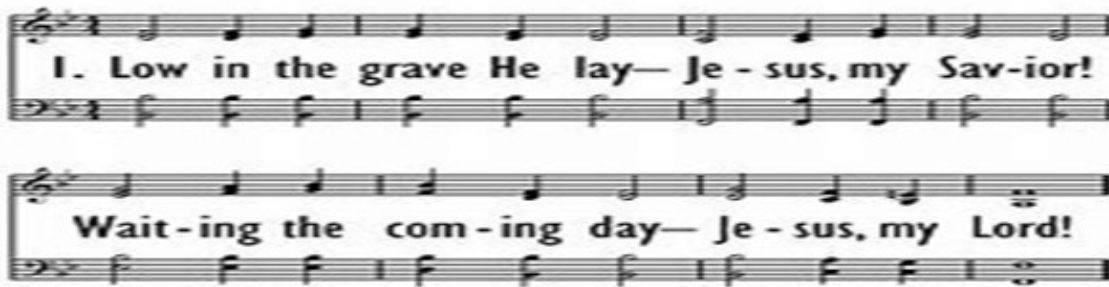




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Interchurch Singles Ministry
*Connecting single adults to God and each other
in authentic, Christ-centered community.*

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Easter is a truly magnificent time to reflect on and celebrate the victorious resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Through Christ's resurrection, we receive the promise of eternal life, not in our fragile, decaying human bodies, but in the new, glorified bodies we will be granted.

The hymn "He Arose" powerfully recounts this story. It begins with a slow, somber melody and words, reflecting the grief of Jesus' disciples who had lost their friend, their hope, almost their reason for living. Then the chorus triumphantly proclaims, "Up from the grave, He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose the victor..." capturing the essence of this miraculous event with a jubilant musical celebration.

Another beautiful Easter hymn features a chorus that poignantly conveys the sorrow of the disciples, concluding with the hopeful declaration, "Then came the morning..."

We thank God for renewing our spirits with the hope and promise of eternal life in the heavenly world that Jesus has prepared for us.

Rhoda K. Lauwer, Director

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"Give, and it shall be given
unto you..." —Luke 6:38

Up from the Grave
HE AROSE

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events— April-May 2025

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.

- Saturday, March 29 BUNCO, TMH, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015—5:30 pm
- Saturday, April 5 Bowling, Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
- Saturday, April 12 Square dance, Ridgeway Community Ch, 525 N Progress Ave, Harrisburg 17109— 7 pm
- Saturday, April 19 Escape Room, Hershey, 253 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey, PA 17033—1:30 pm
- Saturday, April 19 Dining –Funck’s Restaurant, 664 W Main St, Palymra, PA 17078—4 pm
- Saturday, April 26 Hike—Governor Dick Tower, 3283 Pinch Road, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064—11 am
- Saturday, May 3 Scavenger Hunt
- Saturday, May 10 Miniature Golf, Challenge Family Fun Center, 366 Middletown Rd, Hummelstown—3 pm
- Saturday, May 17 Bike ride/walk—Old Trolley Line Park, 475 Beverly Rd, Elizabethtown, PA—11 am
- Saturday, May 24 Brunch—Walnut Bottom Diner, 936 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015—11 am
- Monday, May 26 Picnic—Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112—12 noon
- Saturday, May 31 Bowling—Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm

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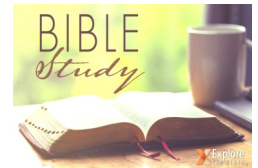
Tuesday Bible Study — March 25, 2025 7 pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Bible study will start at 7 pm meet with doors opening at 6:30 pm.

Bible study will meet on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month. If the group is interested, we may plan something for the 5th Tuesday (dinner, ice cream, an extra Bible Study, other ideas welcome).

For information, please call 717 210-1856 and leave a message.



Friday Bible Study – starting March 21, 2025 – 6:30 pm

“Choosing your Attitude Will Change Your Life” DVD by Dr. Robert Jeffress

Graceway Church of God, 220 St. John’s Church Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

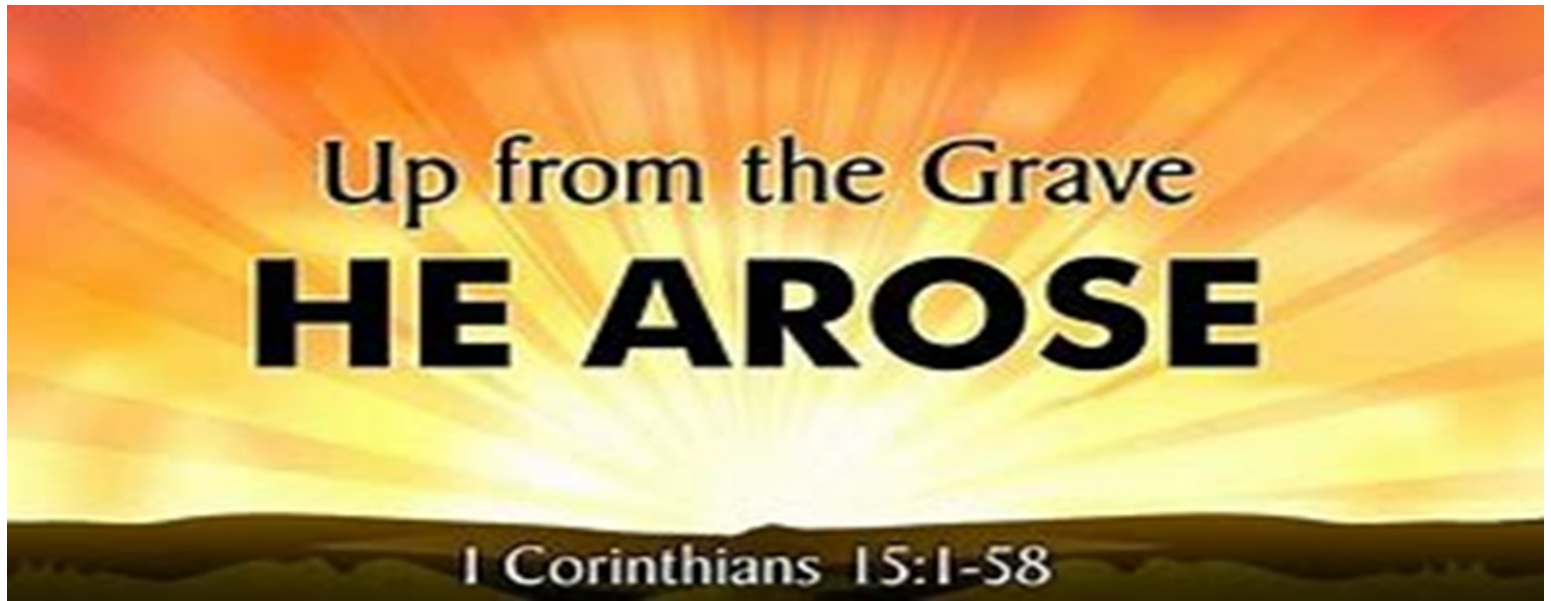
Pastor Jeffress has some interesting facts on what the Bible teaches on these 4 topics: Guilt, Bitterness, Comparison and Loneliness. (how we can change them). For 4 Fridays, we’ll be covering a different topic. **March 21—April 11, 2025**

I hope you’ll join Crossfire’s Bible Study. We have some awesome discussions and a great time of fellowship.



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Easter is such a joyous time of the year, a celebration of new life. Three days from death to new life for our Savior and for all who believe! Hallelujah Christ Arose!

Subject: Celebrate Easter by Supporting Our Christian Singles Ministry!

Dear Beloved Christian Friends,

As we approach the joyous season of Easter, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This time of renewal and hope reminds us of the abundant grace and love that surrounds us.

Why an Easter Offering Matters:

Our Christian Singles Ministry plays a vital role in our church community. It provides fellowship, support, and spiritual growth opportunities for those who are single. As we navigate life's journey together, we recognize the unique challenges and blessings that come with singleness.

How Your Donation Makes a Difference:

1. **Empowering Connection:** Your generous contribution enables us to organize events and gatherings where singles can connect, share their faith, and build lasting friendships. These moments of fellowship are essential for nurturing a sense of belonging and purpose.
2. **Spiritual Nourishment:** Through Bible studies, Christian movies, praise and worship, our ministry equips singles with tools to deepen their relationship with God. Your donation directly supports these transformative experiences.
3. **Encouraging Contentment:** Singleness is not a waiting room; it's a season to embrace fully. Your donation encourages singles to find contentment in Christ, recognizing that their worth is not defined by marital status.

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How You Can Participate:

1. **Pray:** Lift up our singles ministry in prayer. Pray for wisdom, unity, and continued growth.
2. **Give:** Mail your donation or click on the donate link on cfire.org . Every dollar counts, and your sacrificial gift will directly impact lives.

Spread the Word: Share this appeal with fellow church members, friends, and family. Let's rally together to support our singles.

Closing Thoughts:

As we celebrate the resurrection, let us also celebrate the vibrant community we share. Your generosity ensures that our Christian Singles Ministry thrives, touching hearts and transforming lives.

May God bless you abundantly as you give from the heart.

In Christ's love,

Rhoda K. Lauver, Crossfire Director

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- How can I get involved with the Christian Singles Ministry? Call, email, or write to:

CROSSFIRE 1100 Colonial Road Harrisburg, PA 17112

Phone: 717-545-0005

Email: info@cfire.org

Saturday, April 5 – Bowling in Mechanicsburg – 4 pm

Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



Spend time with Crossfire friends bowling. We'll be bowling two games for \$8.00 with FREE shoe rentals. Pay Barb \$8.00 cash for bowling when you arrive at the lanes. After bowling we'll go out to fellowship at a local restaurant. Register ahead with Barb at 717-732-4423 so she can reserve enough bowling lanes and seats at the restaurant. (When calling please leave your name and phone number, in case we have to cancel).

Saturday, April 12, 2025 – Spring Square Dance—7 pm

Ridgeway Community Church, 525 N Progress Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Back by popular demand. Alumni welcome. **Doors open 6:30 pm**

Square dancing is a good way to make new friends in Crossfire and exercise.

Come to learn basic moves and have FUN. Arrive early, so you will not miss any instruction.

Donation to Crossfire \$15 at the door or \$12.50 if received by April 5, 2025. **Passport - FREE**

For information, you can call Crossfire 717-545-0005 and leave a message or text 717-269-3750.

Register below events on cfire.org.



Saturday – April 19, 2025 – Escape Room – 1:30 am

Reserve your spot by March 19 with payment of \$27

Escape Room Hershey, 253 W Chocolate Ave, Hershey, PA 17033

Try a new challenge or bring your experience to help your friends escape.

Enjoy working as a team to solve the puzzles and escape.

Easy drive to dining out at 4 pm (details below).

Call Crossfire 717-545-0005 and leave a message or text 717-269-3750 to register—event may be canceled, if not enough interest.



Saturday – April 19, 2025 – Dining – Funck's Restaurant – 4 pm

Funck's Restaurant, 664 W Main St, Palmyra, PA 17078



Please join your friends, including those you haven't met for good food, and a fun time. If you are participating in the Escape Room at Hershey, it is a short drive of 10 minutes to Funck's.

Please register on cfire.org below events, text Rhoda 717-269-3750 to let her know you plan to attend, if possible, by April 15, 2025, to make sure your seat will be reserved. You can also call Crossfire office 717-545-0005 and leave a message or sign up on Meetup.

Saturday – April 26, 2025 – Hike – Governor Dick – 11 am
Clarence Schock Memorial Park, 3283 Pinch Rd., Mt. Gretna, PA 17064



Park and meet at the Environmental Education Center.

Hike will be uphill to climb the 66 foot observation tower to enjoy the panoramic view of 5 counties – Lebanon, Berks, Dauphin, Lancaster, and York. Enjoy the birds, trees, wildflowers, and mammals along the path.

Please let us know you plan to attend, so we can notify you if any changes are needed. Register on cfire.org or call 717-545-0005 and leave a message, or text 717-269-3750

Saturday, May 3, 2025 – Scavenger Hunt – 1 pm

City Island, 11 Championship Way, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Yankee Doodle Restaurant, 860 N Front St, Wormleysburg, PA 17043 – 3 pm

Bring your walking shoes. Hunt will be held outside on level ground around City Island. Meet by the Boat launch for Pride of the Susquehanna.

Cost \$6.00. Prizes awarded to the winners. **Free** for Passport members.

Please sign up - scavenger hunt may be cancelled if the weather does not cooperate.

Let us know if you are dining only.

Register for event on cfire.org, or you can call Crossfire on MagicJack 717-545-0005 and please leave a message.



Miniature Golf - Challenge Family Fun Center - Saturday, May 10, 2025 - 3:00 pm

Challenge Family Fun Center, 366 Middletown Rd, Hummelstown. PA 17036

Come and enjoy playing miniature golf with your CROSSFIRE friends on this beautiful challenging 22-hole course! Please Call Barb E. @ 717-732-4423 and leave your name and phone number. Signing up will let us know to expect you. Cost is: Adults \$11.00, Children 12 and under \$8.50



Saturday, May 17, 2025 – Bike ride/ walk Rail Trail - 11 am

Meet Old Trolley Line Park, 475 Beverly Rd, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Plenty of parking at this beautiful new park with easy access to the Rail Trail. Ride east toward Lebanon County.. Ride as much or as little as you prefer.

Walkers have option of walking on the rail trail or around the park. Bring your bike or walking shoes, your own water and snacks for the ride or walk.

Make sure your tires have air before you arrive. Jeff Waybright, experienced bike rider may be able to assist with bike emergencies along the trail.

Plan for a late lunch at a nearby restaurant after the ride for anyone who is interested.

Please let us know you plan to attend. You can register for events on cfire.org or leave a message for Crossfire on 717-545-0005, text Rhoda 717-269-3750, or email info@cfire.org.



**Saturday, May 24, 2025 – Brunch – Walnut Bottom Diner, Carlisle – 11 am
Walnut Bottom Family Diner, 936 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015**



Please join your friends, including those you haven't met yet for a fun brunch and good food. Conveniently located and known for delicious food.

PLEASE REGISTER on CFIRE.ORG or call and leave a message at 717 545-0005, email info@Cfire.org or text Rhoda at 717-269-3750. Reservations needed to provide seats for everyone.

Memorial Day Picnic, Monday, May 26, 2025 - 12:00 noon

Epiphany Lutheran Church pavilion and Crossfire office,
1100 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112



Start the Summer by joining your friends at Crossfire Memorial Day Picnic. Bring friends and Family, including children.

Open grassy area provides perfect space for lawn games of croquet and more. Picnic tables are perfect for card games, board games, brain teasers, and group games.

Fried chicken and hot dogs with all the fix-ins and we'll provide water, iced tea and place settings. Bring a side dish or dessert, or drink to share.

Cost is \$12.50 per person, children 12 and under \$6, Passport—FREE.

PLEASE REGISTER on CFIRE.ORG or call and leave a message at 717 545-0005, text Rhoda at 717-269-3750, or email info@Cfire.org We have a head count to get enough food for everyone.

Saturday, May 31 – Bowling -Trindle Bowl, Mechanicsburg – 4 pm

Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



Spend time with Crossfire friends bowling. We'll be bowling two games for \$8.00 with FREE shoe rentals. Pay Barb \$8.00 cash for bowling when you arrive at the lanes. After bowling we'll go out to fellowship at a local restaurant.

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Ed Mowry's New Residence

I am writing to inform you about a recent change concerning our friend and long-time supporter, Ed Mowry. As many of you know, Ed has been a dedicated board member and an integral part of our leadership team for many years.

Ed has recently moved into a nursing home, and he wanted to share his new address with everyone. He is now residing at Harmony at Westshore Mechanicsburg, located at 1910 Technology Parkway, Room 122, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Ed would love to stay in touch with all of you. He can be reached by phone at (717) 306-8965 and is eager to catch up with old friends

Please feel free to reach out to him and share this update with others who may know Ed. Pastor Dave

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Exciting News: Cfire.org —Has Been Upgraded!

We listened to your feedback and made some great improvements:

- **Event Search:** Easily find events on our website – just take a look and see.
- **Easy Registration:** Want to register for an event? Head over to the Events section for a seamless registration process.
- **Quick Donations:** Donating to Crossfire is now faster than ever. Find the donation button under Support to send your contributions with ease.
- **Accessible Newsletters:** You asked for access to our newsletters online. Now, you can browse through several months of newsletters for your reference.



Thank you for helping us enhance your experience on Cfire.org!!

We would love to hear your input for events. Send your ideas to info@cfire.org. Thank you, Pastor Dave

Crossfire Passport

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Receive a Passport Card when you fill out a form pledging to donate a minimum of \$25 per month (minimum of \$300 per year).

Email: info@cfire.org.