

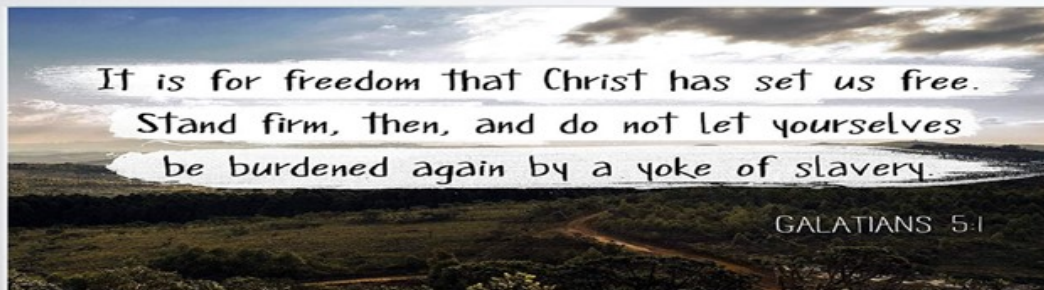


# CROSSFIRE

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

CROSSFIRE Interchurch Singles Ministry Monthly Newsletter, Volume 47, Issue 7, July 2025

## Celebrate Independence



In the United States, Independence Day is celebrated on July 4, marking our nation's freedom from the rule and laws of another country. This holiday serves as a reminder of the importance of liberty and the sacrifices made to achieve it.

The Bible also speaks profoundly about freedom. Galatians 5:1 declares, *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* This verse reminds believers that spiritual freedom, given through Christ, is meant to be cherished and upheld.

Galatians 5:13-15 emphasizes that freedom comes with responsibility: *"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."* This passage highlights that true freedom is expressed through love and service to others. The words could not have been more relevant to today if they were written 5 minutes ago.

John 8:36 affirms, *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* To fully grasp Jesus' message on freedom, reading the entirety of John 8 offers deeper insight—starting with His response to those quick to judge another, defining Jesus' true disciples (verse 31) and culminating in His departure from the debate (verse 59).

These scriptures feel as relevant today as ever, reminding us that while freedom is a gift, it is also a responsibility—whether as citizens or as people of faith.

Rhoda K. Lauver,  
Director

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

## **CROSSFIRE Calendar of Events— July—Sept 1, 2025**

*Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.*

*Please see event descriptions for specific registration information.*

- Friday, July 4 Picnic—New Cumberland Park, 517 Front St, New Cumberland, PA 17070—12 noon
- Saturday, July 12 Kayaking—Memorial Lake, Middle Road, Ft Indiantown Gap, PA 17028—11 am
- Saturday, July 19 Movie—Graceway Church of God, 220 St Johns Church Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011—6 pm
- Saturday, July 26 Hike—Detweiler Park, 1451 Peters Mountain Rd, Dauphin, PA 17018—9 am
- Saturday, August 2 Bowling—Trindle Bowl, 4695 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—4 pm
- Saturday, August 9 Dance—Ice Cream, Youngs Church, 7075 Wertzville Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050—6:30 pm
- Saturday, August 16 Army history—US Army Heritage Center, 950 Soldiers Dr, Carlisle, PA 17013—10:30 am
- Saturday, August 23 Mini-Golf—Carlisle Sports Emporium, 29 S Middlesex Rd, Carlisle, PA 17015—4 pm
- Saturday, August 30 Dining—Baker's Diner, 515 N US 15, Dillsburg, PA 17019—4 pm
- Monday, Sept 1 Labor Day Picnic, Adams Ricci Park, 12 noon
- Saturday, Sept 20 Knoebels—391 Knoebels Blvd, Elysburg, PA 17824

### **\* \* \* \* \* VACATION TRIVIA WINNER \* \* \* \* \***

**George Deskin**

**was the first person to submit correct answers to all 10 travel  
trivia questions in the June newsletter.**

**Be sure to congratulate George when you see him.**

## **RENEW Your Newsletter Subscription**

The new subscription year for the monthly newsletter always begins with the July issue. If you have not renewed your subscription, or want to order for the first time, please send \$15.00 to CROSSFIRE along with your mailing address.

The monthly newsletter by mail is \$15.00/year (\$1.25/month). All subscriptions run from July to June.



# CROSSFIRE SINGLES MINISTRY

Time again to renew your Crossfire newsletter subscription for another year. Do you want to keep Crossfire newsletters coming to your mailbox each month. Send your \$15 today to renew for another year.

Can you possibly give a little bit extra to support the Crossfire ministry? If God has blessed you through Crossfire show your appreciation today. Love Thy Neighbor!

Crossfire asks for contributions to keep the Ministry for Christian singles alive and well. Over the years Crossfire has influenced many singles and has been responsible for leading singles to Christ. A few singles from Crossfire have been successful in becoming pastors and leading their own church. We would appreciate hearing your story and how Crossfire has helped you.

## **Why does Crossfire need contributions?**

The amounts charged to attend events are set to cover the costs specific to that event, very little extra is charged to cover other costs. Your donation to Crossfire is used to cover costs of outreach – website, phone, meetup, newsletters to churches; insurance; space for administrative office and storage.

## **Crossfire needs contributions to continue to provide services to singles.**

Bible studies

Christian movies and video Bible studies,

Social activities – games, hikes, dinners, dances and more,

Special programs – Surviving the Holidays from Grief Share - Divorce Care,

Outreach to let singles know about programs and services for singles from Christian perspective.

**Your donations are greatly appreciated!!!**

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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:** Enclose your donation in the provided return-addressed envelope. Every dollar counts, and your sacrificial gift will directly impact lives.
3. **Volunteer:** Many hands make light work. As we all work together, we grow together.
4. **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 our independence and freedom in Christ, show your love for others today. 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.

Rhoda K. Lauver,

Crossfire Director

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 - Keep newsletters coming.    \_\_\_\_\_ I cannot give, please send newsletters.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional contribution to keep Crossfire going and growing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to emails \_\_\_\_\_

## Crossfire Passport

**monthly newsletter – free admission to Crossfire events.**

Passport \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 per month    \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 – One year    \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Quarterly

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**

## July 4, 2025 – Picnic – New Cumberland Park, 12 noon

**New Cumberland Park, 517 Front St, New Cumberland, PA 17070**



Celebrate our country's independence with gratitude for our freedom. Open grassy area provides perfect space for lawn games of croquet and more. Picnic tables are perfect for card games and board games, brain teasers, and group games.

**Cost is \$15. per person, children 12 and under \$7. Passport – FREE.**

PLEASE REGISTER for this event on [www.cfire.org](http://www.cfire.org) or leave a message on MagicJack at 717-545-0005, or email [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org) , by Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> so there will be food for everyone.

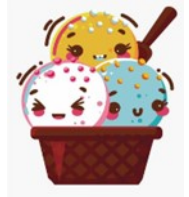


## Summer Dance – Ice Cream social

**Saturday, August 9, 2025 - 6:30 pm – doors open 6 pm**

**Youngs Methodist Church,**

**7075 Wertzville Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**



Enjoy the cool comfort of air conditioning AND make your own ice cream sundae.

Visit friends you have known and new friends you will meet.

DJ Terry will be playing old and new favorites for all types of dancing. Crossfire alumni are welcome.

Please bring a snack or drink to share

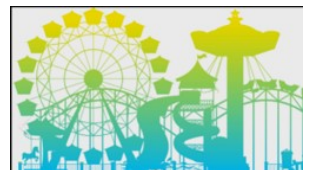
Donation to Crossfire \$15 at the door or \$12.50 if received by August 2, 2025. **Passport – FREE**

**You can register through [cfire.org](http://cfire.org) under events.**

**For information, email [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org), text Rhoda 717-269-3750, or call 717-545-0005 and leave a message.**

## Saturday, September 20 - Knoebels —11:30 am

**Knoebels, 391 Knoebels Blvd, Elysburg, PA 17824**



Ride all day passes are available online. Ticket books can be used if you plan to ride only a few rides. Or come enjoy the fun and good food and entertainment while watching your friends ride. Free admission, free parking.

Who dares to ride the many roller coasters, get wet on the Giant Flume, see the wildlife from the train, or catch the brass ring on the Carousel?

Meet Crossfire friends on Knoebels Boulevard, past Security, near the restrooms.

For more information, visit [www.knoebels.com](http://www.knoebels.com) or download the Knoebel's app.

Please contact Rhoda before Sept. 20 to let her know you plan to attend.- Text 717-269-3750, register on [cfire.org](http://cfire.org), or leave a message at 717-545 0005.

## July 12, 2025 – Kayaking – Memorial Lake—11 am

### Memorial Lake State Park, Ft Indiantown Gap, PA 17028



Rent a kayak from Cocoa Kayak Rentals or bring your own permitted kayak or boat. <https://cocoakayak.com/memorial-lake-state-park-rentals/>

Bring a picnic lunch to eat under the trees after kayaking.

Directions: From Route 81 North, take exit 85B to PA 934 North, continue onto Fisher Ave. Turn left onto Asher Miner Road, Turn left onto Boundary Road, Turn left onto Middle Road.

Please register at Cfire.org, text Rhoda 717-269-3750, leave a message on MagicJack 717-545-0005.

## Movie Saturday, July 19th @ 6:00 p.m

### “What The Deaf Man Heard”



### Graceway Church of God, 220 St. John's Church Rd. Camp Hill, PA 17011

Join Crossfire Friends for a time of fellowship and watching a great movie. A story about a mother with her young son (Sammy) decided to leave their run-down life behind, taking a bus to Georgia hoping for a better life. When Sammy fell asleep on the bus he woke up the following morning to find out his mother had vanished. This is a very unusual story with a surprise ending. Barb will be hosting this Crossfire activity. Please register by calling (717) 732-4423 and leave your name and phone number to make sure we have enough seating. Thank You.

## July 26, 2025 Hike– Walk –

### Detweiler Park: Nature's Sanctuary – 9 am



### Detweiler Park, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA, 17018

Detweiler Park is located north of Harrisburg at 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin, PA 17018. Nestled between Peters Mountain and Clarks Creek, it offers visitors a serene escape into nature

**Parking:** There is one main parking lot at the trailhead, which provides easy access to the park's primary trails. Please note that parking is limited; plan accordingly during peak visiting hours.

Enjoy the beauty of nature, do 2 loops for about 3 miles. Pets on a leash are welcome.

Please register at Cfire.org, text Rhoda 717-269-3750 or leave a message on MagicJack 717-545-0005.



**August 2, 2025 - 4:00 PM**

## **Bowling in Mechanicsburg**

**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, August 16 – Carlisle, PA – 10:30 am**

## **US Army Heritage Center,**

**950 Soldiers Dr, Carlisle, PA 17013**

Explore history at one of the best FREE museums in PA. The museum is called the Soldier Experience Gallery and covers soldier training and life as a soldier during various conflicts. Many interactive elements allow shooting a laser gun on a range, parachute during a mission, and following orders from a drill sergeant. Walk around outside to get a close look at old tanks, helicopters, and artillery.

Please register on Cfire.org under events, or email [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org), or call 717-545-005 and leave a message on MagicJack, or text Rhoda 717-269-3750.



**Mini Golf – Saturday, August 23th - 4:00 pm**

**Carlisle Sports Emporium, 29 S Middlesex Rd Carlisle, PA 17015**

Join your Crossfire friends for a fun evening of playing mini golf. There are 2 mini-Golf courses to pick from. Call Barb at (717) 732-4423 to sign up for this event. Please leave your Name and Phone Number in case we have to cancel due to weather. The Cost is \$12.00 per person for playing one game of mini-golf.



**Dining, Saturday, August 30, 4 pm**

## **Baker's Diner, Dillsburg**

**515 N US 15, Dillsburg, PA 17019**

Recommended as a place Crossfire has dined many times in the past.

Return to an old favorite or try a new restaurant, either way you will enjoy socializing and eating good food.

Please register on Cfire.org under events, or email [info@cfire.org](mailto:info@cfire.org), or call 717-545-005 and leave a message on MagicJack, or text Rhoda 717-269-3750.



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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](mailto:info@cfire.org). Thank you, Pastor Dave

## Crossfire Passport

When you support CROSSFIRE as a PassPort member, you get FREE admission to all CROSSFIRE events hosted & priced by the ministry, and a FREE newsletter mailing each month.

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](mailto:info@cfire.org).