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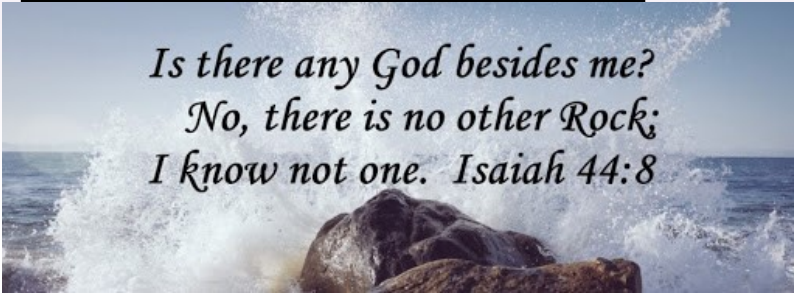
THE CONNECTOR

Monthly Newsletter of Cross Connections, Inc.



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*Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock;
I know not one. Isaiah 44:8*

OUR MISSION

The mission of Cross Connections is to provide affordable Biblical counseling and to train lay counselors (called Covenant Partners) in providing Biblical guidance to others. We accomplish this working through the pastors and representatives of our over 120 ministry partners. We are committed to using God's Word as authority in the counseling setting; being ever mindful our clinical skills and abilities are nothing compared to our Savior's

FILLING STATION: "PURPOSE"

Purpose is such a versatile word. It can be accusatory, "You did that on purpose!"; it can be inquisitive, "To what purpose, do I owe this visit?"; it can be declaratory, "The purpose of our meeting today is..." and it can be inspiring, "I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me." (Psalm 57: 2). There will be times in our lives where the burdens of this sinful world and the lies the enemy whispers in our ear wear us down to the point that we lack direction and purpose. Like we are a ship without sail or rudder, left to drift as the uncaring wind blows us. It may be the loss of a loved one, unforeseen financial stress, the betrayal of trust from a loved one, or the ongoing battle with depression many of us fight. We feel like our purpose is gone. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Our God has a purpose for each of us every day of our lives: to spread His Gospel message through word and deed in every aspect of our lives. Whether in our vocation at work, our calling as spouse and/or parent, the privilege of friendship, or meeting a stranger for the first time; the promise in Psalm 57 is clear: when we cry out to the Lord, He will accomplish His work through us. Some days are going to be easier than others. Don't be afraid to cry out. Take your cares to the Lord and let Him get to work in your life. Satan wants nothing more than to keep you adrift without your faith in God so that he might sow bitterness, anger, and hate in your heart; trying to cut you off from what God's purpose is for you. Cry out today. Cry out tomorrow, and every day thereafter for God to forgive your sins, turn your heart to repentance, and work His purpose in your life.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

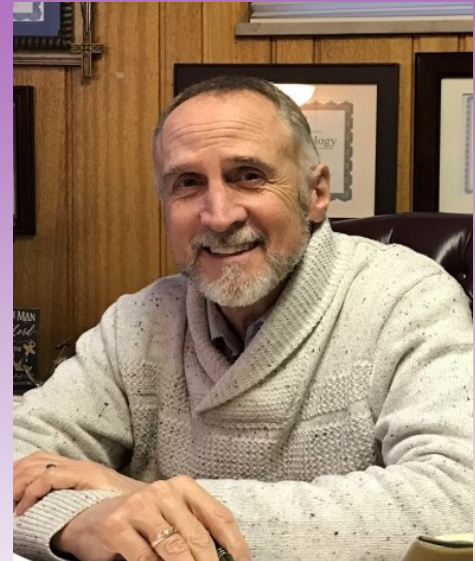
Things continue to move rapidly here at Cross Connections! Approaching the halfway point of 2021, I continue to witness daily just how blessed we are at the ministry with dedicated mental health professionals and support staff who are all committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. There has been a substantial increase in the number of people crying out for help and we are doing our best to meet their needs. The staff at Cross Connections have been doing amazing work, both inside and outside the office, to get people seen as quickly as we can. Over this summer, we will continue to add counselors to our team in order to decrease the wait time between first phone call and first appointment. These are unique times we face in our society, yet God is still on His throne and it is into His hands we place our cares. God's continued blessings to you all!!

ASSET BUILDING COMMUNITY DESIGNATION AND SIGNATURE CARE

We have exciting news to share regarding two significant events in the history of Cross Connections, Inc.! We are one of 10 local organizations to be recognized by Great KIDS Make Great Communities as an Asset Building Community. The designation is effective immediately through December 2023. Developed by the 2020 Great KIDS Leader Impact Academy cohort, the Asset Building Community (ABC) designation allows youth-serving ministries like Cross Connections to earn a trauma-informed, asset-building designation. The ABC designation is available to organizations in Allen County, Indiana and provides organizations the opportunity to show their commitment to youth development. The designation also encourages organizations to seek education and training for their staff on positive youth development practices based on the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets framework. "We are very honored to receive the ABC designation from our friends at Great KIDS Make Great Communities", said Executive Director Matt Konow. "This designation shows our continued commitment to proving hope and healing in Christ for all those who are suffering from recent and past traumas in their lives."

We are also now an approved provider through the Signature Care network! All Signature Care clients who wish to utilize Cross Connections for their Biblical counseling needs should call our main office, 26-373-0213, ext. 101.





Supporting Hope by Dr. Jim Dohrmann, Development Director

Greetings In Christ! As we continue through 2021, the impact you have made for our clients is seen and felt by all of us here at the ministry. We are currently on pace to reach our year end goal of \$250,000 for the **Isaiah 9: 6 annual fund** that is the mainstay of our fundraising efforts and plays a big part in our annual operational budget. Please continue to prayerfully consider supporting this fund with a one-time or recurring gift.

On Saturday, September 18, we will host a small fundraising event at Country Heritage Winery. The theme will be “Blessings, Gratitude, and All That Jazz.” Stay tuned to The Connector in the coming months to learn more or visit the Events page of our website, www.crossconnectionsounseling.com.

Among the ways to support Biblical counseling at Cross Connections, one new way is through **Planned Giving**. This means of support is a wonderful way to incorporate legacy giving while aiding the cause of affordable Biblical counseling for many years to come. Brochure content is being developed to help those interested in understanding how their gift continues to do the work of God that was aligned with their heart.

Thanks to all of your for your faithful prayers and support for His Biblical counseling ministry at Cross Connections! You are making a difference in the lives of clients now and also in their life to come in Christ!

By the numbers thus far in 2021

Total number of counseling hours provided: 1,555

School counseling hours: 183

Individual counseling hours: 1,083

Marriage counseling hours: 132

Family Counseling hours: 55