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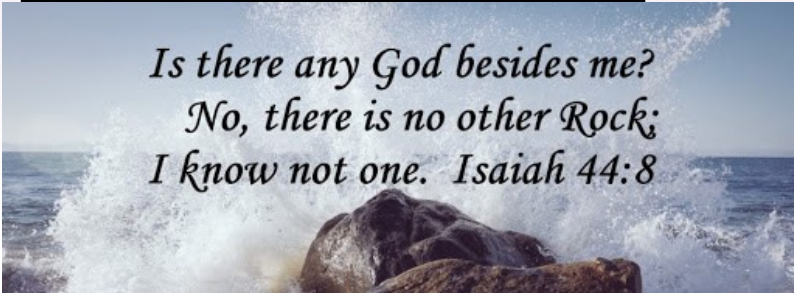
THE CONNECTOR

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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: "HUMILITY"

I don't know about you, but I love pie and it doesn't really matter what kind. In fact, I am confident sharing with you that I could eat pie every evening for dessert if provided the opportunity. The only kind of pie I have never really enjoyed is "humble" pie. Eating a slice of humble pie usually indicates either I was wrong about something and needed to publicly admit my mistake, I learned a valuable lesson I won't soon forget, or most likely a combination of the two. As a sinner, my pride rejects the habit of humility. Demonstrating a humble heart means we must let go of our sinful and selfish pride and put the needs of others before ourselves, at all times and in all things. We will fail at this much more often than we succeed, yet we persevere. For we have the perfect example of humility in our Savior to follow. Jesus **CHOSE** to humble himself, taking on human flesh and leading a perfect life doing His Father's will so that we might not remain an eternal victim of our sin. We have an eternity of perfect peace, love, and harmony without fear, sorrow, or worry because of that choice. As we move into Thanksgiving week and quickly transition to the Christmas season in the coming weeks, let us remember what has been done for us. Let us remember the habit of humility, and that Christ's love for us is seen when we put ourselves last and others first. Jesus instructed His disciples in Mark 9 when they were selfishly arguing amongst themselves who was the greatest; "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." It is my prayer for each of you that during these last few weeks of 2021 and beyond that your hearts are filled with the Savior's love, grace, and humility.



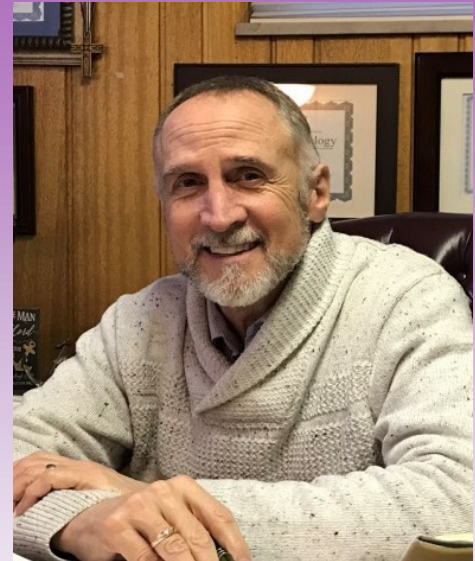
DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As we enter the busy holiday season next week, please take a moment to look around you in wonder at all the ways God has blessed you, both in this life and the next. For many people, these are bittersweet times as this may be the first holiday season without a loved one or friend. Coming alongside these individuals can sometimes be awkward and challenging as you never really know what to say or do for them. Sometimes, just letting them know you are thinking of them with a card, text, or email is enough. For instances where counseling may be needed, our team of Biblical therapists is ready to assist however we might. We give thanks for caring friends like you who believe so strongly in His ministry here at Cross Connections and are ready to share our mission with your friends, family, and colleagues. May you all have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

S.O.S.—SERVE OUR SERVANTS EVENT

We are excited to share the return of this event during the Army-Navy football game that provides greatly needed assistance to the heroes among us: our active duty military, police, fire, EMT personnel, teachers, and healthcare workers! Since 2014, our ministry has worked hard to give back and invest in the lives of those individuals who so willingly sacrifice daily to defend our freedom, protect our health and safety, and educate our children. This year will feature a few changes. A new location at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, 2125 Olladale Drive, and a new menu! This year we will enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet provided by our friends at the Jefferson Pointe Chick-fil-A! The cost per person will be \$40 and all profits go to our local servant-heroes and their families Biblical counseling needs. Beverages will be purchased through the FOP Lodge. You can register for the event through our website, www.crossconnectionsounseling.com, by going to the Donate page and using the words SOS tickets in the second address line. Please call Matt Konow at 260-373-0213, ext. 103 with any questions.





Supporting Hope by Dr. Jim Dohrmann, Development Director

Happy Thanksgiving!! After all the celebrations and gatherings, and Black Friday shopping, there comes Giving Tuesday! Cross Connections is once again taking part in the national day of giving to non-profits across the country. The work at Cross Connections changes lives both now and for eternity, and can't be done without your support. There are many ways to donate: cash, check, credit card, gifts of stock, IRA contributions, Thrivent Choice dollars, donating through our secure online portal through the Donate button on our website; all these vehicles help us in our work to proclaim the Gospel to the clients God leads to our doors.

We are also happy to announce the return of the SOS—Serve Our Servants event on Saturday, December 11 from 2:30 to 6:30. As you saw on the Page 2, this fund has touched the lives of so many of our local heroes and their families. And even though Spring is a long way off, make sure to mark your calendars now for the 2022 "It's a Spring Thing" celebration gala on April 26, 2022. Our featured speaker will be the world-renowned Christian author and speaker, Mr. Lee Strobel! The committee has been working hard on theme, auction items, and sponsorship opportunities. More details will be coming in the December edition of The Connector!

Thanks again to each of you for all the many prayers and financial support for His Biblical counseling ministry at Cross Connections! Please don't hesitate to call me at 260-373-0213, ext. 105 or via email at jimdohrmann@crossconnectionsounseling.com to learn more on how you can make a difference in the lives of our clients.

By the numbers thus far in 2021

Total number of counseling hours provided: 2,735

School counseling hours: 258

Individual counseling hours: 2,250

Groups: 5

Marriage counseling hours: 297

Family Counseling hours: 71