

A close-up photograph of a tree branch with sunlight streaming through the leaves, creating a bright, radial effect.

SIGNS OF GLORY

Miracles of Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

By definition, a sign points us towards something else. The important thing is not the sign, it is what the sign directs us to. Imagine being on the highway going towards the airport. You see the sign and then stop your car because you have arrived. No you haven't! There is still a ways to go, you have just seen the first indicator of something to come. That is the purpose of a sign.

Jesus performed many miracles. The Apostle John calls them 'signs'. While they are wonderful in themselves, they are not the main attraction. They point us towards a greater reality. As we consider some of the miracles of Jesus, we are invited to look through them to the glory on display in Jesus. As we marvel at His glory, we are invited to surrender our life fully to His power and ways.

As Apprentices to Jesus, our goal is to be with Jesus – to watch Him as He interacts with others and learn how to live our life under His power and guidance. These signs help point us to see Him in all of His glory and to live a life of faith in our daily lives.

In addition to the questions, you will find a Spiritual Practice to accompany the series. During this series, we are all invited to the practice of Evangelism.



LENT: A SEASON OF PREPARATION

Lent is the six weeks leading to Easter. It consists of 40 days (not counting Sundays) and is traditionally connected to the 40 days of preparation we see throughout Scripture. The number 40 is significant in Scripture. Whenever we read about it, we see the LORD preparing his people for what will come next.

For example, the flood rains fell for 40 days (Genesis 7:17), the Israelite people wandered the desert for 40 years (Joshua 5:6), and in the New Testament, Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days prior to the beginning of his public ministry (Matthew 4). Each of these mark a time of transition and preparation.

Lent is a season of preparation. But what are we preparing for? We are preparing to celebrate and honor the resurrection of Jesus. It is a season to remember our need for a savior, to confess our sin and to discern how Jesus may want to sharpen us for the journey of faith.

We are invited into Divine Friendship with the Trinity. To that end, we discipline ourselves to want and will only what Christ does. In this, we echo the Apostle Paul who writes, “I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:10).

During this series, we will engage in fasting/prayer, corporate confession, prayer walk, and discussion questions. You will find helpful resources in this journal.

INTRODUCTION TO FASTING

The season of Lent is often accompanied by a time of prayer and fasting. As we enter this season, I want to share a brief word about fasting. What it is and how it might be beneficial in our life with God.

Fasting is a whole-body activity to bring our bodies into alignment with what is happening around us. Because of the sacredness of some moment or task, an embodied person chooses to avoid physical indulgence for a period of time in order to focus attention on God.

Lent invites us to consider the weight of the crucifixion – the suffering and anguish of Jesus in order to make life with God possible.

When Israel sinned and called for a fast connected to repentance, they felt it necessary that the body be afflicted to express their repentance. The biblical sense of fasting normally consists of not eating anything from sunup to sundown.

While many understand fasting to relate to food, it can also incorporate abstaining from any activity (watching TV, social media, etc.).

We are invited this Lenten season to bring our body and soul into harmony as we turn from sin and learn to face God. These self-afflictions (if done properly) can open us up to the larger themes of sin, the need for repentance and the coming glorious celebration of forgiveness we discover at Easter.

Kinds of Fasting

Water Fast: In this kind of fast, a person consumes only water for a specific period. Because of the demands on the body, some suggest a ‘juice fast’ whereby a person consumes only juices (which have more nutrients than water).

Partial Food Fast: This is to abstain from delicacies or a particular food (chocolate, meat, pasta, caffeine) for a specific period as a form of disciplining the body.

Caution: If you have never attempted a water/juice fast, it would be wise to only fast for one day/week. Trying to do too much at one time could be a shock to your system. In all things, the point is to align with God. **Start small** and pay attention to how your body reminds you of the severity of the cross experience and the love of God expressed in it.

Abstain: You can choose to abstain from some activity (TV, social media, etc.). This, too, is a wonderful way to engage in a meaningful fast.

As you engage in this Lenten journey and are reminded of our need for forgiveness, may the love of Jesus sustain you in new ways propelling you towards a life of obedience and trust.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: PRAYER WALK/DRIVE

During Lent, in addition to fasting (see Introduction to Fasting on pages 6-7), we are encouraged to spend time each week on a prayer walk. Our world is in serious trouble. With every turn, we see hurt and brokenness (globally and locally). As people who believe in the resurrection, we engage in bringing hope to dark places.

You are invited to a prayer walk with eyes open to the needs around you. Stop along the way and allow your mind to be drawn to the people who inhabit these areas (work, play, live). Draw their faces to your mind, if possible.

Pray asking the Lord to awaken them to their need for Jesus and to surrender their life to His ways.

Pray for God to meet the unique challenges and needs of the people you see/consider. As you do this, pay attention to how this intentional act of prayer increases your longing for righteousness and justice in our world.

If you live in a neighborhood, walk around with attention to your neighbors. If you live outside a neighborhood, consider going to a local park or take a prayer drive.

When you are done, reflect on key takeaways you may have had.



Messiah in the Passover

A CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES EXPERIENCE

Sunday, March 29 @ 9 & 10:45am



Join us for a vivid demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient Passover. In discovering the traditional Jewish Passover meal, we come to understand the symbolic meanings of the feast, see the dramatic liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt and also the beautiful story of redemption from bondage to sin through the work of Christ at the crucifixion and resurrection.



We are excited to have Efraim Goldstein with Chosen People Ministries (a Jewish-Christian missionary to Israel) to lead this demonstration.



EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 29 @ 12pm

Come be a part of a fun egg hunt following 2nd service (5th grade and younger) with activities, prizes, and a chance to win zoo tickets for your whole family. Lunch will be available.

***If you are not staying for the Egg Hunt, please consider coming to the 9am service.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Thursday, April 2 @ 6:30pm
in the Chapel**

Jesus modeled us a way of servanthood and selflessness. Maundy Thursday helps us remember the call of the Christian is to a life of humility and servanthood.

GOOD FRIDAY

**Friday, April 3 @ 6:30pm
in the Worship Center**

Come join us for Tenebrae (darkness), a service that moves through Scripture—from Genesis to the death of Jesus—as light fades and the story unfolds.

EASTER SUNDAY

at
Crossroads

**Sunday, April 5
@ 9 & 10:45am**

You're Invited!

We encourage you to extend an invitation to others as we celebrate the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus.

**IJM****International Justice Mission**
A special presentation:**Sunday, March 22nd @ 9 & 10:45am**

Our work to alleviate human trafficking and modern-day slavery is in partnership with International Justice Mission. IJM works in some of the world's most difficult situations to free people from the abuses of power.



Leo Ackon will join us for our services to update us on how our partnership continues to advocate for the most vulnerable. Plan to join us!

**Looking for a place to belong?**

You can be a part of Dinner Rounds! They are monthly informal gatherings around a dinner table to casually connect and deepen relationships. Families are encouraged to bring kids when possible - it is a great way to put into practice hospitality for one another and build cross-generational relationships.



Tuesday, June 16th

Tuesday, July 14th

Tuesday, August 11th

From 6 to 8pm

Come enjoy some live music featuring different musicians of Crossroads, connect with others in causal atmosphere, play some games, and free food.



Covenant Partnership



Instead of a membership, we have Covenant Partnership. To learn more about what it means to be a Covenant Partner and how to make Crossroads your home, set up a meeting with Pastor Brian by emailing rachel@limacrossroads.org.

SERVING

WANT TO BE A PART OF CROSSROADS?

We are looking for volunteers to serve in the following areas:

Crossroads Kids, Crossroads Students, Hospitality, Greeters, Tech Team, Worship Team, and Grounds/Maintenance Team

If you are ready to serve, connect, and be part of what God is doing, let us know which team(s) you would love to join by writing on the communication card found in the chair pocket or scaning the QR Code:



Looking for a simple way to give?

You can give electronically by scanning the QR code below and set up a one-time or recurring gift.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV



CROSSROADS CHOIR

REHEARSAL



Looking for a fun way to get involved?

6th grade and older are invited to join your voice with others in our Crossroads Choir.

Sunday, February, 22nd @ 6:30pm, in the Chapel

Singing Sunday, March 1st @ 9 & 10:45am

Sunday, March 29th @ 6:30pm, in the Chapel

Singing Sunday, April 5th @ 9 & 10:45am

Sunday, April 26th @ 6:30pm, in the Chapel

Singing May 3rd @ 9 & 10:45am



SENIOR ADULT LUNCHES

Join with other senior adults for fellowship and a good lunch. Lunches are open to all and provide a great way to connect with others!

For any questions, please contact

Sharon Hooker: 419 - 303 - 2221 or Terri Ward: 419 - 234 - 4067

***Thursday, March 12th @ 11:30am
Meet at Beer Barrel, 2755 Harding Hwy***

***Thursday, April 9th @ 11:30am - Leave Church at 10:30am
Meet at Tony's Restaurant, 10280 US-224 in Findlay***

***Thursday, May 14th @ 11:30am - Leave Church at 10:30am
Meet at Cheddars, 2100 Tiffin Ave in Findlay***



SPORTS MINISTRY



Sports ministry helps to break down barriers and give kids a good experience on our campus. Help us provide a fun atmosphere teaching basketball fundamentals to kids in our community!

This is a great way we can bless our community through a fun, loving experience. In this way, our campus is a blessing.

You can be a part of an outreaching community for children to learn life-long skills, character development, and making friends!

Scan the QR Codes to sign up to help, sign up your kids (K-2nd grade), or email Jake, at jake@limacrossroads.org with any questions you may have about the ministry.

**Volunteer
Sign Up:**



**Kids (K-2nd grade)
Sign Up:**



WEEK 1: "A MENTORING WAY"

SPECIAL GUEST: ROB LOANE

FEB. 22, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.

Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.

He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
“Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me,
and to the blameless I will show my salvation.”

Psalm 50:1-6, 23 NIV

Community Prayer:

Cable Road Alliance - Eric Stevenson
Heartbeat of Lima - Chelsea Sunderland

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:

SERMON NOTES

What is one thing you can take away from this service?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: PRAYER WALK/DRIVE

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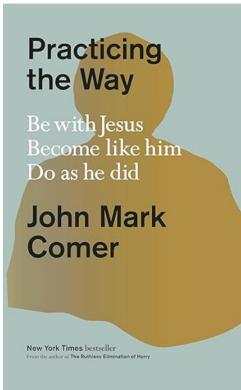
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When you are done, reflect on key takeaways you may have had.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Week 1: “A Mentoring Way” **Guest Speaker, Rob Loane**

1. How would you define mentorship?
2. Who have influenced your life with God?
3. Do you think every apprentice to Jesus is to be a mentor?
4. What might be qualifications of a *good* mentor?



PASTOR BRIAN'S BOOK CLUB



Looking to dive into rich conversations about life, faith and growing in your apprenticeship to Jesus?

Join Pastor Brian as we explore this practical guide to spiritual formation through Jesus' teachings. While reading good books doesn't guarantee spiritual growth, God will often use the right book at the right time to speak into your life—especially when you read and pray and discuss in community.

Book club will meet five times (three times in person and twice on zoom) - **beginning Thursday, March 26th**. There is no cost, other than purchasing your own copy of the book.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

K-5th grade are welcome to join in the choir.

Sunday, April 12th

After 2nd service with Lunch provided

Singing, Sunday, April 19th

during both services



WEEK 2: WATER INTO WINE (JOHN 2:1-11)

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

MARCH 1, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“The Lord reigns forever;
he has established his throne for judgment.

He rules the world in righteousness
and judges the peoples with equity.

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.”

Psalm 9:7-11 NIV**Community Prayer:**

New Life Christian Ministries - Damian & Brooke Tibbs
Soldiers of Honor - Aaron & Veronica McLaurine

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:

SERMON NOTES

If you could summarize what you are learning in one word/phrase what would it be?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Week 2: Water into Wine

Read John 2:1-11

1. What does Jesus being invited to a celebration tell you about the character of God? Do you tend to invite Jesus into celebrations or needs?
2. We tend to think of turning to God ‘when all else fails’. Why do you think that is?
3. Why do you think Jesus gives instructions that seem odd?
4. The jars Jesus uses are meant for ceremonial cleansing. Can you think of any symbolism being used by this instruction?

FORMATION WORKSHOP

Work: A Place of Formation

Sunday, April 19th
@ 6:30 to 8pm



We will be exploring how to approach our daily work activities as the place to encounter the grace of God. Formation into Christlikeness is a lot like trying to change the oil in your car while still driving. It might be nice to be able to pull over and spend loads of time tending to our heart, but life continues to happen (babies cry, dishes need to be done, errands need to be completed, the immediate tasks need attention, etc.) The invitation is to find an approach to our work life that enables our character to be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

We hope to be practical, engaging and conversational as we approach the subject of our work being a place of our formation into Christlikeness.



VISION NIGHT 2026

Sunday, May 3rd @ 6:30pm



ONE SERVICE



Sunday, May 24th @ 10:45am

WEEK 3: HEALING AN OFFICIAL'S SON (JOHN 4:46-54)

PASTOR BRIAN ROBERTSON

MARCH 8, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy
is the LORD God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.”

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.’

Revelation 4:8-11 NIV

Special Artist: Bethany Hinkle

Community Prayer:

Elm Street Church of the Nazarene - Jonathan Burkey
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - Zach Reneau

SERMON NOTES:

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:

SERMON NOTES

In what way were you challenged to grow in faith today?

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When you are done, reflect on key takeaways you may have had.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Week 3: Healing an official's son

Read John 4:46-54

1. How can seeing not be the same as believing?
2. What clues do we have that the official is a person of desperation?
3. Why is desperation a good place to be? How can we live there without desiring the pain of suffering?
4. In what ways is this miracle not only for the son but the whole community?



CROSSROADS STUDENTS SPRING RETREAT

**Friday, May 1st @ 7pm to
Sunday, May 3rd after 2nd service**

Scan the QR Code to sign up:



Muffins with Mom

Thursday, May 7th
from 7am to 8:30am

Spring Program

Tuesday, May 12th & Wednesday, May 13th
Starting at 6:30pm

Graduation Program

Tuesday, May 19th
Starting at 6:30pm

WEEK 4: FEEDING THE 5,000 (JOHN 6:5-15)

PASTOR JAKE KLINE

MARCH 15, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.

When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.

May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
for the glory of the Lord is great.”

Psalm 138:1-5 NIV

Special Artist: Anna Miller

Community Prayer:

Lima Community Church - Chip Bullock
Big Brothers Big Sisters - John Nevile

SERMON NOTES:

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SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:

SERMON NOTES

What song connected with you in a particular way this morning?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Week 4: Feeding the 5,000

Read John 6:5-15

1. The disciples have seen Jesus do the miraculous. Why do you think they still had trouble assuming he would provide?
2. Why do you think Jesus is testing his disciples? How can being tested be a sign of love?
3. What is required for provision? Does this negate responsibility and planning? Why or why not?
4. John makes no distinction if the people had means to provide food for themselves (money to purchase their own food) - only that there was a large crowd. With that in mind, what do you notice about the compassion of Jesus?



FAMILY DEDICATION: Sunday, May 10th @ 9am & 10:45am

If you are interested in having you and your child(ren) dedicated, ***please let us know by emailing Pastor Jake, jake@limacrossroads.org or scan the QR code:***



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 17th

@ 9 & 10:45am

**Do you have a
High School or College
Graduate?**

Please email [catie@limacrossroads.org](mailto:cacie@limacrossroads.org) of:

- A picture of themselves
- First & Last Name
- Which school they are graduating from
- What they plan to do afterwards?

WEEK 5: WALKING ON WATER (JOHN 6:15-24)

PASTOR JAKE KLINE

MARCH 22, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.”

Psalm 36:5-9 NIV**Special Artist:** Kim Wheeler**Community Prayer:**

Trinity United Methodist Church - Jim Nathan
Our Daily Bread - Randy Kimpel

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:

SERMON NOTES

What do you sense the Lord wants you to do with what you have heard?

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When you are done, reflect on key takeaways you may have had.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Week 5: Jesus walking on water

Read John 6:15-24

1. Why do you suppose Jesus withdrew from the crowds? Have you experienced solitude?
2. Why do you suppose the disciples went ahead of Jesus?
3. When people encounter God (or an angel) in an unexpected way, often their response is fear. Why do you think that is?
4. The text suggests that Jesus came to them on the water in the middle of the windy storm-before they cried out. Why is that significant?

Vacation Bible School (VBS)



VBS is happening

Tuesday, July 14th to Friday, July 17th



Scan the QR Code to Volunteer
or email Pastor Jake,
jake@limacrossroads.org



**MISSION TRIP
THIS SUMMER**

Serving is a key way we learn to live in the way of Jesus. Many have found special trips to be catalysts for a deeper life with God. This summer, our Students Ministry will have an opportunity to serve others on a Mission Trip from **Sunday, June 14th to Friday, June 19th**. Consider having your student join us for this wonderful opportunity. If your student is interested in going, they need to get a packet from Pastor Jake.

WEEK 6: MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

SPECIAL GUEST FROM CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES

MARCH 29, 2026

WORSHIP RESOURCES

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The Lord their God will save his people on that day
as a shepherd saves his flock.

They will sparkle in his land
like jewels in a crown.

How attractive and beautiful they will be!

Zechariah 9:9, 16-17a NIV

Guest Speaker: Efraim Goldstein



Community Prayer:

Philippian Missionary Baptist Church - Lamont Monford
Lima Rescue Mission - Chuck Ferguson

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED:

SERMON NOTES

What is something you connected with in the service?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Week 6: Messiah in the Passover

Guest Speaker: Chosen People Ministries

1. What do you know of the Passover meal (explained in Exodus 12)?
2. Growing up (or early on in your time attending church) what was your experience with communion (explained or mysterious)?
3. How does the cultural understanding help bring meaning to the celebration of communion?
4. Was there anything in the presentation that you found fascinating?



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to Jesus”

Sundays: 9 & 10:45 am

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