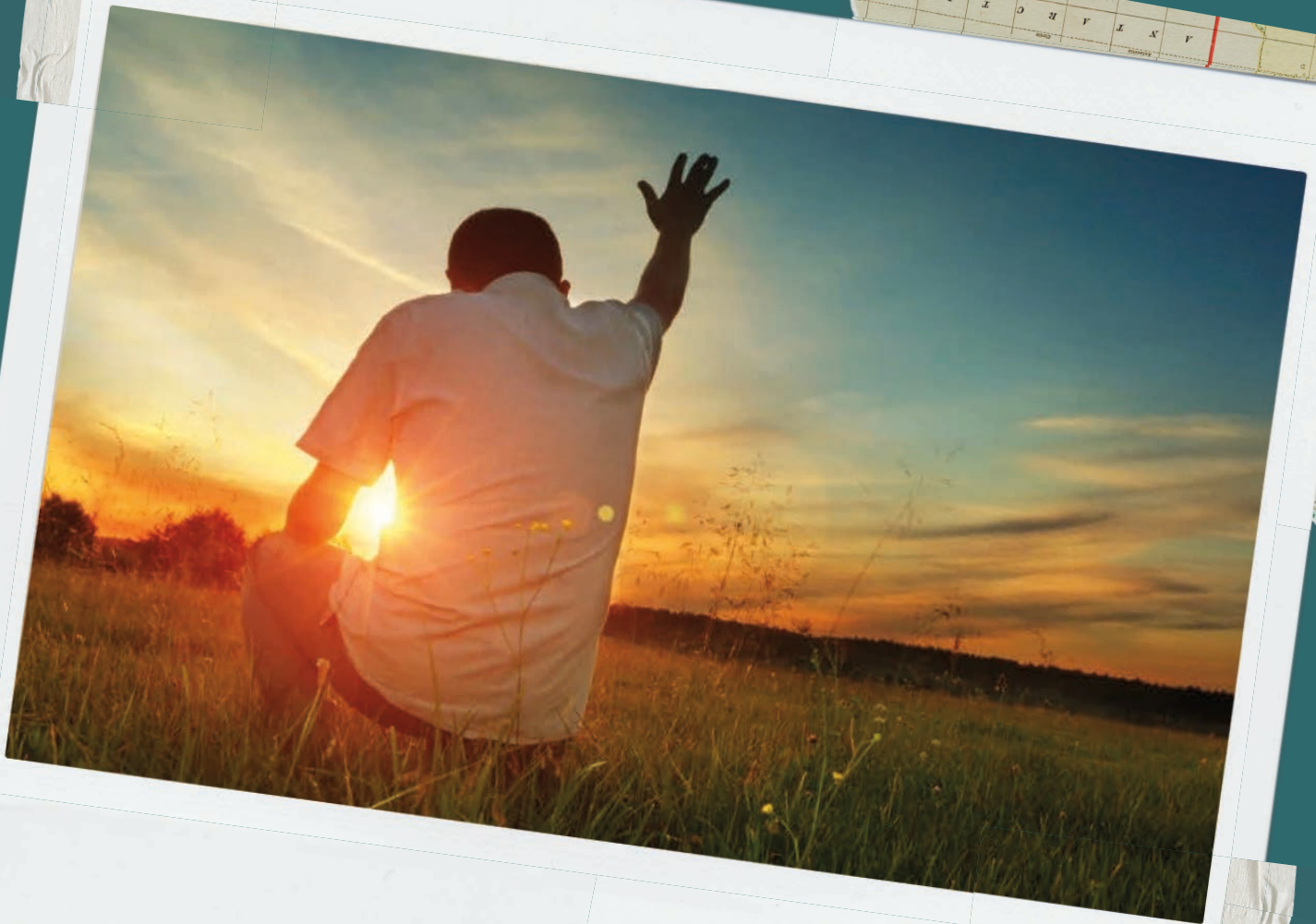


# Whether We Live . . . We Are The Lord's



It's Your Move 2024  
Volume 13



# A Letter from Ryan

## THREE SIMPLE WORDS: IT'S YOUR MOVE!

**IT'S YOUR MOVE!** ONE SENTENCE. THREE WORDS. MULTIPLE MEANINGS.

**IT'S** is a contraction. A contraction is a combination of words that saves time and space by removing certain letters and adding an apostrophe. **IT'S** is a contraction of two words, "It is."

**YOUR** is a pronoun. It is a form of the possessive case of **YOU** used as an attributive adjective. "I like **YOUR** hair."

**MOVE** is a verb. It means to pass from one place to another. As in CrossPoint's case, it means to advance or to progress.

Let's pause to consider the pronoun: **YOUR**.

**IT'S YOUR MOVE** is the ingenuity of our annual initiative. It's personal, meaning it's between you and the Lord.

Vonda and I remember our first **YOUR MOVE** we made in 2012. It was a move of faith for us. Our youngest child was in college, while our oldest child was recently married. Yet we trusted the Lord as we made the first **YOUR MOVE**.

Since then, we have made many other **YOUR MOVES** and the greatest lesson we have learned is and remains: **GOD IS FAITHFUL**. God was faithful then. God is faithful now. God will be faithful in the future.

That is why we are excited about this year's **IT'S YOUR MOVE**. We, once again, want to witness firsthand God's faithfulness.

What about you? Are you prepared to see the Lord's faithfulness? What is **YOUR MOVE**?

I am praying for you. I am asking the Lord to prove Himself as you make **YOUR MOVE** for the coming year.

I love you.

Grace always,  
Ryan



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# God Put His People Before Me

Steven Vinson

In August of 2023, my job of 23 years as a diesel mechanic was being eliminated. I first called my wife Rebecca. Then I called one of my dear friends, Mike, to ask for guidance and advice. In true fashion, Mike said, "This ain't no problem." Mike helped me create a resume since I did not know how to build one. He was also able to get me in touch with some people for possible job opportunities. God put well-equipped people in place to help where I was not equipped. I prayed that God would put me where I NEEDED to be and not just where I WANTED to be.

I was soon put in touch with a CrossPointer, Billy Lollar, who has been in this industry for his entire

*"My story is one of how God used His people to minister to me in a time when I didn't know what to do or how to move."*

-Steven Vinson



career. He was able to encourage me, give ideas on where to go next and use his contacts within the field to help me. Once again, God put well-equipped people in my path where I was not equipped.

Pastor Ryan included my job loss situation in the pastoral prayer time the next Sunday and simply asked the church to pray for an opportunity to present itself. After the service, several people asked me for my resume or contact info. If not for God putting people in my path, I wouldn't have had the tools I needed at the time I needed them. Once again, God put well-equipped people to minister to me where I was not equipped.



Over the next few weeks I went on several interviews, all arranged by God, with some very good offers. Remember, I prayed again that God would put me where he NEEDED me not just where I WANTED to be.

I was ultimately able to make a decision on a mechanic position that would provide for my family financially. It would also allow me to mentor younger guys entering this field as a career. I have realized that God has equipped me with a skill set that I can share with others just as he equipped others with a skill set to share with me in a time of need.

I had not planned on ever changing jobs. I had plans to retire from my job of 23 years. God, however had other plans. So, if you ever want to make God laugh, just make some plans.



## GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL

Caleb & Leslie Davis

It seems like ages ago that we started the first **It's Your Move** initiative at CrossPoint. Since then, we've seen God move in our church in amazing ways beginning with that first season of learning that everything belongs to God.

In 2020, our family restructured our finances so that we could begin homeschooling our children. It was only going to be for one school year, but God had other plans. He gave my children the love of being home and has held my hand in the ups and downs of teen and child emotions. God has helped us through so much in each of these past four years. Through it all, He has provided provided richly.

God has not just provided financially, but He has also worked on hearts. We have seen our children become Christ followers. We have seen Him provide multiple opportunities to serve Him - from mission trips to camps and even to starting a new ministry.

We are going through yet another time of uncertainty, but God has always proven faithful. Just as Israel was reminded regularly of God's steadfast love, we are able to look back and see just how God has ALWAYS proven faithful in both the big and small things.





## MY INHERITANCE TITHE CHECK

Marie NeSmith

Ron & I have always given more than a tithe to the Ministry Stream, and we also give to both the Mission & Manna Streams. We give because we trust the process of spending at CrossPoint. We have always been blessed materially. Yet there have been times we had too much month left after our money ran out, but we never cut back on our giving. Regardless, we have always tried to be good stewards of our money.

When my father died in 1992, my mother asked my brother and Ron to make her a budget based on her new income. She had one caveat, however. She wanted to be able to tithe, and she tithed faithfully until the day she died. She was also very generous to additional needs and projects at her church.

When Mother died, we put her house on the market. We never dreamed that it would sell for the asking price, but it did. And we never realized the value of the inheritance from her estate. I knew after I received my portion of the inheritance, I wanted to tithe it. I had never had that much personal money, and I wanted to manage it responsibly.

Ron offered to give my inheritance tithe electronically, because it would be quicker and more efficient. I had a different idea, however. I wanted to give it personally. After securing a tithe envelope from a hallway kiosk, I wrote my inheritance tithe check and deposited it back into the same kiosk. It felt so good to personally write the check and bring it personally to the church.

Ron and I don't have any dramatic stories to tell about how this happened or that happened because we chose to tithe all these years, but we are blessed beyond measure.



## TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO GIVE

Nathan & Sara Beth Saruse

Our girls, Scarlett, Penelope, & Macie Jo, have recently been working around the house and earning what we call "commission." Nathan and I felt the need to teach them how to earn and work for what they have. We are doing this, in part, to avoid the rampant desire for entitlement.

Their jobs include taking out trash, folding laundry, making their beds, cleaning their rooms, unloading the dishwasher, and so on. They earn anywhere from 25 cents to \$1.00 for a task. We are doing this to teach them about tithing, saving and spending.

As we prepared for Harvest Day last year, Nathan and I wanted our children to understand the importance of giving to the kingdom of God. Nathan explained it to them on their level. We gave each one of them the

opportunity to choose how much of their commission that they wanted to give to God. We taught them the total needed to be at least 10% of their commission. God worked mightily through our kids. Scarlett gave \$2.00 (over 10%), Macie Jo gave \$2.00 (over 10%), and Penelope gave all that she earned, \$10.35!

We are so thankful for our children who want to bless the kingdom of God, and for a church that ministers to and pours into our family. We are so blessed to be a part of CrossPoint. God is doing mighty things in and through our church, and it's such an honor to be able to participate in that.





## GOD ALWAYS COMES THROUGH

Jeff & Jo Cook

In 2016, we began planning for Grant to attend college in the fall of 2017. We immediately began stressing and worrying about how we would be able to make this happen. We wanted to put our kids through college without borrowing money.

Two of my best friends, who already had kids in college, assured me that it would work out. They told me how it never makes sense on paper, but that God would provide a way. Even though I knew this in my heart, it still worried me.

We have always given to the church, and we have always been blessed to give above and beyond our tithe. However, in November of 2016, things were different, and we began discussing our options.

We considered giving only our tithe while we put the kids through college, but that didn't seem like a viable option for us. Every year we had been able to give a little more. After much prayer and discussion, we took a leap of faith and decided to increase our giving. We reminded one another of how God has always been faithful to us and that's what we needed to do. We turned in our cards that Sunday, and it was a done deal.

Grant had taken several ACT tests and had done well enough to receive some scholarship money. Yet, we were waiting on two remaining scores. I VIVIDLY recall what happened the morning of Tuesday, November 8, 2016. I was studying a series on the book of Joshua. It was day 16 of the study, and the title was "Joshua's Inheritance." As usual, I always took notes, and across the top of my page I wrote, "God ALWAYS comes through!!"

After completing my study, I checked to see if they had posted Grant's ACT scores. I said a quick prayer, closed my eyes, and hit the button to view his scores. After a few seconds, I literally, one by one, peeled each finger from covering my eyes...in TOTAL disbelief and as ONLY God could do...the composite score was 32!!!!

In that moment, I knew a 32 would earn Grant a scholarship to Alabama, and it would earn him a full engineering scholarship that would include even more money. His college tuition was paid for in full!

Here is our lesson: God didn't allow Grant to have the scholarship because we increased our giving. Grant is extremely smart and the fact that he got that score didn't surprise me. We share our story because we know that God is FAITHFUL!!! He WILL provide if you completely trust Him!!!

Do things always go our way? Maybe not, but it will always work out His way, which is His plan for you.

The verse that IMMEDIATELY came to my mind was Ephesians 3:20-21, which reads, "God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us, to him be the glory in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."





# 2025 RIVER OF

Ministry

Man

\$3.395  
Million

\$500

Goal: \$4.3





# STEWARDSHIP

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Mission

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\$500,000

395 Million

2025 Mission Stream Allocations

40%  
International  
Mission  
Board

40%  
CrossPoint  
Missions

20%  
North  
American  
Mission  
Board



Due to your desire to reach *Just 1 More...*

## 2024 Ministry Stream



**CROSSPOINT**  
just one more

100,000 sq. ft. campus, 12,000 viewed our Christmas Worship Celebration, 583 children & adults attended SMASH,

500 attendees at our first marriage conference, 100 Bible studies conducted at assisted living homes,

77 basketball teams, 68 students on mission, 24 adult Bible study groups, 1 vision

*... Just 1 More!*



# Due to your desire to reach *Just 1 More...*

## 2024 Manna Stream

### Church Planting in Berlin

Taylor, Lydia, Luke & Caleb Whitley



"Due to your support, we have given over 2,000 transports to children needing healthcare services, such as dialysis and chemotherapy. Thank you for removing the transportation barriers to healthcare for families in need."

-Kid One Transport



"Because of your generosity, Community Church Berlin is able to purchase Bibles & a book on discipleship for people who make their public profession of faith through baptism! Thank you!"

-Taylor & Lydia Whitley

"The Manna Stream has blessed our families in our Client Choice Merchant Market by providing fresh bread and milk for all our shoppers. Thank you, CrossPoint, for helping over 5,000 families in 2024!"

-Serving You Ministries



Thank you very much for the offering. We have received it with great joy and gratitude. This will serve to advance our work in the orphanage."

-Pastor Cesar Ayala, Peru



**\$347,900** given away through August, **5000** families fed, **2000** patients transported,

**50** YMCA summer campers fed weekly, **65** parking lights replaced, **30** pairs of cleats purchased,

**22** ministry partners, **4** continents, **1** vision

*... Just 1 More!*



Due to your desire to reach *Just 1 More...*

## 2024 Mission Stream



**65,000 miles, 210 CrossPointers, 13 teams, 11 nations, 1 vision**



Just 1  
More!

Connect  
with  
God's  
Plan

Connect  
with God  
through  
Jesus

Connect  
with God's  
People

Tell us where you are.





# THE YEAR 20



## January

Missions Expo

CrossPoint's 20th Anniversary

Winter Retreat - Students

## February

RENEW

Ministry Expo

One Weekend - Students

CrossKids Training

Parents' Night Out

## May

Senior Recognition

Family Dedication

Church Picnic

## June

CentriKid Camp

FUGE Camp

Barons Game

## September

CrossKids Training

## October

It's Your Move

Golf Tournament

Fall Festival



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## March

Guatemala Mission Trip

Puerto Rico Mission Trip

Ecuador Mission Trip

## April

Marriage Conference with  
Dr. Gary Chapman

Resurrection Day

## July

Atlanta Mission Trip

Huntsville Mission Trip

SMASH

## August

Advancement Day

Back-to-School Worship

## November

Harvest Day

Family Dedication

Thanksgiving Dinner

5K Run

## December

Christmas Musical

Candles, Carols, & Communion



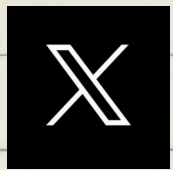
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